



BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA POLICY MANUAL

This manual is a collection of Standing Rules adopted by the Briard Club of America reflecting the procedures used to conduct club business.

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POLICY MANUAL

The BCA Policy manual is available to all BCA members. All BCA policies are subject to board review and change at anytime.

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CHAPTER 1 THE RANKING ORDER OF RULES

(from highest to lowest in authority)

1. Law: rules prescribed by applicable law

The Briard Club of America, Inc. is a 501(c)(4) organization incorporated in the State of Michigan, Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, 162 of 1982

2. Corporate Charter: for incorporated groups

Briard Club of America Articles of Incorporation

3. Bylaws or Constitution: basic rules relating principally to itself as an organization

Briard Club of America Constitution and Bylaws

4. Rules of Order: written rules of parliamentary procedure

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised

5. Standing Rules: administrative details

Briard Club of America Policy Manual

6. Custom: informal repeated practice



CHAPTER 2 OFFICERS AND BOARD

BOARD JOB DESCRIPTION

President

In addition to those duties specified in the higher ranking order of rules, the President shall

- present a monthly report to the Board.
- write a President's message for each issue of Board Briefs including information pertaining to the activities and/decisions of the Board.
- appoint, with the approval of the Board, a person or firm to review the club's books once each year.

Vice President

In addition to those duties specified in the higher ranking order of rules, the Vice President shall

- act as an Ombudsman to arbitrate all disputes or complaints between Members. It is recommended that all such disputes and complaints, which may be violations of the Code of Ethics, be submitted to the Vice President for the purpose of resolution prior to submitting a formal complaint to the Board of Directors under the Code of Ethics.
- act as an Ombudsman in the investigation of complaints made by members concerning the actions of the Board (including procedural matters) and reporting his/her findings as objectively as possible to the complainant and the Board.
- be responsible for overseeing maintenance of policy manual and the posting of the updated manual on the club website

Treasurer

In addition to those duties specified in the higher ranking order of rules, the Treasurer shall

- advise of any condition that might lead to an emergency, relative to any financial aspect of the Club's activities.
- present a report and discuss finances with the Finance Committee annually.
- coordinate with the Corresponding Secretary to verify all members "in good standing" on or before April 30, and on a continuing and regular basis thereafter.

It is recommended that the Treasurer have and be competent in operating a computer, managing back-ups, accounting software, and the use of email.

Recording Secretary

In addition to those duties specified in the higher ranking order of rules, the Recording Secretary shall

- maintain tapes if requested by the Board.



Corresponding Secretary

In addition to those duties specified in the higher ranking order of rules, the Corresponding Secretary shall:

- prepare and mail the annual membership roster within two months following the dues deadline.
- be responsible for compiling, printing and mailing of the annual report within two months following the Annual Meeting.
- provide mailing list and/or labels for Club publications, DewClaw, dues notices, etc.
- prepare and provide each Board member prior to the scheduled Board meeting the documents relevant to the agenda, including but not limited to ballots, member applications, and any correspondence received by the Corresponding Secretary.

Directors

In addition to those duties specified in the higher ranking order of rules, each Director shall:

- serve as Board liaison to two or more Committees.

In consideration of effective and efficient management of this Club, it is requested that these Officers and Directors, if they find they cannot fulfill their appropriate duties and responsibilities, voluntarily resign their elected or appointed positions.



Board Candidate Qualifications

The following list of desirable qualifications is not intended to be inflexible but to serve as a starting point for the nominating committee and those considering a board position.

Position	President	Vice President	Recording Secretary	Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Years of BCA membership	10 years	8 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
Service in BCA	Officer, Director, Committee Chair	Officer, Director, Committee Chair	Director or Committee Chair	Director or Committee Chair	Director or Committee Chair	1 year of committee service
Service in available regional Briard club	Active leadership, show chair	Active participation	Active participation	Active participation	Active participation	Active participation
Service in dog club(s)	Active leadership, show or event chair	Active participation	Active participation	Active participation	Active participation	Active participation
Experience with Briards	10 years	8 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
Required experience	Familiar with Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, 162 of 1982, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and voting on complex issues	Familiar with Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, 162 of 1982, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and voting on complex issues	Familiar with Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, 162 of 1982, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and voting on complex issues	Familiar with Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, 162 of 1982, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and voting on complex issues	Familiar with Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, 162 of 1982, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and voting on complex issues	Familiar with Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, 162 of 1982, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and voting on complex issues
Required skills	Leader, conducts productive meetings	Leader	Preparation of meeting minutes, voting results, and other matters of record	Preparation of agendas, reports, and correspondence	Accounting or bookkeeping	Fiscal responsibility, task and results oriented
Required time and resources	5-10 hours/week email	3-5 hours/week email	5-10 hours/week email and/or fax for send/receive	5-10 hours/week email and/or fax for send/receive	5-10 hours/week email and/or fax for send/receive	3-5 hours/week email
Ability to attend meetings	1 to 3 per month	1 to 3 per month	1 to 3 per month	1 to 3 per month	1 to 3 per month	1 to 3 per month
Additional skills	Listens to all views, will add ideas, confidentiality	Listens to all views, will add ideas, confidentiality	Listens to all views, will add ideas, confidentiality	Listens to all views, will add ideas, confidentiality	Listens to all views, will add ideas, confidentiality	Listens to all views, will add ideas, confidentiality
Other considerations	Interacts with all BCA members as well as Board	Able to represent President when required	Contact for all non-Club matters	Plans and executes programs, votes on a range of issues	Must be bondable	Plans and executes programs, votes on a range of issues

History: Board: 5/21/00, Board: amended 10/28/00, Board: amended 9/23/01, Board: amended 8/11/02, Board: amended 5/27/08, Board: amended 5/12/09, Board: amended 10/13/09



BCA BOARD PROCEDURES

Reported Voting on Member Related Items

The Board vote on any manner involving an individual, including a vote on membership shall be reported as “approved” or “disapproved” with no vote count.

History: Board: 9/23/01, Board: amended 5/27/08

Board Action Taken between Meetings

Except as allowed by higher ranking rules, motions and other board actions are only allowed at regular and special meetings of the board where there is a quorum present. Time sensitive emergency actions are allowed by higher ranking rules under certain conditions, but all actions taken must be ratified at the next regular board meeting to become official.

The following guidelines are recommended:

- Actions taken by the board between meetings should be of a time sensitive and/or emergency nature.
- Any action taken between meetings must be ratified at the next regular board meeting to become valid.
- Depending on the situation, effort should be made to notify as many of the board members as possible before a final decision is made to help ensure ratification at the next meeting. If at all possible, any action taken outside of a meeting should be first approved by a proper majority of board members after an appropriate opportunity to discuss and consider the action.

History: Board: amended 8/19/08

Use of Email by Board

No email sent to a Board member constituting discussion on business before the Board shall be forwarded to, nor shall the contents thereof be made available in any manner to any person who is not a member of the Board without the consent of the sender.

History: Board: 9/23/01, Board: amended 5/27/08

Notification of Board Meeting Discussion Topics

The BCA will add to the members section of the BCA website a list of possible and planned topics for discussion at the upcoming board meeting so that members can contact their elected representatives with comments, discussion or other input on those topics prior to the vote being taken.

History: Member-AGM: 10/4/07



Officers Election Ballot Tabulation

It is recommended that the Recording Secretary will submit to the Board for approval the name of an external management firm with a notary, as proscribed by the By-Laws, to tabulate the Officers Election results.

History: Board: 7/9/01, Board: amended 5/27/08, Board: amended 5/12/09

Election Ballot Results Notification Policy

Every effort should be made to notify club-member ballot candidates, (Officers, Board of Directors, Sweepstakes Judge), the results of an election ballot in a timely and equitable manner. The results of the certified election ballot will be communicated by the Corresponding Secretary. The results will be communicated by email when available to all club-member candidates simultaneously, with a read receipt requested. The notification will contain the election results of all concerned. Those without email availability will be contacted personally via telephone. After the candidates have been notified of the ballot results either via email or telephone, the Board of Directors will be notified of the results. The general membership will be notified via the Board Briefs and announced at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with our Bylaws.

History: Board: 10/26/05, Board: amended 5/27/08, Board: amended 5/12/09

Officers Elections

It is recommended that seated members of the Board not sign petitions for candidates for the Board of Directors nominated pursuant to Article IV, Section 4(b) of the Constitution and Bylaws.

History: Board: 8/11/02, Board: amended 5/27/08



CHAPTER 3 COMMITTEES AND TRUSTS

(include Mission Statements and Applications Where Applicable)

Policy Guidelines for All Standing and Special Committees

The Policy Guidelines are to be a brief statement of objectives and scope of the Committee and its Activities. The document should be divided into two sections: Policy (strategy) and Practices (tactics). The Guidelines should include

- Attachments of any reporting forms or applications relative to the policy.
- Timing parameters and deadlines for implementation.
- Communication parameters on all of the above.

The Policy Guidelines for each Standing Committee shall be reviewed by the Committee as its first act of business following appointment at the beginning of the Club Year and submit any recommended changes or additions to the Board of Directors for approval. Policy Guidelines for new standing committees will initially be developed by the Board or a Board appointed committee.

Committee Reports shall be approved by a majority of the committee before submission to the Board.

Committee Chairs will sign into the MyBCA account so that they can review forum posts for their respective committees. Chairs will be responsible for working with their Board liaison in responding to posts made by members on their forum committees. Chairs can also post information regarding their committees.

Committees wishing to have blast emails sent out to the membership will compose the email and submit it to the board for approval. Once approved, the Corresponding Secretary will send out the blast email.

History: Board: 8/11/02; Board: amended 6/24/08, amended 4/9/12, amended 1/15/13

COMMITTEES

AGILITY

Mission Statement

The Agility Committee facilitates the planning and execution of Agility trials, clinics, seminars, and other educational opportunities for BCA members.

The committee's primary focus is to plan and execute Agility events at the Briard National Specialty. The committee coordinates with the National Specialty Chair to determine the budget, location, schedule, judge(s), agility classes, equipment, event workers, and awards for the events held during the National. The committee shall also assist Regional Clubs when requested.

History: Board: 4/6/09; Board: amended 11/8/2010; 01/15/2013

AKC DELEGATE

Mission Statement

The role of the AKC Delegate is

- to represent the Briard Club of America on the AKC Delegate Body;



- to keep the BCA apprised of any issues that could affect Parent Clubs in general, and the BCA in particular.

The AKC Delegate is responsible to attend the quarterly AKC Delegates' meetings, should inform the BCA Board of any upcoming vote taking place on the floor of the AKC Delegate Body, and should seek direction from the Board of the BCA on how to represent the BCA on these votes.



The AKC Delegate should also attend the meetings of the AKC Delegate Standing Committees and any other ad hoc committee, especially if discussions are planned on any issues that could affect the BCA, or on any action that should be taken by the BCA, or on any events that should be attended by the BCA. The AKC Delegate is responsible to report to the Board of the BCA shortly after each quarterly AKC Delegates' meeting.

History: Board: 11/23/09

ARCHIVES AND HISTORIAN

The purpose of the following policy is to assure that the BCA Archives become as complete a repository of the history of the breed in the US as possible.

- One copy of all club publications will be sent by the chairman of the committee creating the publication to the Archives. The Archives chair will acknowledge to the person sending and to the Board that the publication was received in good condition.
- Materials added to Archives will be reported in a Board Briefs summary to keep the membership updated on this important function of the club.
- This policy includes, but is not limited to: marked specialty catalogs, premium lists, Hall of Fame books, Dew Claws, Rassemblement® books, any informational pamphlets, etc.
- Any materials paid for by the club in the preparation of these publications (scans of photos, negatives made, etc) are the properties of the club and will also ultimately be sent to the Archives when the project is completed.

The BCA Archives Chair serves the purpose of BCA librarian, curator, and National Specialty Archives Display Coordinator.

- As BCA librarian, the Archives Chair possesses the collection of books, magazines, photos or other written or printed matter and record keeping materials in tape and digital format, has custody of these items, and - subject to the society's direction - control over members' access to them.
- As BCA curator, the Archives chair serves as custodian of any objects of value that may belong to the society (other than library holdings).
- As BCA National Specialty Archives Display Coordinator, the Archives Chair coordinates an annual display of Archives materials of various topics to be displayed at each National Specialty. This display shall be coordinated with the National Specialty Chair.

The BCA Historian prepares an annual printed narrative account (also stored in digital format) of the BCA's activities during his or her term of office. This Annual Account, when approved by the BCA Board of Directors, will become a permanent part of the BCA's official history and shall be stored in the BCA Archives.

History: Board: 5/21/00, Board: amended 4/22/08

AWARDS

The Awards committee is responsible for procuring and distributing awards to members of the club. The awards include plaques for new titleholders, registry of merit recipients and Hall of Fame Briards. The committee is encouraged to work closely with the Hall of Fame/Statistics committee to compile the list of award recipients. The committee is also encouraged to work closely with the Specialty chairperson or his designee to produce materials for the Awards banquet. The committee should seek input from the BCA treasurer before committing to purchasing the awards. The purpose of getting input from the treasurer is to assure that the expenditure of club funds can be defended as fiscally prudent.

History: Board 10/1/12



BREED EDUCATION

Purpose:

The purpose of the BCA Breed Education Committee (BEC) shall be to develop educational programs and materials that:

- Encourage owners, breeders and judges to select Briards that possess the appearance, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality reflected in the breed standard.
- Educate current and aspiring judges in the evaluation of Briards in the show ring according to the official AKC breed standard.
- Educate breeders and owners in the care and enjoyment of their Briards.

Description:

The committee shall consist of a Coordinator and six committee members (total seven, all Board appointed) with the responsibility to develop project ideas for Board approval, and design and produce audio/visual programs, articles and brochures as approved by the Board. Appointees are subject to removal from the committee by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board.

All BCA members wishing to be considered for appointment and all existing committee members who wish to seek reappointment must submit an annual Breed Education Committee Member Application and meet all current qualifications.

Coordinator Responsibilities:

- Oversee the work of the committee.
- Act as the Judges' Education Coordinator to the AKC, the point of contact for judges' education with the AKC, and with judges and aspiring judges seeking information.
- Assume leadership in arranging for tutors, seminar speakers and materials, and work with the sponsoring club in making the arrangements for BCA sponsored seminars.
- Maintain committee records and equipment.
- Coordinate training, testing and continuing education for all presenter-tutors.
- Provide successor with all records, materials and equipment.

Qualifications:

The following list of desirable qualifications intended to serve as a starting point for anyone considering a committee position.

Coordinator and Committee Members:

- Briard judging experience is preferred for the Coordinator position.
- Must have 15 or more years of conformation involvement in Briards.
- Must have personally bred, whelped and raised on premises at least five litters of Briards and produced five AKC champions of record from those litters. (Exceptions to this qualification may be made for Briard Breeder/Judges with 10 years AKC Briard judging approval.)
- Must have attended at least 10 National Specialties.
- Must be a BCA member with 15 years minimum of BCA membership.
- Must have computer/email access and be current with the range and use of technology as it relates to the BEC purpose. Access to a laptop computer is recommended.
- Experience in the show ring and a working knowledge of herding and of other herding breeds is desirable.
- Must meet all other presenter-tutor qualifications including passing test grades.
- Must have been a presenter-tutor for a minimum of one year.



Duties/Projects

- Develop audio/visual programs, articles, brochures, seminar handouts and other materials that help elaborate and clarify the judging of Briards in the conformation ring, according to the AKC approved breed standard.
- Develop audio/visual programs, articles, brochures and seminar handouts to educate breeders and owners in the care and enjoyment of their Briards.
- Incorporate herding demonstrations as educational tools for judges and prospective judges in order to illustrate the relationship of structure and conformation to the work of the Briard.
- Review presenter and tutor applications.
- Test and train current and new presenters and tutors.
- Provide feedback to test takers on all incorrectly answered questions.
- Maintain a list of presenters selected by the committee and approved by the Board, for presenting programs to judges and others around the country.
- Maintain a list of tutors, selected by the committee and approved by the Board, for providing one-on-one tutoring to judges and aspiring judges.



Breed Education Presenter Tutor Program

Purpose

- To provide knowledgeable and capable presenters and tutors to execute the BEC educational programs:
- Presenters – to give BEC presentations at BCA National and Regional specialties and at seminars/workshops by independent judges organizations or kennel clubs.
- Tutors – to act as ringside tutors for conformation judges and aspiring judges.

Description

- Number – There will be an indefinite number of presenters and tutors. It is desired that representation be as broad as possible in order to meet the need for BCA education seminars across the country.
- Resources and materials – Presenters and tutors need to be thoroughly familiar with the BEC resources and materials available to them, and agree to use the applicable materials as to meet the needs of their audience.
- Applications – Interested parties should submit an application to the BEC Coordinator who will review them and forward them to the rest of the BEC for review and approval. It will be the responsibility of that committee to verify that the presenters and tutors meet the minimum criteria for participation, are trained in the use of materials available through the BEC, receive assignments and/or continuing education opportunities to keep up their skills, and are evaluated in the presentation of their assigned projects. Presenters and tutors who repeatedly fail to meet the expectations set forth by the BEC or do not regularly maintain continuing education are subject to removal from the program by a majority vote of the BEC.

Qualifications

- Must have 15 or more years of conformation involvement in Briards. However long the involvement, all other criteria must be met; it is understood that time does not always bring knowledge.
- Must be a BCA member with 10 years minimum of BCA membership.
- Thorough knowledge of the AKC Briard standard, including the ability to answer, in a clear and correct way, all questions that may be asked.
- Must be comfortable speaking before an audience; tutors need to feel comfortable with one-on-one discussions and be responsive to the individual's needs.
- Thorough knowledge of canine anatomy and physiology and how this is applied.
- Must be able to speak coherently and describe characteristics in specific terms using a positive style and using correct canine terminology.
- Knowledge of Briard history.
- Attended at least eight Briard National specialties in order to see dogs from all over the country and observed the conformation judging of all classes.
- Finished AKC Championship on five Briards that you either owned or bred.
- Agree to use only BCA materials as prepared by the BCA Breed Education Committee.
- Must have personally bred, whelped and raised on premises at least two Briard litters. (Exceptions to this qualification may be made for Briard Breeder/Judges with 10 years AKC Briard judging approval.)



- Must be able to set aside personal preferences such as color and ear treatment to objectively evaluate dogs of various styles and backgrounds within the parameters of the breed standard.
- Agree to conduct oneself ethically.
- Must attend a seminar presented by an approved BEC presenter prior to taking presenter- tutor tests.
- Ability to pass a closed book test on both the AKC Briard standard/history and on canine anatomy. (90% score required for each part) proctored by a BEC member or designated presenter/tutor. If you do not pass, you must wait six months to retake the test.
- An applicant who incorrectly or incompletely answers any question on any disqualification as appears in the AKC standard for the Briard will not pass the test, no matter what test score is achieved. The applicant must retake the exam after the six month waiting period.
- Ability to pass a hands-on evaluation of several dogs. Pass-fail grading by three BEC members or designated presenter/tutors. If you do not pass, you must wait six months to retake the test. (Pending board approval.)
- Attend a training session for presenters/tutors.
- Presenters must have the willingness to assemble a small group of Briards, both dogs and bitches, which represent a variety of acceptable styles, ages, colors and ear types for prospective judges to evaluate and discuss. These dogs should come from a variety of backgrounds to represent a broad picture of the breed as a whole. Champions who are being campaigned will not be part of such discussion groups. The identity of all dogs, owners, and handlers will remain anonymous, including any information on the wins or accomplishments.
- Must follow-up on all questions from any participant who needs more specific information by referring him/her to the BEC Coordinator.
- Must complete required BEC forms for each presentation or tutor session.
- It is desirable, but not required, that presenters and tutors have a working knowledge of herding and of other herding breeds.
- Must be willing to sign the Presenter/Tutor Application.
- Must be willing to regularly maintain their training through continuing education and recertification testing. (See Continuing Education Program)

History: Board: November 2006, Board: amended 6/24/08, Board: amended 8/25/09, Board: amended 9/22/09; Board: amended 8/8/2011



BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

Founded 1928

Member American Kennel Club

Fill out form, save, print, sign and date and submit application to:
Current BCA Club Corresponding Secretary—See Breed Education Site for Forms and Details

Breed Education Committee Member Application

(revised November 2006 BOD, reformatted July 2008 BOD, amended May 2009 BOD)

Name: _____ Number of years in the breed: _____ Date of BCA membership: _____

Briard breed participation (*check all that apply*): _____ Exhibitor: _____ Breeder: _____ Judge: _____

Number of Specialties attended: (list dates on back): _____

Number of Briard litters personally bred, whelped and raised on premises (list names & dates on back): Number
of Championships completed from those litters (list names & dates on back): _____

Number of other Championships completed (list names & dates on back): _____

- Have you attended at least 10 National Specialties in order to see dogs from all over the country and observe conformation judging of all classes? Yes _____ No _____
- Can you separate personal preferences such as color, size, ear treatment, etc. from the acceptable as specified in the AKC standard? Yes _____ No _____
- Do you have internet and email access and can you do basic word processing of documents? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you familiar with using a computer and projector to run a PowerPoint presentation? Yes _____ No _____
- Do you have access to a laptop computer? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you a BEC presenter-tutor? *Date qualified:* _____ Yes _____ No _____
- Are you an AKC approved Briard judge? *Date approved:* _____ Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to forgo some personal activities to fulfill BEC obligations? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to regularly attend conference call meetings? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any special experience that would be an asset to the Breed Education Committee? _____

I understand that membership on this committee involves participation and that I may be removed for lack of active participation by a vote of the majority of the Board.

Signature _____

Date _____

Telephone _____

Email _____



Presenter-Tutor Application

(revised November 2006BOD, amended September 2009 BOD)

Name: _____ Number of years in the breed: _____ Date of BCA membership: _____

Briard breed participation (*check all that apply*):

Exhibitor _____ Breeder _____ Judge _____

Number of Specialties attended: (list dates on back):

Number of Briard litters personally bred, whelped and raised on premises: (list names & dates on back):

Number of Championships completed (list names & dates on back):

I am interested in becoming a BCA approved: (Please check all that apply)

Presenter _____ Tutor _____ Both _____

- Are you familiar enough with the breed, its history and the AKC standard to speak about it for two hours as required in many programs?
Yes _____ No _____
- Are you familiar enough with the breed and the AKC standard to answer questions without having to look up many answers or give personal opinion?
Yes _____ No _____
- Are you familiar with the basic anatomy of the dog and terms such as brisket, point of shoulder, over-reaching, foot-timing, etc?
Yes _____ No _____
- Are you familiar enough with the anatomy of the dog to discuss how various faults contribute to specific problems?
Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to take a test on canine anatomy, Briard history and the AKC Briard Standard?
Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to take a hands-on exam? (Pending board approval)
Yes _____ No _____
- Do you agree to use only BCA presentation materials as supplied by the Breed Education Committee?
Yes _____ No _____
- Are you an AKC approved Briard judge? Date approved: _____ Yes _____ No _____
- Can you separate personal preferences such as color, size, ear treatment, etc. from the acceptable as specified in the AKC standard?
Yes _____ No _____
- Can you assemble a small group of dogs of various sexes, colors, ear type, body types, etc for judges to evaluate and discuss?
Yes _____ No _____
- Can you make an objective evaluation of an excellent specimen that may belong to a competitor or a poorer specimen belonging to a friend? Yes _____
No _____
- Are you comfortable speaking in front of an audience? Yes _____ No _____
- Have you attended a Breed Education Committee presentation? (List place & date on back.): Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to attend a training seminar on appropriate demeanor and procedures for presenting and tutoring?
Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to attend a BEC Coordinator requested conference call meeting of Presenter-Tutors? Yes _____ No _____
- Do you have access to a laptop computer? Yes _____ No _____

I understand that I may be removed for failure to follow Presenter-Tutor procedures by a majority vote of the Breed Education Committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

Telephone _____ Email _____



BREED REFERRAL

Puppy Referral List

The Board gives approval to the Web Site Chair and the Referral Chair to put the BCA Puppy Referral list on the Briard Club of America website as outlined below:

- Listings are sent to the Referral Chair by BCA Breeders who wish to register their litters. There is a set form which Breeders must use when sending in the registration concerning what information they should include about the litter, the sire and dam, and the Breeder's personal information.
- Included on the Web Site would be information about Briard temperament, socialization and other pertinent things regarding the Briard.
- People making inquiries about Briard puppies and Breeders via the Internet would then go directly to the Breeders themselves for further information.
- The Referral Chair is responsible for taking all of the Breeder's listings and putting them on the Web Site, collecting the fees and forwarding them to the BCA Treasurer, supplying the *Dew Claw* Editor and as well as **Board Briefs** with new listings, fielding phone calls, responding to queries by mail and email, and answering any other questions when possible or when asked.

Adult Briard Referral List

The Board authorizes the Referral Chair to establish a separate referral list for BCA members to list individual adult dogs for which they are trying to find appropriate homes.

- The purpose of this list will be to help connect Breeders who have older animals needing homes with members of the public who recognize that they are not in a situation to meet the needs of a young puppy but would otherwise make a good home for a Briard.
- The Breeder or owner may list a specific dog, with the details of its breeding and health screens for a period of 3 months. During that period the Adult Briard Referral list will be distributed in the same manner and place(s) that distribute the Puppy Referral list. Approximately twenty words may be used to describe the adult Briard.

Referral Listing Protocols

Members are encouraged to list their litter as soon as possible. Pending litters are encouraged in order to match puppy buyers and breeders at an early stage.

1. Forms

Breeders must use the current BCA Website – Briard Referral List Puppy/Litter Referral Listing Application. All forms must be complete and legible. Payment must be included with the application. The form must include the signature of the owner of record (who must be a member in good standing of the BCA) of the sire or dam, any health clearance records, and the following statement:

I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing with the Briard Club of America and have agreed to abide by the BCA Code of Ethics, and that the information provided herein is true and correct, and that all of the health clearances listed herein have been finally issued by the appropriate issuing bodies, and that true and correct copies are attached to this application for listing.



2. Payment

Payment in full must be received before any listing is published. The fee for listing litters with BCA puppy referral is \$30 for a period of 3 months with an additional fee of \$10 for each additional month. The fee for listing an adult with BCA adult referral is \$15 for a period of 3 months with an additional fee of \$5 for each additional month. Payments for extended listings must be received before the listing expires to retain list position. If payment for an extended listing is not received on time, the extended listing will appear at the bottom of the referral list.

Payment is for a specific breeding; no refunds will be allowed and the listing cannot be transferred. Only websites belonging to BCA members shall be provided a link on the referral page.

3. Health Clearances

No specific clearances are required to list a litter, but documentation of health clearances from the certifying body or CHIC must be provided to the referral chair prior to publication. (Documentation may be sent as a mailed hard copy, an emailed scan, a website printout included in an email, etc.)

Health clearances must be current; for example, a CERF expires one year after the date of the exam and a CERF exam that has not been done within the past 12 months should not be listed as a CERF eye clearance on the referral page.

OFA preliminary results can be listed with supporting documentation. Preliminary reports can be listed on dogs until the age of 30 months with documented verification from the certifying organization. The listing should include the age of the dog and the age at which the X-ray was taken.

No pending health clearances can be listed.

4. Title Information

Earned AKC Championship and titles can be listed. (<http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm>)

Designation of BIS and BISS can be listed before the dog's name.

Earned BCA certificates and titles can be listed.

BCA Rassemblement® rating with the year/years can be listed. No other brags or win information will be listed.



Web Links and Publication Disclaimers

The following disclaimers will be included as a part of every BCA referral listing whether on the website, in the *DewClaw* or *Board Briefs* or any other BCA publication:

- Sires and dams may have titles/certificates from organizations other than the American Kennel Club and the Briard Club of America. Contact the breeder(s) for additional information.
- The listing of a litter or a dog in “referral” does not imply specific endorsement of the breeder, the litter or any dog so listed by the Briard Club of America. All individuals listing litters or dogs in referral are BCA members in good standing who have agreed to abide by the BCA Code of Ethics, which can be found at <http://www.briardclubofamerica.org/>. It is always prudent to discuss health issues with breeders and to request documentation of health clearances. All statements made in this listing have been certified to in writing by the listing party.

The BCA will allow live links from the referral site to websites of listers provided that they open a separate page. The BCA referral page will include the following disclaimer:

There may be web sites linked from this site that are operated or created by or for organizations other than the Briard Club of America, Inc. These links are provided solely as a convenience to our users, and their inclusion does not constitute an endorsement of any person or organization or the information that it provides, and none should be inferred. The Briard Club of America, Inc. assumes no responsibility for the content of the individual organization's web pages found via these links, or beyond, and does not attest to the accuracy or propriety of any information, products or services located there. Any comments or inquiries regarding the linked Web sites should be directed to the organization operating the particular Web site.

History: Board: 5/21/00, Board: amended 8/11/02, Board: amended 11/9/04, Board: amended 11/8/05, Board: amended 4/10/07, Board: amended 8/28/07, Board: amended 2/5/2008, Board: amended 3/11/2008, Board: amended 4/6/2009; Board: amended 8/8/2011



BCA WEBSITE – BRIARD REFERRAL LIST

Application - Puppy/Litter Referral Listing (updated 1/13/09)

This form must be filled out completely (**address info optional**) and legibly.

Payment to BCA must be included with application.

Supporting documentation may be sent as a mailed hard copy, an emailed scan, a website printout included in an email, etc.

Please see Referral Guidelines in the **BCA Policy Manual** for additional information.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

THIS STATEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY OWNER OF RECORD OF DAM AND/OR SIRE BEFORE LISTING WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE BCA WEBSITE.

I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing with the Briard Club of America and have agreed to abide by the BCA Code of Ethics, and that the information provided herein is true and correct, and that all of the health clearances referenced herein have been issued as final by the appropriate issuing bodies, and that true and correct copies and/or website links have been provided with this listing application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Primary Contact
OWNER OF DAM SIRE

Signature _____ Date _____

Secondary Contact
OWNER OF DAM SIRE

BREEDER/KENNEL CONTACT INFORMATION for WEBSITE and PUBLICATIONS

(Contacts must be BCA members in good standing)

Address information may be posted on the BCA website. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Address information may be published in the *DewClaw*. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Primary Contact _____

Address (opt) _____

City (opt) _____ State (opt) _____ Zip (opt) _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____ Website _____

Secondary Contact _____

Address (opt) _____

City (opt) _____ State (opt) _____ Zip (opt) _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____ Website _____

BRIARD LITTER/PUPPY INFORMATION

Date puppies expected _____

Color(s) expected _____

(You may email the referral chairperson to update litter details post-whelp at no charge.)

OR

Date puppies whelped _____

Number males and colors available _____

Number females and colors available _____

**SIRE INFORMATION**

(If this breeding is the result of a multiple sire litter, this form must be completed for each sire.)

Registered Name _____
 Country of Registration _____ Call Name (if desired) _____
(if other than AKC/USA)
 AKC # (if applicable) _____

TITLE/AWARD INFORMATION

(Only titles and awards listed below are eligible for inclusion in Referral Listings)

Send via mail a copy of the most recent AKC certificate or use www.akc.org to provide the referral chair with the registered name and titles for the Sire by logging in to your AKC account and going to Manage Dogs. Check mark the Sire and either generate a PDF by selecting My AKC Dog Report or take a screen shot of the Dog Information. The AKC lists all titles as part of the registered name, and the report should show the registered name with the Sire's current AKC titles.

Please circle Sire's earned Honors/BCA Awards/Certificates

BIS BISS HIC VT VTX VTM ROM ROMX ROMH ROMHX ROMP ROMPX
 HOF Herding Instinct Tested

If Sire was Rass® Select at a BCA National Specialty, please list whether selection was for Puppy and/or Adult and year(s) of selection(s). This will be verified by documentation provided by the BCA to the referral chair.

SIRE HEALTH INFORMATION:

No specific clearances are required to list a litter, but documentation of health clearances from the certifying body or CHIC must be provided to the referral chair prior to publication.

Health clearances must be current; for example, a CERF expires one year after the date of the exam and a CERF exam that has not been done within the past 12 months should not be listed as a CERF eye clearance on the referral page.

Please circle documented health clearances:

HIPS ELBOW PATELLA CARDIAC THYROID CERF* CSNB** CHIC

PRELIMINARY HIPS PRELIMINARY ELBOW

If preliminary report:

Age of dog now _____ (must be younger than 30 months of age)

Age in months of dog at time of X-ray _____

If you wish to submit health clearance documentation via email or fax, please contact the referral chairperson for instruction.

*CERF exams are required annually and must be current to be listed.

**In order for a sire to be listed as "CSNB clear by pedigree" it is necessary to submit a pedigree for the sire, DNA results for the sire as well as his parents, and copies of health clearances showing the parents of the sire as genotypically clear for CSNB.



DAM INFORMATION

Registered Name _____
 Country of Registration _____ Call Name (if desired) _____
(if other than AKC/USA)
 AKC # (if applicable) _____

TITLE/AWARD INFORMATION

(Only titles and awards listed below are eligible for inclusion in Referral Listings)

Send via mail a copy of the most recent AKC certificate or use www.akc.org to provide the referral chair with the registered name and titles for the Dam by logging in to your AKC account and going to Manage Dogs. Check mark the Dam and either generate a PDF by selecting My AKC Dog Report or take a screen shot of the Dog Information. The AKC lists all titles as part of the registered name, and the report should show the registered name with the Dam's current AKC titles.

Please circle Dam's earned Honors/BCA Awards/Certificates

BIS BISS HIC VT VTX VTM ROM ROMX ROMH ROMHX ROMP ROMPX
 HOF Herding Instinct Tested

If Dam was Rass® Select at a BCA National Specialty, please list whether selection was for Puppy and/or Adult and year(s) of selection(s). This will be verified by documentation provided by the BCA to the referral chair.

DAM HEALTH INFORMATION:

No specific clearances are required to list a litter, but documentation of health clearances from the certifying body or CHIC must be provided to the referral chair prior to publication.

Health clearances must be current; for example, a CERF expires one year after the date of the exam and a CERF exam that has not been done within the past 12 months should not be listed as a CERF eye clearance on the referral page.

Please circle documented health clearances:

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PRELIMINARY HIPS PRELIMINARY ELBOW

If preliminary report:

Age of dog now _____ (must be younger than 30 months of age)

Age in months of dog at time of X-ray _____

If you wish to submit health clearance documentation via email or fax, please contact the referral chairperson for instruction.

*CERF exams are required annually and must be current to be listed.

**In order for a dam to be listed as "CSNB clear by pedigree" it is necessary to submit a pedigree for the dam, DNA results for dam as well as her parents, and copies of health clearances showing the parents of the dam as genotypically clear for CSNB.



BCA Puppy/Litter Referral List Guidelines

Referral Listing Application must be legibly completed in full using black or blue ink.

Forms and Payment

Payment must be included with the Referral Listing Application.

As of 1/1/2008, Listing fees are \$30.00 (subject to change at any time by the BCA Board). Checks or money orders payable to the Briard Club of America (BCA) are the only methods of payment accepted at this time. Please submit completed application along with payment (to BCA) directly to the Referral Chairperson:

Angela Olson
20160 Bear Butte Rd
Whitewood SD 57793

Listings are for a three-month period with fees to be determined by the BCA Board. New listings are added at the bottom of the Referral webpage and are moved up as older listings are allowed to expire. Until all puppies are sold, listings may be extended on a monthly basis. Payment of the referral fee must be received by the Referral Chairperson prior to listing expiration. The listing applicant(s) is/are responsible for monitoring their listing's expiration date. If a listing is allowed to expire due to oversight, the listing may be renewed on a per month basis; however, website list seniority will be forfeited and the listing will be placed at the bottom of the referral list as if it were a new listing.

Payment is specifically for the breeding as exactly stated on the application. No transfers are allowed and no refunds will be given.

Referral Listing contact information will be provided for BCA members in good standing only.

Signature(s) verifying membership status is required with every application.

BCA Members are encouraged to list litters as early as possible so puppy buyers and breeders can be matched at an early stage.

Health Clearances

No specific clearances are required to list a litter, but documentation of health clearances from the certifying body or CHIC must be provided to the referral chair prior to publication. (Documentation may be sent as a mailed hard copy, an emailed scan, a website printout included in an email, etc.) Pending health clearances will not be listed. CERF exams are required annually and must be current or will not be listed. OFA Preliminary reports will be listed if provided hard copy of the Preliminary Report and Briard's age at time of preliminary X-ray and Briard's current age. Preliminary reports will not be listed for any Briard 30 months of age or older. In order for a sire or dam to be listed as "CSNB clear by pedigree" it is necessary to submit a pedigree for the sire or dam, DNA results for the sire or dam as well as its parents, and copies of health clearances showing the parents of the sire or the dam as genotypically clear for CSNB. If this documentation is not provided, the referral listing will not include "CSNB clear by pedigree."

Title/Award Information

BCA Referral Title/Award information is restricted to AKC/BCA associated.

AKC Championships and Titles included in Briard's AKC registered name (as currently listed on the AKC website: <http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm>) are allowed. BIS and/or BISS (AKC sanctioned event(s) only) is/are allowed and will be included before the dog's AKC registered name. BCA Rass® rating is allowed and will be listed directly under Briard's AKC registered name with the year(s) of selection. The titles and awards listed on this form are the only BCA awards allowed and will be included directly under Briard's AKC registered name.

Recognitions such as CGC, TT, TDI, etc, are not allowed. AKC Show/Specialty recognitions such as Group Placement, AOM, BOW, WD, WB etc. are not allowed. Foreign (and/or domestic non-AKC) championships, titles, and awards are not allowed.

If you have questions regarding the Puppy/Litter Referral Listing process, please contact the Referral Chair, Angie Olson angieo@rushmore.com 605-490-1896.



CARTING/DRAFTING

Vision: Historically, the Briard has always been a sheep herding dog, but he has also been used as an all around farm dog that had multiple chores. In a given day he might be expected to tend his sheep in grazing areas and later transport the farmers products to market. Mlle. MT Turgis of the famous “de Vasouy” kennel, which produced Briards from the 1930s through the 1970s, had a vision of what this breed could do. She used her dogs in functional ways - pulling her in a cart to town, alerting her to the presence of Germans in her attempts to shelter and hide soldiers during WWII.

Mission: It is the mission of the Carting/Drafting Committee to preserve the working ability of the Briard by setting down rules and regulations for the testing of the breed in drafting (or carting) and driving.

During the development phase the Committee will propose a drafting/carting program for the BCA and see it through BCA board and AKC approval.

In the implementation phase, the carting/drafting Committee assists in the planning and execution of carting/drafting trials, clinics, seminars and other educational opportunities for BCA members.

The Committee's primary focus is to support the planning and execution of carting/drafting events at the Briard National Specialty. The committee coordinates with the national specialty chair to determine the budget, location, schedule, judges, classes, equipment, event workers and awards for the events held during the National Specialty. The committee shall also assist regional clubs when requested.

History: Board 11/12/12

DEWCLAW

Purpose: The Briard Club of America will produce a magazine, the *DewClaw* magazine, designed to inform the membership and stimulate interest in the Briard breed. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Briard Club of America to ensure production of the *DewClaw* magazine. This policy is to help facilitate the production of the *DewClaw*.

Schedule: The magazine will be published four times each calendar year according to the following schedule (the parentheses below denote a placeholder for the volume number corresponding to that year):

Volume () No. 1: “Spring” issue will be mailed to the membership by March 20th each year.

Volume () No. 2: “Summer” issue will be mailed to the membership by June 20th each year.

Volume () No. 3: “Fall” issue will be mailed to the membership by September 20th each year.

Volume () No. 4 “Winter” issue will be mailed to the membership by December 20th each year.

Deadlines for ads and article submittals will be set by the *DewClaw* committee in such a manner that acknowledges the production time for each issue of the magazine. One deadline will be set for each issue. *DewClaw* deadlines will be announced to the membership via email from the corresponding secretary of the club and published in the preceding issues.

The Production Specialist/Editor reserves the right to accept ads up to 5 days after the deadline IF space is available.



Distribution: The *DewClaw* magazine is sent to each member household (one issue per household), AKC judges by request and subscription holders.

Costs/Advertising Rates: Advertising rates should take into account the total production costs of the *DewClaw*. Advertising rates will be set as follows:

- a. Advertising Rates for Members:
 1. One Page Black and White: base per page rate for the upcoming year.
 2. One page color: base per page rate for the upcoming year + \$50.00.
 3. Premium placement pages: black and white or color rate + \$50.00.
 4. Centerfold: black and white or color page rate + \$100.00.
- b. Advertising Rates for Non-Members (Commercial):
 1. The Board authorizes the Advertising Manager to sell commercial advertising to non-members at a rate not less than twice the rate charged to members.
 2. Acceptance of commercial ads will be at the discretion of the Managing Editor.
 3. Commercial ads will only be accepted in Camera Ready form.
- c. Advertising Rates for the BCA Medical Trust, the BCA Rescue Trust and the Breed Education Committee:

The Briard Medical Trust, Briard Rescue Trust, and the Breed Education Committee will receive credit of the equivalent of 4 x ½ page B/W (1 per issue) per calendar year for ads in the *Dew Claw*. This amount expires each calendar year.
- d. Subscription Rates for Non-Members
Refer to the current *DewClaw* issue.

Financial Manager: The Treasurer of the Briard Club of America will function as the Financial Manager for the *DewClaw* magazine and will report directly to the BCA Board of Directors regarding the finances of the *DewClaw* magazine. As Financial Manager for the *DewClaw*, the BCA Treasurer will:

1. Ensure funds are received from advertisers prior to the acceptance of ads for publication.
2. Ensure printing costs and *DewClaw* overhead are acceptable. This includes a review of bids from printers and approval of contracts for printing the *DewClaw*. This also includes determining the number of magazines to be printed for each issue.
3. Determine if production costs become unsustainable to the BCA, and, if so, consult with the *DewClaw* committee to present the Board with alternative option(s) for distribution of the *DewClaw*. (This can be, but is not limited to, the option of online distribution or reducing publication of the *DewClaw* to 3 issues per year)
4. The Treasurer will approve and sign contracts.

The Committee: The Board of Directors is responsible for identifying members with specific skill sets to fulfill various positions on the committee. Any individual who reads the job descriptions detailed below who wishes to volunteer for one of the positions is encouraged to contact the BCA Corresponding Secretary with an expression of interest. One key qualification is being a motivated, self-starter who enjoys working in a team environment. All members of the club, including members of any committee are free to submit articles for publication in the magazine. All articles should be submitted to the Managing Editor.

Managing Editor: The Managing Editor reports directly to the BCA Board of Directors. The Managing Editor is responsible for all aspects of the magazine production. This means overseeing the work of the committee members who are gathering material for each issue, assisting in the assembly of material to give to the Production Specialist/Editor, coordinating proof-reading prior to sending the magazine to the printer, and aiding the Financial Manager with the *DewClaw* finances.



Each year, the magazine should contain at least one article related to:

1. Briards in Performance (Herding, Obedience, Agility, and/or Tracking, Carting; Human Assistance).
2. Briards in Conformation.
3. The Briard Club of America National Specialty.
4. Regional and Independent Club Specialties (all clubs will be given equal coverage in the magazine).
5. BCA Awards and Statistics (only year-end statistics shall be published).
6. Archival/Historical information about Briards.
7. Medical information pertaining to Briards.

The *DewClaw* is a written publication, one that will be archived for posterity. The Managing Editor along with the Special Features Editor/s will work together to develop the “theme” for each issue. The Managing Editor is responsible for negotiating disputes among committee members that are related to the production of the *DewClaw*. The Board Liaison will present to the Board any updates/issues pertaining to the *DewClaw* prior to the Board meeting for that month.

The Managing Editor must have a good command of English, spelling, punctuation, grammar, as well as a strong working knowledge of business organization.

The Managing Editor will also work with the Production Specialist/Editor to develop a template for the magazine to facilitate timely production and consistency.

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Regular Columns Editor/s: The Regular Columns Editor/s report to the Managing Editor. She/he will gather material for each issue related to the following:

1. Regional news of interest to the membership as a whole.
2. Regional/Independent club news, upcoming events and event results.
3. New Titleholders, BCA Awards and Briard Statistics.
4. News from the Briard Medical Trust, the Briard Rescue Trust, and the Briard Education Committee
5. Coverage of the National Specialty.

The Regular Columns Editor/s shall endeavor to make sure that all information is correct and timely. The Regular Columns Editor/s shall also endeavor to compile all assigned material, edit that material, and submit it to the Managing Editor in the format specified by the Managing Editor.

A desired skill for the Regular Columns Editor/s is the ability to organize a large amount of material submitted from a variety of different sources. The Regular Columns Editor/s will be in contact with BCA committees and Trusts (the chairperson/trustee) for the topics listed above. Additional topics may be added to this position (for example health reporting or legislative news reporting) if they become continuing features.

Special Features Editor/s: The Special Features Editor/s reports to the Managing Editor. The Special Features Editor/s will work with the Managing Editor to develop the “theme” for the issues.



His/her responsibilities are to write or solicit new and interesting articles, materials, and information for each issue. This Editor/s will work well in advance of upcoming issues to provide special materials in support of the theme set by the Managing Editor and the Special Features Editor/s.

The Special Features Editor/s shall endeavor to make sure that all information is correct and timely. The Special Features Editor/s shall also endeavor to compile all assigned material, edit that material, and submit it to the Managing Editor in the format specified by the Managing Editor.

Desired skills for the Special Features Editor/s are the ability to investigate topics and the ability to write articles. The Special Features Editor/s should also possess strong networking and intra-personal skills.

Coordinating Editor/s: The Coordinating Editor/s reports to the Managing Editor. Coordinating Editor/s must possess the ability to work as a team. The Coordinating Editor/s will be working with Special Features Editor/s (SFE) and Regular Columns Editor/s (RCE).

The Coordinating Editor/s must be able to multi-task and easily transition between working on special features and continuing features as needed.

The Coordinating Editor/s ideally would have longevity in the club and have knowledge of various club members and ability to work with club members to obtain articles and information for future issues. They will coordinate this pool of information with SFE and RCE so there is no overlap. The Coordinating Editor/s should have a good command of the English language including but not limited to spelling, punctuation, grammar, and be available to proof read articles.

Advertising Manager: The Advertising Manager reports to the Managing Editor. The Advertising Manager is responsible for soliciting ads and communicating specifications for ads to advertisers. All ads (or requests for ad designs) will be sent to the Advertising Manager who will coordinate with the BCA Treasurer to make sure the ad is paid in advance. Once the BCA Treasurer verifies that an ad has been paid for, the Advertising Manager will forward the ad either to the Production Specialist/Editor/s (for ads that are ready to go) or the Graphic Specialist (who will put together the ad for the advertiser). The Advertising Manager must coordinate with the Managing Editor who will notify him/her of the number of ads expected per issue and the placement of the ads, if applicable (i.e., premium placement as set forth in the rate schedule). This way, the Advertising Manager can sell ads for specific pages in the magazine. For ads that are priced the same, premier placement will be decided on a first-come-first-served basis.

If there are not enough individual member advertisers to fill the ad pages for an issue, the Advertising Manager is authorized to contact the recognized Regional/Independent Clubs for free ½ page ads that advertise their respective specialty shows and/or AKC events. In addition, the Advertising Manager is authorized to contact the two Briard Trusts (BRT & BMT) and offer free ½ page ads for the Trusts. Finally, the Advertising Manager is authorized to contact the National Specialty Chair to offer a free, full page ad that will contain upcoming Specialty information.

The Advertising Manager should be an outgoing, congenial, and sales-oriented person.

Production Specialist/Editor: The Production Specialist/Editor reports to the Managing Editor. The Production Specialist/Editor must be familiar with the software used to produce the *DewClaw* magazine and is responsible for putting all of the material given to him or her in the template designed for the magazine. The Production Specialist/Editor will work with the Managing Editor to design the template. The Production Specialist/Editor is responsible for submitting the magazine to the printer in ready-to-print form and meeting the printer's specifications. The



Production Specialist/Editor is also responsible for submitting a high resolution pdf file to the chairperson of the Archives Committee. The Production Specialist/Editor must inform the Managing Editor how much time will be needed for “production” of each issue so that advertising deadlines can be set.

The Production Specialist/Editor must also give the printer specifications for printing the magazine (i.e., the type and weight of paper to be used for the cover and for the inside pages). The Production Specialist/Editor is also responsible for the mailing of each issue. The Corresponding Secretary of the BCA will provide the Production Specialist/Editor with a full list of people for the mailing including BCA members, Briard Judges, and subscribers. Further, the magazine is to be mailed in some type of protective packaging. The Production Specialist/Editor may have the printer do the mailing for him or her depending on the cost.

The skills required for this position are technical knowledge of the software used in the production of the magazine and the ability to learn the production requirements from the printer so that a “Camera Ready” magazine can be sent to the printer.

The Production Specialist/Editor shall maintain the mailing list with the help of the BCA Corresponding Secretary.

Graphics Specialist: The Graphics Specialist reports to the Managing Editor and is responsible for the following:

1. Designing the front and back covers for each issue.
NOTE: The Graphics Specialist should seek artwork from a number of artists within the BCA. No photographs of dogs are to be used; only artistic depictions of Briards are allowable.
2. Preparing ads for BCA members who do not submit camera-ready ads to the Advertising Manager.
3. Obtaining graphic material for the issue.
4. Preparing all photographs associated with features and submitting them to the Production Specialist/Editor.
5. Designing and preparing special graphic pages at the request of the Managing Editor.

The skills required for this position are a working knowledge of the software needed to create/edit ads, an artistic eye, and the ability to work with other artists to obtain artwork.

Associate Editor/s: In each one of these *DewClaw* categories, there is always room for qualified assistants to share some of the workload.

History: Board revision: 06/01/2013

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PLANNING

Mission Statement

The Financial Review and Planning Committee is a permanent, standing committee of the BCA responsible for the overall fiscal policies and operations principally through the following activities:

1. Establish and review fiscal policies, guidelines, operations and procedures that will insure the financial integrity of the Club and foster its purpose and mission.
2. Review financial reports of the Club with an emphasis on sound fiscal practice.
3. Review and evaluate the need for change in the investment policies of BCA no less than once a year. Review the fundraising activities of the organization, as well as its cash



- management program, at least once each year
4. Review periodically the BCA accounting format for changes that would make its reporting more effective while maintaining fiscal integrity.
 5. Review periodically the banking and other financial relationships of the Club as well as the financial aspects of its insurance plans.
 6. Ensure that all Federal and State reporting requirements regarding annual registration and tax reports are filed timely.
 7. Recommend to the Board of Directors procedures to optimize resources, protect and safeguard assets and review the fiscal records of the organization.
 8. Assist the Treasurer with help and advice in any areas related to finance such as financial planning, budgeting, reporting, fundraising, cost analysis, etc.
 9. Report to the Board of Directors on all of the above charges and, when appropriate, recommend actions or changes that will enhance the Club's fiscal performance.
 10. The committee will consist of no more than 5 members unless its Chair requests that an additional member(s) be added for special projects. The membership shall include the Treasurer as a member and Board liaison, but the Treasurer shall not serve as the committee Chair. The immediate past Treasurer shall also serve as a member of the committee if practicable.
 11. The committee will appoint three members to review the BCA books whenever there is a change of Treasurer.

History: Board: 8/11/02, Board: amended 4/10/07; Board: amended 8/8/2011

FUNDRAISER AND STOREKEEPER

General Description of Positions

The Fundraising Chair finds and cultivates artists and vendors to supply merchandise for the BCA store. The Fundraising Chair should be able to pick merchandise that will be popular with club members and be able to secure it at a good price keeping in mind that the club must make a profit on the item. A good rule of thumb has been a 100% markup. It is, of course, ideal if an exclusive arrangement can be made with the artists/vendors, but that is not always possible. It is the fundraiser's responsibility to make sure the quality of the items is what was ordered and to deal with any problems/issues that may arise. If the items are not of the quality required, the fundraiser should return the items to the vendor and advise him/her what is necessary to correct the issues before the items are accepted for sale to club members.

The Fundraising Chair is responsible for setting prices on the merchandise and determining what and when items should be discounted. (sale/liquidation). The Fundraiser arranges for raffles, silent auctions, "lightly used" (room raffles/artwork etc). The Fundraiser and Storekeeper must have an excellent working relationship as it takes communication and coordination to keep things moving smoothly.



The BCA Storekeeper's responsibility is to serve as a merchandising assistant to the Fundraising Chairperson. The Storekeeper should possess good/excellent customer service skills and have adequate time available to prepare, pack, and ship orders (ideally within 48 hours of receipt). The Storekeeper for the BCA Store is responsible for year-round housing of all merchandise belonging to the BCA Store and for the yearly transportation of store merchandise to the National Specialty. The Storekeeper (with the assistance and/or direction of the Fundraising Chair) is responsible for BCA Store set-up and take-down at each National Specialty (or other approved event) and assists the Fundraiser with scheduling reliable/accountable volunteers to assist in staffing the Store during such events.

Requirements Recommended for Storekeeper Position

Availability

Ideally, the Storekeeper should be available on a daily basis for answering email and/or phone inquiries immediately upon receipt and to process and ship orders within 48 hours of order receipt. It is also the Storekeeper's responsibility to contact customers immediately in the event of an order processing delay and to keep customers up-to-date on the status of their orders. If a problem arises with orders, the Fundraising Chair is kept apprised and makes the "final call." The goal is to keep the BCA Store running smoothly without having to deal with "administrative" problems.

Computer and Email

The Storekeeper should possess a personal computer with constant and reliable email service for receiving customer orders and answering customer inquiries. The Storekeeper's computer should have appropriate software installed to open and print BCA artwork/designs/logos used for producing custom heat press orders. A high quality printer (with ability to print mirror images) is also necessary.

Housing Space

The volume of BCA Store merchandise to be housed can vary at any given time, but often will require a significant amount of storage space. Items requiring sizeable storage space include (but are not limited to) boxes (or totes) containing various sizes, colors and styles of t-shirts and sweatshirts, boxes (or totes) containing various decorator pillow/tapestry designs, boxes of past years' Rass® Books and Dew Claws, plus multiple boxes containing miscellaneous content. Space is also needed for set up and use of the BCA's heat press for production of custom heat press orders. An unused bedroom, office, or store room of at least 10' X 12' dedicated solely for the Store is suggested.

It would be prudent for the BCA to look into ways of insuring the inventory in case of a catastrophic loss while being housed and transported to the Nationals.

Custom Pressing

The Storekeeper is responsible for pressing heat transfer artwork/designs/logos (et al) on to blank shirts (or other articles) using the heat press owned by the BCA. Centering/aligning artwork on shirts/articles to be (heat) pressed requires a keen eye for design balance and time and patience for making multiple intricate measurements in order to turn out pleasing artwork-to-item placement. The Storekeeper should be open to learning and/or using new technology as it becomes available.



Inventory and Shipping Records

The Storekeeper is responsible for maintaining inventory records for items housed in the Store and is also responsible for recording all items sold and/or shipped from the Store including noting any items lost or damaged. The Storekeeper has accountability for all sales proceeds and must make sure that all sales proceeds are turned in to the Club Treasurer on a timely basis. It is the responsibility of the Storekeeper to maintain records of personal expenses incurred for purchase of inventory, purchase of shipping supplies, and actual shipping costs, and to submit these expenses to the Club Treasurer for reimbursement on a quarterly basis. The Storekeeper should also supply a copy of items in inventory, items sold, and expenses incurred to the fundraising committee and/or BCA Board upon request. The Fundraising Chair should be kept apprised of costs incurred at the store so they are better able to keep track of all costs.

History: Board: 10/13/09

HEALTH CLINIC

Mission Statement

The Health Clinic Committee is to assist the BCA plan successful health clinics. It and its members are responsible for identifying clinicians willing to conduct the various clinics the BCA offers at its Nationals, keep records of such clinics, and provide information as to how to plan a clinic from start to finish. This would include everything from finding and confirming an examiner to the myriad of details required in the running of a clinic. Members of the committee are also expected to assist in the staffing of the clinics and identify and teach interested BCA members how to run clinics. Among the clinics BCA has provided to Briarders are CERF eye exams clinics, OptiGen 20/20 CSNB clinic (which may include DNA testing for other breeds as provided by OptiGen), cardiac (simple auscultation/echo cardiograph as available), microchip, and blood draws for Briard Medical and Educational Trust supported studies and/or for well-dog blood storage.

History: Board: 11/23/09

HERDING

Mission Statement

The Herding Committee assists in the planning and execution of Herding trials, instinct tests, seminars and other educational opportunities for BCA members.

The committee's primary focus is to support the planning and execution of Herding events at the Briard National Specialty. The committee coordinates with the National Specialty Chair to determine the budget, location, schedule, judge(s), livestock, herding classes, equipment, event workers, and awards for the events held during the National. The committee shall also assist Regional Clubs when requested.

The committee shall maintain records of Briards awarded the BCA Herding Instinct Certificate during events hosted by the Briard Club of America and provide same to BCA Archives on an annual basis.

History: Board: 4/6/09; Board: amended 11/8/2010



MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee receives all new applications for membership. The committee is responsible for looking over the application for errors or missing information and forwarding a scanned copy of the application and the check to the Corresponding Secretary. The actual checks are forwarded to the Treasurer immediately upon receipt by the committee Chair. After review of the application for completion, the Corresponding Secretary will forward to the Webmaster for posting on the website. The Corresponding Secretary contacts the chair when an application is approved. The chair then sends out a welcome packet to the new member.

History: Board: 8/5/08, Board: amended 5/12/09; Board amended 2/23/2010



BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

Founded in 1928

MEMBER AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in joining the Briard Club of America, Inc. Please provide the information requested below. A check in the appropriate amount must accompany this application. With your signature you agree to abide by the BCA Constitution, By-Laws, and Code of Ethics.

STEP 1: Applicant Information. Please print clearly.

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Kennel Name (if any) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Country _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

Telephone # () _____ Fax # () _____

Email(s) _____

Website _____

STEP 2: Questions for new applicants.

Occupation(s) _____

If you have previously been a member of the BCA, what were the inclusive dates of your membership?

Under what name(s) were you a member?

Do you currently own a Briard? Yes _____ No _____ (if Yes) How Many _____ For How Long _____

Dog's Registered Name _____

Call Name _____

Dog's Registered Name _____

Call Name _____

Are there any other dogs in your household at present? Yes _____ No _____ If so, please list them, including breed.

Please tell us why you are interested in the Briard, and how you became interested in the breed.

Why do you wish to join the Briard Club of America?



What dog fancy activities interest you the most? Please Circle:

Pet Owner Conformation Showing Herding Obedience Agility Tracking
 Therapy Dog Breeding Judging Other _____

Are you or your family involved in the commercial pet industry? If so, how?

Do you have talent, training or special skills that you have to offer the club?

List other dog clubs you are affiliated with, including length of involvement and positions held.

STEP 3: Mark the box that applies and enclose fee

_____ Joint Membership (\$40) Two persons, same household

_____ Individual Membership (\$35)

_____ Junior Membership (\$5) Date of Birth _____ (Non-voting, 10 to 17 years of age)

STEP 4: Sponsorship

I (we) agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Code of Ethics of the Briard Club of America, Inc., and by the rules of the American Kennel Club. I (We) understand that this form must be filled out completely, with all signatures and accompanied by a check for the appropriate dues amount. For applications made after September 1, dues are covered for the next calendar year.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

This application must carry the endorsement of two (2) members in good standing with the BCA. The two (2) parties of a Joint membership (two persons, same household) constitutes only one endorsement for sponsorship purposes.

We, the undersigned, endorse the applicant(s) named above for membership in the Briard Club of America.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

STEP 5: Return this completed application and dues check, made payable to Briard Club of America

(Current Membership Chairman)

The Board of Directors requires a finite amount of time to consider all applications for membership. This usually takes about two months but may take as much as three to complete.



Mission Statement

The Membership Participation Committee's mission is to assist new BCA members in networking with other members in their local areas.

The committee will facilitate participation in the club in keeping with the new members' interests (i.e. volunteering for committees and helping with events), coordinating with specialty chairs and regional clubs.

The Committee will also assist with implementing a Briard-buddy program for first-time National Specialty attendees and/or exhibitors.

History: Board: 07/9/12

NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee shall be geographically distributed to the greatest extent possible. Similarly, in proposing candidates, the Nominating Committee should nominate candidates, that to the greatest extent possible, reflect the geographical distribution and activity interest of the Club membership. Members and recognized Regional clubs should be encouraged to submit to the Board of Directors candidates for the Nominating Committee and subsequently to the Nominating Committee candidates for Office.

The Board will solicit names from the membership or Regional clubs.

The Nominating Committee shall contact each person whom it wishes to nominate, obtain their acceptance of nomination, and distribute the BCA Candidate Questionnaire to the accepting nominees.

The Nominating Committee's Report including completed BCA Candidate Questionnaires is due to the BCA Corresponding Secretary on or before May 8th.

History: Board: 8/11/02, Board: amended 1/10/06, Board: amended 5/13/08, Board: amended 6/24/08, Board: amended 5/12/09



Candidate Questionnaire

Please respond in full to the questions stated below. By completion of this questionnaire you agree to the distribution of this information to the entire membership of the Briard Club of America by insertion into Club publications or otherwise. By agreeing to become a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Briard Club of America you further agree that if elected you (i) will perform the duties of the position to which you are elected with diligence and in good faith and will make decisions that are in the best interest of the Breed and the Briard Club of America, (ii) will use your best effort to attend and participate in all regular meetings which include National Specialties, any Special Meetings, and any conference calls during your term and (iii) in the event you cannot, for any reason, fulfill the duties of the office to which you are elected for an extended period of time that you will voluntarily resign your position.

Name-address-profession

Best method members can use to contact you (phone, email, and fax).

How long have you owned Briards?

When did you join the BCA?

What positions have you held in the BCA and when (office, chairs, committee)?

What dog related activities do you participate in with your dog? (Conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, herding, therapy, flyball, etc)

Have you bred any litter? If so, how many?

Are you active in any other dog organizations? In what capacity?

What specific skills, areas of expertise or qualifications could you contribute as a board member?

What issues do you see facing the Briard that you would like to see the BCA address in the next 2 years?

How do you suggest addressing these issues?

What issues do you see facing the BCA that you would like to see the Board address in the next 2 years?

How would you suggest addressing these issues?

How much time can you devote to Board activities?

Is there anything else you would like to say to the membership?

I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of the Briard Club of America and have agreed to abide by the BCA Code of Ethics, and that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: The policy of the BCA requires that all members employ complete honesty and accuracy in all Club business, particularly in written communications. This applies to applications for membership, resumes for office or Board positions in the Club, and applications to chair or serve on committees and/or as editors of Club publications and advertising. Even in issues not specifically covered by the Code of Ethics, honesty and accuracy are expected and valued.



OBEDIENCE

Mission Statement

The Obedience Committee assists in the planning and execution of Obedience and Rally trials, clinics, seminars and other educational opportunities for BCA members.

The committee's primary focus is to support the planning and execution of Obedience events at the Briard National Specialty. The committee coordinates with the National Specialty Chair to determine the budget, location, schedule, judge(s), obedience/rally classes, equipment, event workers, and awards for the events held during the National. The committee shall also assist Regional Clubs when requested.

History: Board: 4/6/09; Board: amended 11/8/2010

RESCUE REFERRAL

The BCA will no longer actively rescue Briards but rather establish a rescue referral system. The remaining current restricted rescue funds shall be allocated to a grant program to subsidize rescue efforts of private, non-profit rescue organizations that assist Briards.

History: Board: 10/9/03



SPECIALTY COORDINATION

Mission Statement

In recognition of the increasingly complicated responsibilities of running successful independent specialties, the BCA Board of Directors has formed a Specialty Coordination Committee (SCC). The SCC reports directly to the Board of Directors as does the Specialty Committee and all other BCA committees. Current and future National Specialty Show Chairs (or appointed representatives) are invited and encouraged to attend meetings of the Specialty Coordination Committee as non-voting guest(s).

The mission of the SCC is as follows:

- research, develop, author and present to the Briard Club of America (BCA) Board of Directors for approval a detailed BCA National Specialty Manual; and update the approved manual as necessary,
- recommend to the Briard Club of America (BCA) Board of Directors new, modified and/or updated guidelines and procedures to help improve the National Specialty,
- assist in reviewing National Specialty Proposals and Contracts when requested by the Board of Directors, and
- serve as an experienced resource to National Specialty Show Chairs & the Board of Directors when requested.

History: Board: 2/20/07, Board: amended 2/28/07

SUNSHINE

The purpose of the Sunshine Committee is to recognize the significant events in our members' lives on behalf of the BCA. The committee is allocated an annual \$150 operating fund. The committee will be asked to send cards to members in the event of the loss of a dog, illness or loss of an immediate family member, and the marriage or illness of, or birth or adoption to, a member. In the sad event of the death of a member, the committee is asked to send flowers or to make a charitable contribution to the charity of the family's choice. Funds for such a memorial should be limited to \$100 and are separate from the above mentioned operating fund.

History: Board: 12/5/99, Board: amended 6/24/08

TEMPERAMENT TEST

Mission Statement

The Temperament Test Committee assists in the planning and execution of the ATTS American Temperament Test Society events for BCA members.

The committee's primary focus is to support the planning and execution of the Temperament Test at the Briard National Specialty. The committee coordinates with the National Specialty Chair to determine the budget, location, schedule, judge(s), equipment, event workers, and awards for the events. The committee shall also assist Regional Clubs when requested.

History: Board: 4/6/09; Board: amended 11/8/2010



TRACKING

Mission Statement

The Tracking Committee assists in the planning and execution of Tracking tests, clinics, seminars and other educational opportunities for BCA members.

The committee's primary focus is to support the planning and execution of Tracking events at the Briard National Specialty. The committee coordinates with the National Specialty Chair to determine the budget, location, schedule, judge(s), equipment, event workers, and awards for the event. The committee shall also assist Regional Clubs when requested.

History: Board: 4/6/09; Board: amended 11/8/2010



SPECIAL COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

The Board may appoint a special committee to achieve a specific purpose. In addition to those procedures specified in the higher ranking order of rules, particularly in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Special Committees are subject to the guidelines listed below. The Board, as part of motion creating committee will

- Appoint a board liaison
- Provide clear purpose and expectations for the committee
- Appoint a chair
- Request chair to recruit members and/or assign committee members
- Provide any special instructions
- Identify the due date for the report

The Board liaison will contact the chair and members to ascertain if they will serve and fulfill the objectives of the Committee. The Board Liaison will furnish the committee with

- Notice of the appointment of the committee
- Names of the members
- Papers or matters referred to it
- Instructions to the committee, including expectations for the report
- The specific due date for the committee to Report

The Committee performs its function and submits a report.

The Committee may request from the board:

- Clarification of purpose
- Papers or documents needed for the committee's purpose
- Budget request to Board, if funds over \$100/year are requested

The Committee will conclude its purpose by providing a report to the board which may include

- Findings and Recommendations
- Proposed resolutions for adoption by the Board

If a minority in the committee disagree with the conclusions of the majority

- The minority may submit a report to the Board designated a minority report
- Each member of the committee that disagreed with the majority report may submit a minority report

When the committee submits its report, it is automatically discharged from further consideration of the subject and ceases to exist.

At the due date specified, if a report has not been received by the Board, the Board may extend the due date or reformulate the committee.

The Board receives the report and will read, consider, and discuss the committee report and vote on an action.

- Vote to accept the report
- Vote to substitute the recommendations of a minority report for those of the committee
- Vote to refer the report to a new committee

The Board will make any changes considered necessary.

The Corresponding Secretary will publish the final resolutions.



SPECIAL COMMITTEES

2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Aurora, CO
September 28- October 6 (final schedule pending)

BREED STANDARD ILLUSTRATION

Mission Statement

The committee focus is to provide feedback and guidance to contracted artist(s) for the development of a consistent set of illustrations to depict key aspects of the Briard breed standard and update the BEC Judges Education Booklet.

Responsibilities:

Members should possess a detailed knowledge of the breed standard and anatomical terminology, an understanding of the relationship between form and function, the ability to verbalize those relationships and a history of prompt response to tasks.

Membership:

Membership of the committee will include the Breed Education Coordinator and four additional members selected from approved Presenter/Tutors by the Breed Education Coordinator. Should a member resign or fail to regularly participate, the Breed Education Coordinator will replace that member.

Duration:

This Special Committee will remain in place until the Breed Education Committee reaches consensus on approval of updated illustrations

History: Board: 11/23/09

JUDGES EDUCATION BOOKLET UPDATE

Mission Statement

The committee focus is update the commentary in the BEC Judges Education Booklet.

Membership:

Membership of the committee will include the Breed Education Coordinator and the members (6) of the 2010-2011 Breed Education Committee. Should a member resign or fail to regularly participate, the Breed Education Coordinator will replace that member.

Duration:

This Special Committee will remain in place until October 15, 2011.

History: Board: 8/8/2011



TRUSTS

BRIARD MEDICAL TRUST (BMT)

The Briard Medical Trust was established by the Briard Club of America (BCA) in 2005. It was organized under the IRS code as the Briard Club of America Health and Education Trust, a separate 501(c)(3) organization to allow for tax-deductible donations, to serve the medical and health needs of Briards. Although organizationally separate from the BCA in order to maintain its tax free status, the trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, a majority of whom must be current BCA Officers or Directors. The remaining trustees must be BCA members.

History: Board: 6/24/08

BRIARD RESCUE TRUST

The Briard Rescue Trust was established by the Briard Club of America (BCA) in 2005. It was organized under the IRS code as the Briard Club of America Rescue Trust, a separate 501(c)(3) organization to allow for tax-deductible donations and assistance to organizations and individuals engaged in Briard Rescue. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees. All Trustees shall be BCA members and one Trustee will also be a current BCA Officer or Director.

The Briard Rescue Trust's founding goals:

1. Provide financial assistance to organizations and individuals involved in the rescue of Briards.
2. Maintain references about rescue for the general public.
3. Provide educational and informational resources to the general public to help avoid the need to place dogs in rescue and assist those involved in rescue.

History: Board: 6/24/08; revised 1/15/2013

MEDICAL AND RESCUE TRUST QUARTERLY REPORTS

The BCA requests that the Briard Medical Trust and the Briard Rescue Trust provide quarterly reports to be included in the Board Briefs.

History: Board: 11/28/06



CHAPTER 4 MEMBERS

(see Article 1 of the BCA Bylaws.)

APPLICATIONS

Names of prospective members will be posted to the members' only area of the BCA website for one month. Any member may send comments regarding an application to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will then send these comments on to the Board for review. After the one month posting the Board will vote on the application.

History: Board 2/5/08, Board: amended 8/5/08, Board: amended 5/12/09

DECEASED MEMBERS

A member of 25 years or more who passes away during any Club Year will be memorialized with a full-page ad in the next available National Specialty catalog. A list of deceased members from the previous Club Year will be published annually in the issue of the DewClaw immediately following the National Specialty.

History: Board: 8/11/02

25 YEAR MEMBER

Each member who has belonged to the BCA for a total of 25 years, not necessarily consecutive, shall receive a commemorative pin at the Annual Meeting.

History: Board: unknown, Board: ratified 8/5/08

LIFETIME MEMBER (see Article 1, Section 1 of the BCA Bylaws)

BALLOTS

BCA Members must be members in good standing on the date ballots are mailed to receive a ballot. Any person asking for meritorious exemption or a new application approved during the time between ballots being mailed and deadline for return of a ballot will not be eligible to vote in that election.

History: Board: 7/9/12

REPLACEMENT BALLOTS

Any member that needs a replacement ballot for voting in BCA matters must request the replacement ballot from the Corresponding Secretary themselves.

History: Board: 1/11/05, Board: amended 5/12/09



AWARDS (MEMBER)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Briard Club of America may annually honor one member of the Club in good standing for significant and continuing service to the BCA and the breed. Nominations will be solicited from the general membership for the BCA Distinguish Service award and must include a supporting statement demonstrating significant continuing service to the BCA and the breed. This solicitation will be mailed with the 1st quarter board briefs. Nominations are due to the BCA Corresponding Secretary on or before June 30. The Board will elect one honoree who will receive recognition at the National Specialty, a write-up in the Specialty edition of the DewClaw and the BCA will donate \$200.00 to the charity of their choice.

History: Board: 8/11/02, Board: amended 9/12/06, Board: amended 12/12/06, Board: amended 5/13/08, Board: amended 5/12/09

MERCI BEAUCOUP AWARD

An Award to recognize outstanding contributions made to the club by a BCA member. The nominations will come from any BCA member in good standing or from the Board of Directors and the Board shall select up to 10 recipients, based on a recent contribution to the BCA or the Briard. The award is not based on any specific length of membership or length of service to the club. The awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting and recipients will be presented with a certificate and a specially designed Merci Beaucoup pin.

History: Board: unknown, Board: ratified 8/5/08

AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.

Criteria for Selecting a BCA Member to Receive the Award

The recipient must be a current member in good standing of the BCA for at least five (5) consecutive years. They must have undertaken substantial activities to promote the sport of purebred dogs, demonstrated a high level of commitment to the Briard, and embody the attributes outlined in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship (attached).

The recipient should regularly attend BCA specialties, regional specialties, and/or supported entries with their dog(s) and/or participate in other AKC activities (conformation, performance, and companion) of the BCA and/or regional clubs (or, in the case of incapacity, have done so in the past)

This annual award will be presented to a BCA member at the annual award banquet.



1) How will recipients be nominated?

Nominations should come from a BCA member in good standing with an essay on why the individual deserves to be nominated. The essay should describe the activities of this individual that make him/her a worthy candidate and explain how this person exemplifies good sportsmanship as outlined in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. The nominations will be sent to the BCA Corresponding Secretary and received by July 1 of each year. Nominating members agree that their essays may be published in the DewClaw and/or on the BCA website.

If less than 3 nominees are received from the membership, each BCA Board member may nominate up to one candidate each.

2) Who will select the winners?

The award recipient will be selected by a majority vote of the BCA Board.

3) What are the criteria for the award?

The award will recognize an individual who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship as outlined in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship:

The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance, and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- * Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- * Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- * Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- * The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- * The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- * The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- * The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- * The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- * Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- * Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- * Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- * Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- * Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- * Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- * Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

History: Board: 8/8/2011



CHAPTER 5 CODE OF ETHICS

The Briard Club of America endorses the following Code of Ethics. This code establishes a standard of conduct to be followed by all members of the Briard Club of America in the normal course of owning, exhibiting, judging, breeding and selling Briards. Recognizing the impossibility of covering every situation that may arise, it is the spirit, rather than the letter of the Code that shall apply.

Responsibilities as a Member of the BCA

1. Support and abide by the Briard Club of America Constitution and By-laws.
2. Support and abide by the BCA Code of Ethics.
3. Support and abide by the AKC standard for the Briard.
4. Abide by all AKC rules and regulations where they pertain.
5. Consider the health and welfare of the animals in your care, as well as the health and welfare of the breed in general, as uppermost in importance.
6. Maintain contact with the breeder of your dog advising him/her of the dog's progress, any training or health problems that may occur.
7. Never to abandon or dispose of a Briard in a shelter or a pound. If unable or unwilling to care for the dog, to contact the breeder to enlist his/her support in finding a new home.
8. Support the Briard Rescue program to the best of your ability realizing it serves as the final safety net for Briards facing life-threatening situations.
9. Conduct yourself in a manner to reflect credit upon yourself, the breed and the Club whether at home, at shows or traveling by:
 - a. Displaying good sportsmanship at all times.
 - b. Refraining from false or malicious criticism (hurtful or mean-spirited comments) about a competitor's dog, breeder or owner.
 - c. Refraining from false or malicious criticism about a judge's decision. No member shall make false or malicious comments to any judge in writing, in public or in private regarding dogs belonging to others.
 - d. Practicing and promoting responsible dog ownership to include the conduct and control of your dog in public places.
 - e. Respecting the property of others, including facilities used for dog events, especially by use of proper sanitary measures.
 - f. Should any violation of the above occur at an AKC licensed or member club event or at an AKC sanctioned event, it shall be handled as an AKC disciplinary matter.
10. No Officer, Director or other member shall knowingly represent his/her personal opinion to be the official position of the BCA or of its Board of Directors in the media or other means of public communication.
11. Any contract disputes will be resolved between the contracting parties, not the Briard Club of America nor its Board of Directors.



Responsibilities as a Briard Breeder

In addition to all of the above:

1. Breeders should be fully familiar with the AKC Standard and breed only to improve the breed.
2. Demonstrate honesty and fairness in dealing with other breeders, purchasers of dogs and the general public.
3. Use breeding stock of sound temperament, with no major hereditary defects, free of parasites and communicable disease. Testing for genetic defects such as hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, night blindness, von Willebrand's disease, hypothyroidism and other tests as they become available should be done before breeding, and test results should be available to anyone on request. Brucellosis tests should be done before each breeding.
4. Provide appropriate documentation to all concerned regarding the health of the dogs involved in a breeding or sale, including reports of examinations such as those applying to hips and eyes.
5. Refrain from further use of any dog/bitch that has produced serious defects detrimental to the animal's well being, affecting normal functions or impairment of vital functions and produces like results with a different mating partner.
6. Make full use of AKC Limited registration in selling puppies with disqualifying faults or, in the breeder's opinion, lacking the quality adequate for breeding.
7. Follow AKC requirements for record keeping, identification of breeding stock, and registration procedures.
8. Screen prospective buyers to ascertain their potential to properly care for a large, active, coated dog. Inform prospective puppy buyers of the lifelong responsibilities of Briard ownership: training, grooming, socializing, veterinary expenses, equipment needs, spatial needs, and exercise.
9. Provide complete information to new owners including instructions on feeding, medical records, training and socialization needs. Urge buyers to attend obedience classes. Also provide a four-generation pedigree, AKC registration papers, which may be provided after spaying or neutering per contract, and a copy of the AKC breed standard as well as this Code of Ethics.
10. Use clear concise contracts to document the sale, the use of stud dogs and lease arrangements including the use, when appropriate, of non-breeding agreements, spaying/neutering contracts and/or Limited Registration.
11. Understand and agree that you are willing to take back or assist in finding a new home for any dog you produce at any time in its life, if requested to do so. The owner of the sire, having a vested interest in the litter produced, should also be consulted in matters arising that may affect the health and welfare of the offspring.
12. No member or breeder shall, either singly or in litter lots: (i) knowingly consign, donate or sell dogs to commercial dog wholesalers, franchised commercial facilities, brokers, pet shops, puppy mills, laboratories, or agents of the forgoing, (ii) offer, or donate or sell any dog to be offered as a prize in any form of raffle, contest or other like activity or for sale in a mail order catalog.
13. All advertising shall be truthful and ethical. Any claims made must be provable.



Violations

Any interested person may notify either the President or Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Directors of the BCA in writing of any alleged violation of this Code of Ethics of which he/she has personal first-hand knowledge. Such notification shall be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. The notification, together with supporting documentation shall be forwarded by the President or Corresponding Secretary to all members of the Board of Directors.

The Board shall receive, investigate, discuss and deal with any alleged violation within Executive Session. Board members may not take an active part in decisions that personally affect them. If the Board, by a majority affirmative vote of all the then members of the Board (but in no event less than six [6] Board members) shall determine that any member against whom a complaint has been filed, shall have knowingly acted in violation of the BCA Code of Ethics, disciplinary action may be brought against such member by the Board pursuant to Article VI of the BCA Constitution and By-laws or the Board make take such lesser action against such member as the Board may deem appropriate including but not limited to the issuance of a letter of reprimand. Repeated violations of any provision of this Code of Ethic shall be deemed to be misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the breed or the BCA.

History: Board: 10/28/00, Board: amended 8/11/02, Board: amended 5/12/09



CHAPTER 6 BCA FISCAL POLICY

Each committee or Board member who anticipates having expenses will submit a budget to the Board for approval. Committees with budgets greater than \$200 may include a miscellaneous expense in their budget of up to 25%, to allow for unpredictable expenses and price increases. No member of the BCA is authorized to incur a debt for the club without advance written approval. Exceptions to the requirement for advance approval are listed below:

- Incidental postage and printing by Board members and committee chairs are pre-approved. Mass mailings need to be approved by the Board.
- In the event of the need for an emergency expenditure, the Treasurer may authorize expenditures up to \$999.00, or the Board may approve expenditures.

To be reimbursed, even when pre-approved, a member must submit a written request for reimbursement that includes a signature, a list of receipts, amounts, and the committee, project, date and purpose of the expenditure. Receipts for reimbursement should be submitted within 90 days of the date of the expenditure.

The President of the BCA is authorized as a countersigner for all financial transactions of all BCA accounts.

The BCA recommends committees use electronic communication whenever possible, especially email and econferencing as an alternative to phone usage. BCA issued phone cards are available for committee related phone calls and will be issued upon written request to the Treasurer. A written request requires a signature, committee name, and the purpose of the phone card request, and is subject to the approval of the Board.

History: Board: 11/6/00, Board: amended 7/13/04, Board: amended 7/22/08

BALANCE AND INCOME STATEMENTS

On an annual basis the BCA shall publish balance and income statements of the money in the directed fund accounts and any other such designated accounts to which money has been donated or allocated. The Briard Medical and Rescue Trusts shall also publish balance and income statements on an annual basis.

History: Member-AGM: 8/20/04, Board: amended 8/5/08



CASH ONLY POLICY

Should a club member have an outstanding balance exceeding 90 days, whether it be due to non payment or returned funds, the Treasurer will issue a notice requesting payment within 30 days. A member may request extension which will be subject to Board approval. If the outstanding balance is not remitted within 30 days, or within the time frame of an approved extension, the member will be placed on 'cash only' status until the balance is paid in full. 'Cash only' means that cash, money order, or certified funds must be used for any club purchase, dues payments, etc. Under extreme circumstances such as repeated returned payments or unpaid balances, the Treasurer may request that the Board authorize long term or permanent 'cash only' status, even after outstanding balances are paid in full. A member will be notified in writing of such request and of the Boards decision. A member may appeal 'cash only' status by written request to the Board.

It is the duty of the Treasurer to immediately inform a BCA member in writing in the event that said member owes a debt for goods received or services rendered for a period of over 30 days or a check or credit card is bounced or refused. The letter will include a demand for payment for the amount plus any related fees in cash or its equivalent within sixty days. The consequences of nonpayment within the allotted time frame will also be specified if the delinquency is \$100 or over.

History: Board: 3/14/06; Board: amended 2/8/2010; Board: amended 1/10/2011



CHAPTER 7 CLUB PUBLICATIONS

BOARD BRIEFS AND BOARD BRIEFS ON LINE

The Board Briefs, the quarterly update from the Board of Directors to the membership, will be posted on the BCA web site, so that it will be available immediately to all BCA members who are on-line. Paper editions of the Board Briefs will be provided quarterly to members who request them. The goals of this policy are to improve communication between the board and the membership and to save the club thousands of dollars yearly in printing and mailing expenses. Ballots, membership rosters, and some other special club publications will continue to be mailed to the entire membership as needed.

This site will be updated through the Corresponding Secretary or whoever he/she may designate whenever the Board has news or information for the membership, but at least quarterly.

History: Board: 5/21/00, Board: amended 8/5/08, Board: amended 5/12/09

DEW CLAW

Advertising Rates.

For Members:

1. One Page Black and White: base per page rate for the upcoming year.
2. One page color: base per page rate for the upcoming year + \$50.00.
3. Premium placement pages: black and white or color rate + \$50.00.
4. Centerfold: black and white or color page rate + \$100.00.

For Non-Members (Commercial):

1. The Board authorizes the Advertising Manager to sell commercial advertising to non-members at a rate not less than twice the rate charged to members.
2. Acceptance of commercial ads will be at the discretion of the Managing Editor.
3. Commercial ads will only be accepted in Camera Ready form.

For the BCA Medical Trust, the BCA Rescue Trust and the Breed Education Committee:

The Briard Medical Trust, Briard Rescue Trust, and the Breed Education Committee will receive credit of the equivalent of 4 x ½ page B/W (1 per issue) per calendar year for ads in the Dew Claw. This amount expires each calendar year.

History: Board: revised 01/15/2013

Complimentary Dew Claw Mailings to Judges

The Dew Claw will be sent to AKC judges via 3rd class mail. A post card will be mailed to Judges every two years, beginning in January 2007, to be returned by the judges if they want to continue receiving the *Dew Claw*. The postcard will be sent via 1st class mail, and the Corresponding Secretary will maintain the judge's mailing list.

History: Board: 12/5/99, Board: amended 5/9/06, Board: amended 11/14/06, Board: amended 5/12/09

Schedule of Publication



Schedule: The magazine will be published four times each calendar year according to the following schedule (the parentheses below denote a placeholder for the volume number corresponding to that year):

Volume () No. 1: “Spring” issue will be mailed to the membership by March 20 each year.

Volume () No. 2: “Summer” issue will be mailed to the membership by June 20th each year.

Volume () No. 3: “Fall” issue will be mailed to the membership by September 20th each year.

Volume () No. 4: “Winter” issue will be mailed to the membership by December 20th each year.

History: Board: 12/5/99 Board: amended 8/5/08, amended 01/15/2013

Subscription Rates for Non-Members

Subscription Rates for Non-Members

Current subscription rates are published in each DewClaw. Please refer to a current edition of the DewClaw for information.

History: Board: 5/21/00, Board: amended 1/13/04 ; Board amended 4/11/2011, Board amended 7/9/12

ROSTER

PUBLICATION

The BCA Roster will be mailed to all members in accordance with the timeline outlined in the Corresponding Secretary's job description. Additional or replacement hard copy BCA membership rosters shall be available to the membership at a cost of \$5.00 each. Members may access the roster in pdf form in the MyBCA section of the club website.

The BCA's policy is to restrict distribution of the membership roster (the membership mailing list) to the members of the Club for their personal (non-commercial) use and for the AKC, if so requested, for their official use.

The BCA advises board members, committee chairs, and members to direct communications to the membership through the BCA Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will post requests to the board e-mail list for approval from a majority of board members. Board members will respond as quickly as possible and the secretary will, upon majority approval, forward the approved communications to the BCA membership via email. For members who have not opted in to email notification, any such member communications will also be included in the quarterly Board Briefs.

History: Board: 8/2/01, Board: amended 2/18/02, Board: amended 12/9/03, Board: amended 3/9/04, Board: amended 8/5/08, Board: amended 5/12/09; Board amended 4/19/2010; , Board amended 6/10/2011



CHAPTER 8 EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Preliminary Agenda and Previous Notice Requirement

Regarding the setting of the agenda for the Annual Meeting:

- The Corresponding Secretary will mail to the entire membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, written notice of the date, time and location of the meeting, and a preliminary meeting agenda. This will allow the entire membership, whether attending the meeting or not, to voice their opinions by mail or email, and with the permission of the assembly, have them read at the annual meeting.
- To develop an agenda, and to satisfy previous notice requirements for the adoption of certain motions, an announcement that a motion will be introduced at the annual meeting may be submitted in writing to the Corresponding Secretary, postmarked no later than 45 days prior to the meeting.

History: Board: 6/15/00, Board: amended 5/8/07, Board: amended 5/12/09

NATIONAL SPECIALTIES

Rotation of Specialty Sites

The goal is to rotate the National Specialty across the geography of the United States based on the population of BCA membership and taking into consideration the availability of members willing and able to host the Specialty. Although consideration should be given to the financial cost relative to various areas, the level of participation in education events and the location of other AKC events, such consideration should not be the primary focus

The location is to be rotated between sections of the country in sequence: East Coast, Mid-Continent, West Coast, Mid-Continent, East Coast, etc.

It is the responsibility of each area to submit a proposal. Any area that fails to submit a proposal for its turn in the rotation cycle, forfeits the opportunity until its next turn in the rotation cycle. If a proposal is not submitted from the designated area, the turn in the rotation cycle will be available to other areas, with no affect on the rotation cycle.

History: Board: 12/5/99, Board: amended 8/5/08, Board: amended 10/7/09

Proposal and Approval

The final decision on show site, Show Chair, and budget must be voted on by the Board. Proposal review and approval for the National Specialty should be accomplished no later than the Board meeting in association with the National Specialty three years earlier. (For instance, the approval for the 2012 specialty should be granted no later than the Board meeting associated with the 2009 National Specialty) The proposal should include a financial projection of income and expenses, potential committee structure, details of the site and a proposed list of events.

At the time approval is granted for a National Specialty the Show Chair should obtain a copy of the BCA Show Chair Guidelines and AKC Show Trial Manual. Copies could be obtained from a previous Show Chair or from the BCA Website and AKC, respectively.

**Hotel**

The hotel should be engaged at the time the proposal is approved by the Board, ideally three years in advance of the National Specialty. The hotel should be large enough to accommodate the number of sleeping rooms appropriate for the anticipated entry for the Specialty. Large banquet facilities are usually necessary. If the hotel is the indoor show site, a very large ballroom, or equivalent facility, is needed to accommodate the judging ring, seating for spectators, and grooming capability. Space for vendors in the same room is a plus. An ideal minimum size for the ballroom or other facility is 11,000 square feet. Ideally, the hotel should be set back from busy roadways or fenced in anticipation of a dog getting loose. There should be ample grass for the exercise areas. (Briards tend not to use soiled exercise areas.) It is very helpful to the Show Chair if an experienced BCA member could serve as an everyday interface with the hotel staff.

The Show Chair should arrange for rooms, with locking capability, for Bri-Art, the BCA Store, and the Archives.

Judges

Letters contracting the services for all the judges are the responsibility of the Show Chair.

National Specialty Judge Qualifications

All licensed judges who have received full approval for judging Briards for at least 5 years. Any judge who has judged the National within the 10 years or a Regional within the last 2 years prior to the date of the Specialty being voted on is not eligible for selection.

National Specialty Judge Selection Procedure

The Board will conduct a balloting of the members to determine their top choice to judge the National Specialty. The ballot shall contain the names of each judge submitted by a petition received by the BCA Corresponding Secretary bearing the original (not copied) signature and printed name of 10 members in good standing of the BCA. Note: to facilitate the process, multiple signature sheets may be submitted for a judge's nomination. However, each petition may nominate only one judge, and each member of the BCA may sign only one petition. All petitions containing the name of a judge not licensed by the AKC shall provide complete contact information for that judge and the name of the organization that licensed him/her.

Signed petitions can be faxed to the Corresponding Secretary on or before the date upon which petitions are to be submitted with the petitions containing original signatures to be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary within 2 weeks thereafter.

After all the petitions are received, the Show Chair shall contact each of the nominees to determine that they are available for the dates and location of the Specialty, obtain an estimate of the cost of engaging that judge and a brief resume including the following points:

1. How long in dogs?
2. What breed did you start in?
3. How long have you been judging Briards?
4. What is the largest entry of Briards you have judged?
5. What is your licensing organization and what year were you licensed in Briards?

If more than 5 judges are nominated by petition, the membership shall be asked to select 2 names on the ballot. If less than 5 judges' names are submitted, the remaining vacancies will be filled by the Board. All ballots will be signed and will contain the printed name of the member voting.



The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for creating and mailing the ballot to the membership. The Recording Secretary shall receive and count the ballots unless directed by the board that the ballots are to be received and counted by an independent professional individual or firm that will report the results to the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for arranging for these independent services. Electronic ballots will be accepted under the following conditions: the completed ballot must be scanned into PDF or JPEG, and the electronic ballot must originate from the voting member's email address on file with the BCA.

The Board shall make every effort to engage the judge receiving the most votes, however, should that judge be unavailable, the judge receiving the next greatest number of votes will be invited to judge. In the event that the Specialty judge already engaged should become unable to judge (illness or accident), the Board shall take whatever steps it deems necessary to assure that a judge is available for the National.

In order to facilitate regional clubs in the selection of judges for their specialties, the BCA Secretary shall notify all regional clubs as soon as the selection of judges for national specialties is determined. This will release all judges who are not selected to judge our national to perhaps judge a regional specialty.

History: Board: amended 01/12/12,. 01/15/2013

Geographical Conflict of Judging

The judging of Briards at our National Specialty could conflict with the Briard classes at one or more all-breed shows within 200 miles of the specialty location. In that case the all-breed clubs must be requested in writing to forego the Briard classes on the conflicting dates. Answers must be received in writing before the Specialty application is sent to AKC.

National Specialty Show Chair and Judge's Liaison

1. Show chair will be permitted to show in performance events.
2. Show chair may appoint a Judge's Liaison(s).
 - a. If a Judge Liaison(s) is not appointed, the show chair may not enter his/her dogs or co-owned dogs in conformation or sweepstakes.
 - b. If a Judge Liaison(s) is appointed, the liaison(s) will be solely responsible for all contact with the conformation and sweepstakes judges and may not enter his/her dogs in conformation or sweepstakes. In such case, the Show chair may enter his/her dogs in conformation and sweepstakes but may not handle the dog in any way, including, among other things, grooming, bringing to ringside, holding at ringside or showing.
 - c. As soon as practical after a Judge Liaison(s) is appointed, the name(s) of such appointee(s) shall be made available to the BCA Corresponding Secretary for distribution to the membership. Further, the names of such appointee(s) shall be published in the National Specialty premium and catalog. Since the sweepstakes judge may not show, the sweepstakes judge could be a good and logical choice for the liaison position.

Rassemblement® Year Conformation Judges

The BCA policy permits only AKC licensed American Judges for the National Specialty conformation classes during Rassemblement® years.



Junior Showmanship Judge

The selection of the Junior Showmanship judge, if the conformation judge won't be judging Juniors, is the responsibility of the Show Chair subject to the final approval of the Board. Generally, this judge should be obtained from the local area of the specialty.

History: Board amended 12/8/09

Sweepstakes Judge Qualifications

Sweepstakes judges must be in good standing with the AKC or the licensing body of their country. They must have 5 years of demonstrable experience in Briards (own, show, handling and/or judging). Any Sweeps judge who has judged the Sweeps at the National within the 10 years or a Regional within the last 2 years prior to the date of the Specialty being voted on is not eligible for selection.

Sweepstakes Judge Selection Procedure

Sweepstakes judges will be nominated by the membership, with the requirement that each nomination is accompanied by a note from the nominee indicating their willingness to judge sweepstakes if selected. Note: only one nominator need return a note of acceptance by the nominee. Also, contact information for each nominee who is not a club member will be required. The person receiving the most votes on the ballot will be invited to judge sweepstakes. If he is not available to judge, the runner-up will be invited, etc, until a sweepstakes judge is engaged.

The Sweepstakes judge shall be accorded one night's lodging and a banquet ticket.

Tie Breakers in Specialty Judge Selection Process

Tied votes for the Specialty or Sweepstakes judge resulting from the membership balloting will be decided by the BCA Board.

History: Board: 6/15/00, Board: amended 10/7/09

Agility, Herding, Obedience, Rally, and Jr. Showmanship Judges

These judges are chosen in conjunction with the Show Chair subject to the final approval of the Board

History: Board amended 12/8/09

National Specialty Treasurer

The BCA Treasurer will be responsible for all financial aspects of the Specialty. If the BCA Treasurer is unable to attend the National Specialty, then the Treasurer and the Show Chair will select a member to handle the Treasurer duties at the National. Both the Show Chair and the Treasurer must be bonded by the BCA.

A. Duties

1. The BCA Treasurer will receive all incoming funds, keep accurate records and handle making payments on approved bills.
2. The BCA Treasurer will make sure all committee members know specific items which will and will not be reimbursed and that receipts, bills or vouchers must be submitted for reimbursement.



3. Entry money will go directly to the Secretary/Superintendent. All other money will go directly to the BCA Treasurer.
4. Monies collected from all activities during the National must be reconciled and provided to the BCA Treasurer on a daily basis. The BCA Treasurer will confirm the reconciliation and make arrangements for a safe deposit box for the safekeeping of such funds until the conclusion of the show.
5. All checks will be photocopied prior to deposit in BCA accounts. Any cash on hand at the conclusion of the National will be reconciled and taken directly to a local bank for deposit or purchase of a cashier's check made payable to BCA.
6. A detailed accounting (QuickBooks) will be maintained and include every item of receipt. The information will identify the payer, amount and item of payment (i.e. parade entry, etc.) and type of payment (i.e. cash, check, PayPal, etc.).

History: Board: 10/7/09; amended 05/14/12

National Specialty General Policy

AKC Show Committee

The ideal size for the Show Committee is five members. The Committee should consist of the Show Chair, an Assistant Show Chair, the Obedience Chair and two other BCA members.

Annual General Meeting, Awards Banquet

Annual Banquet Invitees All national specialty judges should be invited, as guests, to the Annual Banquet. They should be seated with the Show Chair, or Judge's Liaison if one was appointed, and other non-exhibitors. At the discretion of the Show Chair, the Awards ceremony may take place at the Annual General Meeting instead of the Annual Banquet if timing considerations with respect to Bri-Art are a concern.

Alcoholic Beverages

The BCA will not provide alcoholic beverages at any event held during the National Specialty.

Application

The Show Chair is to submit the Application, Emergency Procedures documentation to the BCA Corresponding Secretary for submission to the AKC at least 3 weeks prior to the AKC deadline (27 weeks prior to closing date of show). The BCA Treasurer provides a check to the Corresponding Secretary for the AKC fees.

***Board, Show Chairs, and Specialty Coordination Committee***

The National Specialty Chair and, for specialties including Rassemblement®, the Rassemblement® Chair should seek input from the Specialty Coordination Committee for all matters involving AKC deadlines, contracts, budgeting & finances. The Chairs will report on these matters to the Board. In the event that the Specialty and/or Rassemblement® Chair disagrees with a recommendation of the Specialty Coordination Committee, both the SCC and the Chair shall present the issue and the matter will be decided by the board.

History: Board 12/8/09

Bri-Art

As Bri-Art is a prime fundraiser for the BCA; Bri-Art will be funded with \$1500 seed money yearly.

History: Board: 12/5/99, Board: amended 11/23/09

Concessions

The space allowed for each indoor concession is usually 10' across the front and 8' to 10' in depth. Members who want concession space should pay the same as outside vendors. A written contract specifying size, location, time and price should be executed.

Deadlines

Strict attention must be paid to the deadlines in the AKC Show/Trial Manual. Late application, for instance, will result in a fine.

Grounds Committee

The Committee should have areas for exercising dogs and clean up supplies set up by the evening of the day preceding the first event through the morning of the day after the last event.

Hospitality Committee

The hospitality room should be open from 7 AM to 11 PM except during events. Regional and independent specialty clubs should be encouraged to provide complete coverage (people, supplies, beverages and food limited to snacks) for one day or financial support for one day. Regional clubs may sell their fundraisers in the Hospitality Room during their host day.

Judges and Mentors

A separate area, quiet if possible, with a good view of the ring should be cordoned off for aspiring judges and their mentors during sweepstakes and breed judging. This area should be clearly marked and preferably away from the videographer

Judging Site

Show Chairs should pay particular attention to the references to the show site in the AKC Show/Trial Manual for the requirements for the judging location both indoors and outdoors.

Herding Trials

If the National Specialty show does not have C Course herding in an area within 200 miles of the host hotel, the Herding Committee may hold a Briard Club of America National Herding Trial at another location and another time that has both C Course and A Course. This trial will still need Board approval of the site, date and budget.

***Insurance***

The Show Chair should work with the BCA Treasurer to determine the contractual requirements for insurance coverage for the show site (hotel) and any offsite events.

Logo

Each National Specialty may have a logo which has an affinity with the geography, people, history, events, traditions, etc. of the local area. This logo will appear on the cover of the premium list and on the cover of the catalog for the National Specialty.

Marked Catalogs

The Show Chair shall arrange to offer marked catalogs on a pre-order basis. A marked catalog will also be provided to the BCA Archives.

Medical Clinics at Nationals

- The BCA indemnifies the BMT for any net losses related to medical clinics at the BCA National Specialty;
- The BMT be allowed to retain any net profits;
- The BMT provide an accounting to the Board of the BCA to determine net profit or loss;
- The BMT provide a report showing the number of dogs tested for all medical tests and procedures;
- The BMT is solely responsible for contract and payment of the service providers for the medical clinic;
- The BCA will provide in a timely manner a list of all pre-registered and/or paid registrants for tests;
- The BCA will turn over to the BMT all payments made for the clinics through the megaform at the time of providing the list of registrants

Plaques

The Club has two large wooden plaques for the display of small metal plates honoring Registry of Merit awards. The ordering and mounting of the metal plates is the responsibility of the Awards Chair as is the storage and transportation of the large wooden plaques. The Show Chair will need to determine a suitable location to display the plaques.

Quilt

One of the highlights of the Briard Club of America National Specialty are the special quilts constructed for the Briard Club of America National Specialty volunteers are needed for the position of Quilt Maker for planning and construction of the quilt. The quilt is constructed for the Bri-Art Raffle, the primary fundraiser for the BCA. The committee will receive an annual fund of \$500. At times the committee may be asked to also construct a quilt for the Rassemblement®. In this case the funding may be adjusted to accommodate this request.

History: Board 10/1/12

Ribbons

The National Specialty Chair may choose colors as long as all AKC required ribbon colors are followed.

History: Board 10/7/09



Ring Equipment

Ring equipment, stanchions, gates, and obedience jumps, need to be obtained locally, usually from obedience clubs. The AKC Show/Trial Manual suggests a conformation ring size of 48' by 64'. Outdoor rings could be larger. An obedience ring setup of 40' by 50', either indoors or outdoors, will satisfy the requirements of the AKC Obedience Regulations. A rally ring will need to be 40' x 50' to 50' x 60'.



Sample Hotel Rules

Rules such as these must be published in the publicity about the Specialty, in the Premium List for the Specialty, in the Judging Program for the Specialty and in the Welcome Committee handouts:

- Hotel staff must have daily access to all guest rooms.
- Dogs must be leashed when being transported from one area of the hotel to another.
- Dogs are not to be bathed in guest rooms. A bathing area will be provided.
- Adequate areas will be provided for elimination purposes. Receptacles and plastic bags will be provided and must be used.
- When leaving a guest room with a dog or multiple dogs left in the room, the “Briard Crated in Room/Briard Loose in Room” placard must be displayed on the door.
- Noisy dogs, which cause complaints, must be removed from their rooms or attended so they can be quieted.
- Protective plastic sheets must be under crates in guest rooms at all times.

Scheduling

The Show Chair should be recognized as the primary schedule coordinator for all events for the specialty week. This includes judging schedules, Rassemblement® (when offered), annual meeting, awards banquet, health clinics, education seminars, etc., as well as ancillary events such as agility, herding, CGC, etc. The final schedule must be approved by the Board.

Show Photographer and Show Videographer

The Show Chair will sign a written contract with a photographer and videographer one year prior to the show. As part of the photographer’s contract, complimentary full sets of all first place winners and higher and AOM’s shall be sent, in a timely manner, to the Dew Claw editor and Archivist. High resolution digital images are preferred. As part of the videographer’s contract, one complimentary set of the Videos shall be sent to the Archivist. The copy of the photo images that are sent to the DewClaw will be forwarded to the Archivist after publishing.

The Photographer has the exclusive privilege of making photographs available for sale to exhibitors. Photography by any other person(s) or company for commercial purposes or reimbursement of any kind is strictly prohibited, except with express permission of the Specialty Photographer" and the Specialty Chair. (Note: This paragraph is to appear in the Premium.)

Show Veterinarian

The Veterinarian is engaged by the Show Chair usually from the local area. The Veterinarian may be “on site” or “on call”.

Superintendent/Show Secretary

Generally speaking the club has been fortunate to have Show Chairs, Show Secretaries, and committee members that have sufficient skills to eliminate the need for the full services of a superintendent. When a superintendent has been contracted, we have used the “package” option primarily as it is less expensive when there is no superintendent on site.



Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes Classes

- Classes for Sweepstakes shall be Dogs, 6 months and under 9 months, Dogs, 9 months and under 12 months, Dogs, 12 months and under 15 month, and Dogs, 15 months and under 18 months. There will be the same classes for Bitches. Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, Best Senior in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex to Best Senior in Sweepstakes.
- Classes for Veteran Sweepstakes shall be Veteran Dogs, 7 years and under 9 years, Veteran Dogs 9 years and under 11 years, and Veteran Dogs 11 years and older. There will be the same classes for Veteran Bitches. Best Veteran in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes Handler Qualification

- Entries must be handled by an owner of record (by closing date), breeder, member of the owner's or breeder's immediate family, or BCA member (by closing date). "Immediate family" as defined by AKC includes: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law.
- Furthermore, this qualification applies to all BCA Sweepstakes, National, Regional, and Independent Specialties, and must be specifically cited in the premium list and catalog.
Board: 01/12/12

Titles and Awards

Titles and awards presented at the Annual Banquet are for the prior calendar year from January 1st to December 31st.

Welcome Committee

The welcome area should be set up and available the evening of the day preceding the first event through the morning of the day of the last event. The committee should make available a schedule of events, a map of the hotel and event areas, and information on restaurants and features of interest in the local area. The committee shall provide plastic sheets to put under crates in sleeping rooms. Door hangers are the responsibility of the Welcome Committee.

Wicket

The BCA owns one wicket for the measurement of height of the entries in conformation classes when needed. It must be at the Specialty during the judging of the conformation classes. If the club has engaged a superintendent to be on site, it is the superintendent's responsibility to have the wicket, otherwise it is the responsibility of the Show Chair. The wicket should pass at the end of one Specialty to the Show Chair of the next Specialty.



National Specialty Trophies

Challenge Trophies

The club offers the BCA Challenge Trophy, a 10" diameter Sterling Plate bowl on a wooden base for Best of Breed to commemorate the win.. For permanent possession it must be won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog. Ownership of the three wins must be identical. Until then possession will remain with the Briard Club of America, and the bowl will be offered at all National Specialty Shows of the Club. The winner's name will be engraved on the Challenge Trophy.

The Show Chair for the following year is responsible for the engraving of the BCA Challenge Trophy after that year's Specialty and is responsible for the delivery of the Trophy to the Trophy Chair for the ensuing National Specialty.

The club offers the BCA Herding Challenge Trophy for the Briard with the highest individual qualifying score over the two days of herding trials. The Briard Club of America Herding Challenge Trophy is awarded at designated Specialty trials when both A sheep and C courses are offered. For permanent possession the same owner must win three times, not necessarily with the same dog, but with identical ownership in each win. ACK rules governing tiebreakers will be adhered to. If less than five Briards are entered and shown at the trial level, the trophy will not be awarded that year. Exhibition only entries do not count toward the Herding Challenge Trophy. All previous winners will be listed in the catalog.

History: Board: 6/8/04; amended Board: 10/07/09

Historical Displays

The Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, High in Trial, Obedience, High Scoring Briard in Agility, Best Veteran in Show, Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show and Best Puppy in Show displays are permanent "historical wins displays", and are a record keeping device for future specialties.

***Trophy Sponsor Guidelines***

1. Anyone can sponsor a trophy; not limited to BCA members
2. The previous year winner of these trophies will be given the opportunity to sponsor their respective trophy. These would include; Best Junior In Sweeps, Best Opposite To Junior In Sweeps, Best Senior In Sweeps, Best Opposite To Best Senior in Sweeps, Best Veteran, Best Opposite Veteran, BOS, BOW, WD, RWB, WB, RWB, Best Puppy, Best Bred-By Exhibitor, Best Veteran, Grand Champion Select, Awards of Merit, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, Best Junior Handler, Obedience HIT, Obedience RHIT, Agility, Herding HIT.
3. Donation costs to be pre-determined by the Trophy Chair and Trophy Sponsor Chair based on the actual cost of each trophy and accompanying rosette. No actual donation of additional or different trophies permitted. All donations are cash donations to sponsor the trophies chosen and purchased by the specialty committee.
4. No refunds or claim to the trophy will be allowed if the trophy is not needed or not claimed by the winner. Unused trophies will be returned to the Specialty Chair to be used as gifts or to be donated to Bri-Art, if appropriate.
5. Best of Breed trophy to be sponsored by the BCA only; no personal sponsorship.
6. Expensive trophies (i.e. BOS) may be shared by two persons/couples with two separate listings.
7. Only 1st Place in each class may be sponsored, not 2nd through 4th places Trophy Chair to determine list of trophies to be sponsored.
8. Memorials
 - A. Only deceased dogs may be listed (memorial) - per AKC rule
 - B. Any person or group of persons may be honored
 - C. Listing for one (two?) dog or person/group per trophy.
 - D. Listing limited to donor's name(s), kennel name, and the dog/person name; no brags or other statements e.g., Steve Smith, Furry Briards, in memory of Ch Furry Under the Boardwalk CD

History: Board: 4/13/04, Board: amended 8/5/08, 11/12/12



Awards Of Merit

Awards of Merit may be awarded at BCA approved regional specialties and the BCA National Specialty under the following guidelines:

All Grand Champion Select and BCA Awards of Merit are strictly at the judge's discretion.

The Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex, having received the highest honors possible, shall not receive a BCA Award of Merit. If Grand Champion Select are given they shall not receive a BCA Award of Merit.

The maximum number of Grand Champion Selects and BCA Awards of Merit combined that the judge at a Specialty shall be able to award will be based on the actual number of dogs in the ring for the intersex (BOB) competition.

3 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 1 GC Select* awards

4 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 2 GC Select* awards

5-10 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 2 GC Select * or 1 AOM awards

11-20 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 2 GC Select */AOM awards

21-30 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 3 GC Select */AOM awards

31-40 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 4 GC Select */AOM awards

41-50 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 5 GC Select */AOM awards

51-60 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 6 GC Select */AOM awards

61-70 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 7 GC Select */AOM awards

71-80 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 8 GC Select */AOM awards

81-90 dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 9 GC Select */AOM awards

91 or more dogs in ring for intersex competition – up to 10 GC Select */AOM awards

At the judge's discretion, a maximum of 6 Grand Champion Select and BCA Awards of Merit combined may be awarded at a Regional Specialty; a maximum of 10 Grand Champion Select and BCA Awards of Merit combined awarded at a National Specialty.

*Note - Per AKC Grand Champion Rules, only dogs and bitches that have earned their Championship and are moved up to the Best of Breed as well as winners (Champions) from the Non-Regular classes would be eligible to compete on the day. Neither Winners Dog nor Winners Bitch is eligible to compete. Class dogs winning BOB or BOS will still allow the awarding of Select Dog/Bitch to eligible dogs in the ring. Additionally, only one dog and one bitch can be chosen Grand Champion Select.

History: Board: 6/15/00

History of Section: Board: 1/15/01, Board: amended 6/11/02, Board: amended 8/9/02, Board: amended 11/9/04, Board: amended 5/10/05, Board: amended 6/14/05, Board: amended 2/7/06, Board: Amended 6/19/06, Board: amended 9/26/06, Board: amended 1/22/08, Board: amended 7/22/08, Board: amended 8/5/08, Board: amended 10/7/09, Board: amended 2/23/2010



REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

APPROVAL OF REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

Approval of Regional Specialties will be done with the understanding by Regional Clubs that proof sheets of the premium list will be provided to the Corresponding Secretary by the Show Secretary two weeks prior to the premium list being printed. Regional and Independent Specialties must follow the BCA policy regarding AOM and Breed Education.

History: Board: 3/9/04, Board 6/14/05, Board: amended 5/12/09

BREED EDUCATION POLICY FOR REGIONAL AND INDEPENDENT SPECIALTIES

Effective January 1, 2005 all Regional Clubs and Independent Clubs holding Specialties are required to provide Breed Education. The education can be on all or part of the AKC Briard Standard. The breed education is to be provided to the members, judges or both. An outline of the planned education event is to be given to the Breed Education Committee Chair for review. The Breed Education Committee is available to assist the Clubs with planning their education event. The sponsoring club may apply for a waiver of this requirement if necessary.

History: Board: 3/9/04, Board: amended 8/5/08

CATALOGS AND PREMIUM LISTS FROM REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

All clubs authorized by the BCA to put on Regional Specialties shall send to the BCA 2 copies of their marked catalog and two copies of their premium list. One will be sent to the BCA Corresponding Secretary to become part of the Board Records, the other to the Archives. The sending club will receive an acknowledgement from both the BCA Corresponding Secretary and the Archives Chair that the materials were received. Materials added to the Archives will be reported in the Board Briefs to keep the membership updated on this important club function.

History: Board: 5/21/00, Board: amended 5/12/09

REGIONAL SHOW CHAIRS

The BCA authorizes Regional Specialty Clubs holding Regional Specialties with an All-Breed Club allow the show chair to show as long as they have no contact with the breed or group judge or input with the selection of these judges.

History: Board: 6/14/05

REGIONAL SPECIALTY LETTER OF INDEMNIFICATION

Prior to Board approval of any application from a Regional Club to hold an independent regional specialty under the auspices of the BCA (excluding independently licensed clubs who hold specialties in their own names), such Regional Club be asked to sign a Letter of Indemnification protecting the BCA from financial responsibility for any costs or fees incurred by the Regional Club in connection with the specialty.

History: Board: 7/11/06



TROPHY SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL SPECIALTIES AND ALL BREED SHOWS

The BCA will support donating monies for trophies to shows where a BCA recognized Regional Club is holding their own Regional show, to shows that run in conjunction with these individual Regionals and to shows that run in conjunction with a BCA National Specialty There will be a \$100.00 donation for a Regional, a \$75.00 donation to the supported shows held in conjunction with a National Specialty and a \$50.00 donation to supported shows held in conjunction with a Regional. The Show Chair of the National or Regional Specialty should contact the BCA treasurer prior to the date of the show for the trophy donations.

History: Board: 1/31/99; Board: amended 8/5/08; Board: amended 2/9/2011



RASSEMBLEMENT®

SUMMARY

The Rass® will be held every two to four years, as determined by the BCA Officers and Board. The non-competitive event will consist of individual written evaluations and ratings of Briards, followed by group evaluations for “Selection”. Judges are to be chosen from outside of the US, traditionally France or other European countries. A Rass® Book is to be published after each Rass®, and is available for purchase.

Historically, the Rass® has been a proven fundraiser for the BCA. It is held the week of the National Specialty, before all AKC conformation events. The Rass® will not be in conflict with the official AKC conformation events, scheduled seminars, etc. The National Show chair shall make final determinations regarding scheduling.

Rassemblement® shall be a non-competitive evaluation of the parts of each Briard entered, culminating in one final rating for each Briard entered. The Briard Standard as approved by the AKC will be used as the basis for evaluation. The overall ratings for Rassemblement® shall be as

follows: Select, Pre-Select, Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, and Disqualified. Individual qualities may be noted as Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Insufficient, and Disqualifiable. The use of the “insufficient” terminology shall only apply when a specific quality seriously deviates from the AKC Standard. For example – if a dog or bitch is over the desired height as stated in the AKC Briard Standard, the Rass® judge may deem this animal’s height “Insufficient” to the ideal heights as stated. However, any single deviation deemed insufficient shall in no way result in an overall rating of insufficient. Virtues and faults of each individual Briard shall be noted and the Rass® evaluation shall reflect the qualities accordingly.

EVALUATORS

The BCA will use evaluators from France, or FCI breeder/judges, or FCI judges from any European Country with extensive knowledge of the Briard, any of the aforementioned will be Briard Specialists. Choice of the Rass® evaluator(s) should be strictly limited to the Rass® Committee, as directed by the Rass® Chair subject to the final approval of the Board. When possible, we should consider bringing back to America a previous Rass® evaluator so that they will be able to determine the positive and negative developments within our breed since their last assessment. Other factors, such as cost, availability, and the need to introduce more judges, will also be weighed when choosing evaluators. It is the responsibility of the Rass® Chair to ensure the evaluators are familiar with the AKC Standard of the Briard and provide information as needed. The Rass® Chair should also advise the evaluators of cultural differences, such as the expectation by Rass® participants to have photos taken with the evaluators following Selection. Evaluators shall be provided a copy of the Rass® book once printed.

History: Board amended 12/8/09

**EVALUATOR EXPENSES**

The BCA shall be responsible for all airfare and other travel expenses (pertinent to their Rass® obligations) in getting our evaluators to this country. We are not responsible for the airfare of spouses or friends. Any air fares outside those directly related to Rass® (such as personal sightseeing) will not be covered by the BCA, but any assistance in such arrangements will be provided if requested. It is the responsibility of the BCA to cover lodgings, meals and reasonable hospitality

throughout the running of Rass® up and through the evening of the Selection. Out of courtesy, the BCA should have the evaluator(s) as invited guests for the days of class and Breed judging at the National Specialty and cover the costs incurred in lodging and meals. They should be invited guests at our annual National Specialty banquet and should also be given a suitable keepsake from the BCA for their efforts.

TRANSLATOR(S)

If at all possible, translators should not be BCA members, as this can lead to a perception of bias or influence. Translators may be paid for their services if necessary, and if they are not BCA members. It is the responsibility of the BCA to cover lodgings, meals and reasonable hospitality, if requested by translator. If BCA members must be used as translators, their expenses will not be covered; they are to be treated as any other BCA volunteer.

VENUE (LOCATION)

The Rass® will generally be held in the same location that will be used for the Specialty following the Rass®. This space must have room for a ring for each judge, tables for participants to check in, a measuring area out of the flow of traffic, easels and signs for information, data entry area, photo area, seating for spectators, and room for Briards to move around, and wait. Power must be available and light must be adequate. Audio equipment may be needed. This area will also be the location for the final Selection.

All Briards will be assessed on-site only. Only those Briards entered in the Rass® will be assessed – solicitation of the judges for private evaluations is highly inappropriate, and should be discouraged in written guidelines before the event.

RASS® LOGO

There shall be a Rass® logo designed for this event, for use in pins, catalogs, t-shirts, fundraising, etc. The Rass® Chair will choose the final logo, with their committees input if desired.



ENTRIES

The Rass® entry form will require the registered name, color, sex, sire and dam, date of birth, registration number (including country of origin of that registration number), owner's name, address, email, phone number, and the signature of owner(s) agreeing to abide by the rules of Rass®, agreeing to publishing the results in the official BCA Rass® publication and agreeing to the fact that the returned and duly signed entry form is the property of the Briard Club of America. Once an owner(s) signs this Rass® form, he/she (they) has/have consented to the publishing of the evaluation regardless of the rating assigned.

Entries received for the Rass® will be randomly allocated between judges in a Rass® year where there are two evaluators. Once an entrant has been assigned an evaluator by the Rass® Committee, there will be no switching of the allocated evaluator. Exceptions to this rule will be made:

If your Briard was assessed by the assigned evaluator in a previous Rass®. If you purchased a Briard from the evaluator.

If on-site scheduling changes are needed to accommodate an evaluator, or maintain the Rass® schedule.

No entry fees will be refunded if an owner refuses to show to the assigned evaluator. In a Rass® year where there is only one evaluator, all entrants will be assessed by the same individual.

Briards should be entered prior to the event's selected closing date, which should be three weeks to four weeks prior to the start of the Rass® event. However, any Briard may be entered on-site as well, schedule permitting. All pre-entered Briards will pay a standard fee as determined by the Rass® Committee. i.e., \$30.00 per male/female, while any on-site entry will pay an additional fee (a late fee so to speak) not to be more than \$10.00 over and above the pre-entered fee. There can be a reduced entry fee for the puppy class, as well as for multiple dog entries. The denomination of this fee is to be determined by the Rass® Committee.

CLASSES

Any Briard may enter the Rass® There will be no differentiation based on intact vs. spayed / neutered Briards, imported or domestic, shown in AKC events or not. Any Briard deemed Excellent Pre-Select is automatically eligible for entry in the final Selection. Participation in the final Selection is strictly voluntary and the absence of any Briard in this final portion of the event will not alter that animal's evaluation. It will be so noted in the BCA Rass® publication that this animal was absent from final Selection.

There shall be three (3) classes in the Rass® event:

1) Regular – ANY dog or bitch over the age of 12 months on the day the Rass® begins. Within this class, after examination by the evaluator, a Briard between the ages of 12 - 18 months will fall into an area that is "Evaluators Choice". The evaluator has complete discretion as to whether a Briard of this age will be treated as an adult or a puppy for the purpose of assigning a rating and possibly proceeding to Adult or Puppy Selection. If the evaluator feels a young Briard is not yet mature enough to warrant an adult rating, they may opt to put them in puppy. On the other hand, if the youngster is very developed they may choose to put them into adult.

2) Puppy – a Briard under 12 months on the day the Rass® begins. The entry fee for this class will be less than the Regular class entry. Those puppies rated as Very Promising are eligible for Puppy Selectioning. At his/her discretion, an evaluator rarely may choose to move a very mature puppy to the adult Selection process by assigning a rating of Excellent



3) Companion – a class for companion Briards. It will be at the discretion of the owner as to whether a Briard will be entered in the Regular or Companion class. The evaluation process will be the same, and Excellent Pre-select rated Briards will advance to Selection. This designation simply indicates the Briard was not intended as a breeding animal at time of acquisition. No Briard will be required to use the Companion class.

HEALTH CLEARANCES

It is recommended that any verifiable health clearance: i.e.: OFA, OVC, Cerf, CSNB, Cardiac results etc. be submitted as part of that individual Briard's entry form. This information shall be published in the final Rass® book. However, lack of submission of any of these health clearances shall not be considered an incomplete entry and should in no way affect the rating of that animal.

MEASURING OF BRIARDS

The official measurers and the Rass® Chair shall meet with the evaluator(s) and shall detail how the evaluators wish to have their measurements done. The goal is uniformity and consistency in measuring, to the satisfaction of the evaluators. For this reason, the measurers shall ideally be the same people throughout the event. The evaluators may also re- measure a dog in the ring at their discretion.

PHOTOS

For the Rass® publication, it is preferable that no show photos be used but if that is the only photo of that Briard, identifying show information should be removed. It is preferable that all photos submitted have the Briard standing alone in side profile without a human present in the picture. Approximate size of this photo should be 5" by 7". Digital photo files, large enough for good print quality, are preferred.

PHOTOS ON-SITE

There should be access to a competent photographer on site for those individuals who have not sent their photo in with the entry or for those last minute entrants in the Rass® event. Good photos enhance the overall look of the final publication as well as insuring that all Briards entered are pictured. Photos should reflect the appearance of the Briards at the time of the Rass®.

NUMBERING SEQUENCE:

- 100's – all Black / Black born Grey Dogs
- 200's – all Black / Black born Grey Bitches
- 300's – all Tawny Dogs
- 400's – all Tawny Bitches
- 500's – all Grey (Blue) Dogs
- 600's – all Grey (Blue) Bitches

SCHEDULING (OFF SITE)

The Rass® Chair shall designate a Rass® committee member to receive all entries with completed entry form(s), photo(s), and pedigree(s) and payment of the established Rass® entry fee. This person will be responsible for issuing individual numbers for each Briard entered, and allocating a time slot for the evaluation on-site. As each entry is processed, a file for each individual Briard will be maintained containing the following: dog (bitch) number, color of entrant, presence or absence of pedigree, presence or absence of photo, and presence or absence of entry fee(s). These files will be



SCHEDULING (ON-SITE)

Briards will be assessed every ten to twenty minutes throughout the days set aside for Rass®, as determined by the size of the entry. Evaluators will be provided with a one hour lunch, as well as at least two 15 minute breaks during the day. It is imperative that a Rass® committee member be responsible for maintaining the ring schedule. Last minute entries must be accommodated whenever possible. While judges are often willing to work late doing evaluations, the Rass® must end each day at least 30 minutes before any scheduled events such as seminars, puppy match, dinners, etc.

RASS® FORM

The Rass® form shall be comprised of a three part form – one copy for the owner, one copy for the Rass® Chair, and one copy for those responsible for assembling the Rass® book. There shall be one Rass® form for each individual dog/bitch entered. At no time can a Rass® form be changed or altered unless it is done by both the judge and the Rass® Chair simultaneously in the presence of each other. Any changes will be initialed by both Rass® Chair and the Rass® judge responsible for that evaluation. Prior to entering the Rass® ring, the only writing to be found on this form will be those measurements as noted by the Chief Measurer along with the dog's number for the event. A call name may also be noted if necessary to identify the correct form for the owner.

RASS® CATALOGUE

There shall be a Rass® catalogue available for sale during the course of Rass®. Paid advertising will be accepted for insertion in this catalogue based on a per page rate as determined by the Rass® Committee. The catalog will be sectioned by color and sex of each pre- entered Briard with their armband number, containing sire and dam, date of birth, registration number, dogs registered name and name of the owner and breeder. This catalogue will not be limited to size (i.e.: number of pages) since paid ads and the sale of these catalogues will more than cover the cost of printing. Blank pages to note on-site entries and pre-selects should be included.

RASS® PRE-SELECT LISTING

After all initial evaluations of all Briards have been completed and prior to the final Selection event, the Rass® committee shall compile a list of all pre-select dogs and bitches categorized by color and sex. This print out will be made available – at no cost- to any individual who has purchased a catalog.

EXHIBITORS

During each individual evaluation of any Briard, the only persons permitted in the ring at the time of the evaluation shall be the Rass® judge, the scribe, the translator, the owner(s), the breeder and the handler (if any) of that particular dog. This is not to say that all of these parties must be in the ring at that time but merely that they will be the only persons allowed in the ring. The evaluator will be in complete control of his ring, and may choose to further limit those allowed, and how they will participate, or to allow additional persons at his / her discretion.

**RASS® FINALE – SELECTION**

The finale of the BCA Rass® event called the Selection will be held on the last day of the Rass®. The sequence for Selection will be as follows:

1. all pre-select Black / Black born Grey Dogs
2. all pre-select Black / Black born Grey bitches
3. all pre-select Grey (Blue) dogs
4. all pre-select Grey (Blue) bitches
5. all pre-select Tawny dogs
6. all pre-select Tawny bitches

In the event that are few grey dogs and bitches, the Rass® evaluator(s) may elect to include the grey dogs and bitches with the black dogs and bitches.

Participation in the final Selection is strictly voluntary and any dog or bitch not present will be indicated as “absent from Selection” in the final Rass® publication. Their absence will in no way alter or affect the result of their Rass® rating.

Puppy Selection will be scheduled as the evaluators prefer.

After the final Selection is completed, group photos of all Select dogs and bitches according to color will be taken. A group photo of all puppy “Selects” will be taken upon completion of the Rass® Puppy Show as well. All group photos of Select Briards by color and of the puppy Group winners will become the property of the Briard Club of America. The Rass® Chair shall provide three sets of photos and a list of all Select dogs/bitches by group to the National Show Chair.

Copies of these group photos should be made available to interested parties. The National Show Chair will be responsible to direct one set to the BCA archives, the second set to the Dew Claw and the third to the BCA website. The BCA should request copies (digital or print) of these Group photos – one set for the Club archives, one set for the Rass® Committee, and one set for the Dewclaw. Should any Select dog or bitch be absent from the group photo, it shall be so noted for the record.

RASS® SOUVENIR

The BCA Rass® Committee should give an appropriate Rass® keepsake for each Briard entered in the Rass® event. Cost of these objects should be a consideration. A Rass® logo pin is an appropriate token, balancing cost and value.

AWARDS

There shall be no awards given to any Briard going Rass® Select – i.e.: ribbon, trophy or anything else that may be deemed an award. However, every exhibitor will be given a suitable Rass® souvenir for every dog entered in the event as indicated above.



EQUIPMENT

In order to hold the Rass®, the following equipment is required.

A basic ring setup, including matting for the floors, ring dividers, a table and chairs.

The BCA should own its own measuring device (wicket) which can be used for subsequent Rass® events. Consistent measuring relies on use of this device. A tape measure is also needed (one that shows inches and centimeters).

Technology may change as the years progress. The following is needed at a minimum,

Laptop computer for on-site inputting

Printer to publish the Rass® results on a daily basis, as well as a list of dogs eligible for Selection

Scanner to convert photos into digital files on site, as needed

Standard stationary supplies, clipboards, folders, stapler, clips, rubber bands, etc

Poster boards or other means of publishing results

Armbands for each entry. Armband numbers will be assigned at time of entry, and accompany the paperwork for each dog.

Adequate seating for all Rass® workers as well as exhibitors and entrants. Access to a microphone system.

First aid kit

RASS® WORKERS ON-SITE

At a minimum, Rass® staffing should be:

- One scribe / translator per evaluator.
- Data person(s) – this is an especially important position, as all forms must be correctly entered, and the judges / participants must be worked with closely to ensure the data is absolutely accurate.
- Registrar/Check-in (2)
- Measuring (2)
- Flow person – to ensure the area and rings run smoothly, and note / fix areas with problems.
- Runner(s) as needed to assist in all areas.
- Exit poll / gift bags / proofing of Rass® forms (2)
- Photographer
- Photo coordinator
- Judges coordinator / hospitality person / transport coordinator
- Ring setup / cleanup
- Audio Visual
- Grounds
- Videographer
- Print coordinator



RASS® WORKERS OFF-SITE

: Many jobs need to be completed before and after the Rass®. These include:

- Data entry before and after the Rass®.
- Ad sales
- Catalogue layout, printing, ad sales
- Welcome/ Thank you bag preparation
- T-shirts
- Artwork
- Pins
- Printing
- Fundraising coordinator
- Treasurer
- Publicity / Correspondence / PR
- Layout and prep (Rass® Book)

RASS® PUBLICATION

A suitable publication of all Briards entered will be published by the BCA. The printer will be chosen based on price, quality and convenience for the Rass® Committee. The sale price shall be in proportion to costs. The Rass® book shall be published in as timely fashion as possible. A discount shall be offered for books ordered and paid for at the time of the Rass® / Specialty. A printing bid will be provided to the BCA board for approval before printing.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Other activities connected with the Rass® may be arranged at the discretion of the Rass® Committee, such as:

- Q & A sessions with the evaluators
- Participants dinner(s)

History: Board: 7/8/2008



CHAPTER 9 AWARDS (CANINE)

HIC (HERDING INSTINCT CERTIFICATED)

Awarded to those purebred Briards 6 months and older that pass an (one) Instinct Test that has been sanctioned by the BCA Herding Committee and using an approved judge. The HIC title (NOT HC - now being used by the AKC to designate a Herding Champion) follows the dog's name. Contact the Herding Committee Chair for complete Instinct Test guidelines and/or application for a BCA sanctioned instinct test. A Rosette will be given to each passing dog and a Certificate will be sent following the event.

ROM (REGISTER OF MERIT)

Awarded to those Briard Sires with 10 or more AKC Champion offspring and Briard Dams with 7 or more AKC Champion offspring. **ROMX** (Register of Merit Excellent): Awarded to those Briard Sires with 25 or more AKC Champion offspring and Briard Dams with 15 or more AKC Champion offspring. These titles should follow the dog's name. Requests for these titles, along with appropriate documentation, should be made to the Awards Chairperson. Eligible dogs will be awarded an ROM plaque at the next Annual Meeting.

ROMH (REGISTER OF MERIT HERDING)

Awarded to those Briard Sires with 2 or more offspring that have earned 5 or more AKC Herding Trial titles and Dams with 2 or more offspring that earned 3 or more AKC Herding Trial titles.

ROMHX (REGISTER OF MERIT HERDING EXCELLENT):

Awarded to those Briard Sires of 4 or more offspring that have earned 15 or more AKC Herding Trial titles and Briard Dams of 3 or more offspring that have earned 10 or more AKC Herding Trial titles. These titles should follow the dog's name. The Test titles HT and PT are not eligible. Each offspring may accrue credit for only one title per trial level, although all trial titles will count toward the total title count. Requests for these titles and appropriate documentation should be sent to the Awards Chair. Eligible dogs will be awarded a ROM plaque at the next Annual Meeting.

ROMP (REGISTER OF MERIT PERFORMANCE)

Awarded to those Briard Sires of 3 or more offspring that have earned 8 or more AKC Performance Titles (Herding, Agility, Obedience, Tracking) and Dams of 3 or more offspring that have earned 5 or more AKC Performance titles.

ROMPX (REGISTER OF MERIT PERFORMANCE EXCELLENT)

Awarded to those Briard Sires with 5 or more offspring that have earned 20 or more AKC Performance titles, including 5 or more Advanced titles; and those Briard Dams with 4 or more offspring that have earned 15 or more AKC Performance titles, including 3 or more Advanced titles. (Above the Novice or Tested levels- levels B and C in Versatility chart). These titles should follow the dog's name. Potential titles (TT, TDI, HIC, CGC) do not count as eligible titles. Requests for these titles, along with appropriate documentation, should be sent to the Awards Chairperson. Eligible dogs will be awarded an ROM plaque at the following Annual Meeting.



VERSITILITY

- **VT (Versatility Titled):** Awarded to any Briard earning 3 A-level titles in 3 separate categories (canine activities).
- **VTX (Versatility Titled Excellent):** Awarded to any Briard earning 2 A-level titles and 2 B- level titles in 4 separate categories, or 1 A-level 1 B-level and 1 C-level in 3 separate categories.
- **VTM (Versatility Titled Master):** Awarded to any Briard earning at least 1 A-level, 1 B- level and 2-C level titles in 4 separate categories.
- (See complete list of eligible titles and levels). These titles should follow the dog's name. Request for all Versatility titles, along with all documentation, should be sent to the Awards Chairperson. Dogs receiving a Versatility title will receive an engraved plaque from the club at the next Annual Meeting.

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Level A</i>	<i>Level B</i>	<i>Level C</i>
Conformation	AKC CH	5 group placements 1 BIS 3 regional specialty BOB 1 National Specialty BOB 1 National Specialty BOS	
Herding			
AKC	PT	HS, HI HS, HI	HX, HC HA
CKC	HT	HTD/HRD I, II	HTD/HRD III
AHBA	JHD	ASCA STD, OTD	ASCA ATD
ASCA			
Obedience	AKC CD AKC RA AKC RE	AKC CDX AKC RAE	AKC UD
Agility			
AKC	NA/NAJ NAP/NJP NF/NFP	OA/OAJ OAP/OJP OF/OFP	AX/AXJ AXP/AJP XF/XFP
CKC	AgN/AgNJ AgNS/AgNJS	AgI/AgIJ AgIS/AgIJS	AgX/AgXJ AgXS/AgXJS
USDAA	AD/PO1	AAD/P02	MAD/P03
Carting	NDD/NTDD	DD/TDD	MDD/MTDD
Flyball	FD	FX	FDCH
Schutzhund	SchH 1/IP01	SchH 2/IP02	SchH 3/IP03
Tracking	TD	TDX or VST	TDX or VST
AKC or CKC		SchH FH	SchH FH



SPECIALTY AND RASSEMBLEMENT® AWARDS

AOM (Award of Merit): Awarded to those Briards at BCA approved Regional, Independent and National Specialties that the judge deems of equal merit to the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex dogs. The number of AOM awards are based on the actual number of dogs in the ring for the intersex (BOB) competition, at approximately one per ten dogs; with a maximum of 10 at Nationals and maximum of 6 at Regional/Independent Specialties. BOB and BOS shall not receive this award. AOM recipients shall receive a large rosette and a specialty prize in the ring.

Best Puppy in Show: Award to be given by the Conformation Judge. The winner of each of the four Puppy classes (6-9 months and 9-12 months, each sex) will compete for the Award. Puppies must be entered in one of these puppy classes to be eligible for the award. Recipient shall receive a large rosette and a specialty prize in the ring.

Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show: Award to be given by the regular Conformation Judge. The winner of each of the two BBE classes will compete for the award. Dogs must be entered in a BBE class to be eligible to compete. Recipient shall receive a large rosette and a specialty prize in the ring.

Best Veteran in Show: Award will be given by the regular Conformation Judge. The winner of each of the six Veteran classes will compete for the award. Dogs must be entered in one of the veteran classes to be eligible to compete. The recipient shall receive a large rosette and a specialty prize in the ring.

Best Stud Dog in Show: The Stud Dog class will be for Stud Dogs and two of their Get at National, Regional and Independent specialties. Stud Dogs must be entered in the Stud Dog class and must be shown in the ring with their Get. Owner of the Stud Dog need not necessarily be the owner of the Get. Get only to be judged. While the merits of the Stud Dog are not to be considered in the placement of the entry, the Stud Dog must be examined to determine if it has a condition that would require its disqualification. Get must be entered in another class. Neither the winner of the Stud Dog class nor his get are eligible for Best of Breed competition by virtue of winning this class. Second through fourth places may also be awarded.

Best Brood Bitch in Show: The Brood Bitch class is the same as the stud Dog class, as above, except substitute Brood Bitch for stud Dog and Produce for Get.

BISS (or SBIS): Unofficial designation used when a dog has won Best of Breed at a BCA or Independent Specialty. Dogs winning other Specialty awards (BOS, AOM, WD, etc) should not use this designation.

SELECT: Designation for those Briards earning a Select evaluation at BCA sponsored Rassemblements®. Pre-Select are those dogs eligible for the Selection process.

PUPPY SELECT: Designation for those Briards 16 months and under or those the Evaluators considered too immature for the adult selection process that earned a Select evaluation from the Puppy Selection at BCA sponsored Rassemblements®.

History: Board: 10/04, Board: amended 8/19/08; Board: amended 9/13/09; Updated October 2009 Awards Committee



HOF (HALL OF FAME)

Open to all Briards by application with supporting documentation who meet one of the following levels: 1 area- 30 pts, 2 areas- 40 pts, 3 areas- 50 pts, 4 areas- 60 pts, 5 areas- 70 pts, or 6 areas-80 pts. Award areas are Conformation, Agility, Obedience/Tracking, Herding, Flyball, other Working (i.e.: Schutzhund, Search & Rescue, Police work, Therapy/Support dog work, Carting, Coursing, etc), or Production; or a combination of two or more areas. Final acceptance into the HOF is given after an acceptable photograph and complete resume as needed for the next HOF book is received by the HOF Committee. Notable Briards of the past who don't meet eligibility requirements above can be nominated and inducted by petition of the membership. (See detailed list of achievements and points in the Hall of Fame document at the end of this chapter.) Requests for this title and accompanying documentation should be sent to the HOF Chairperson. Eligible dogs will receive a Certificate and will be included in the next HOF book. Large certificate plaques are available for purchase.

HALL OF FAME

A Tribute to the Great Briards of the Past and Present

The BCA Hall of Fame was conceived in the realization that history unrecorded is all too often history lost. A pedigree records the ancestry of a dog but provides neither a visual record of the dogs nor does it chronicle their accomplishments. Many Briard owners have a relatively short time of involvement in the breed and have had only limited opportunities to see their dogs' ancestors firsthand. The BCA Hall of Fame provides a way to extend one's knowledge of the dogs that may have been only names in a pedigree. But even more than that, the Hall of Fame sets a mark of achievement in each area of activity with Briards: Conformation, Production, Obedience/Tracking, Herding, Agility and other Working. In 1990, the original Hall of Fame proposal included the following quote from the St Bernard National Hall of Fame materials, courtesy of Mr. John Cox. I feel it is appropriate to repeat part of it here,

In every breed, there are those dogs that stand as the fitting example of the excellence of the breed. The dogs whose records carry their memory through the years serve as the mileposts by which we judge our current successes. To have no history or showcase with which to gauge our advancement allows us to strive for less than the perfect Saint Bernard. To forget the Champion of Champions or the Champion who also earned obedience titles or ignore the brilliance and man-dog harmony that have achieved titles acts to demote the intelligence and working excellence of the Saint Bernard.

The BCA Hall of Fame and HOF books act as our milepost. By honoring these Briards, we honor our past and set goals for our future.

David Behrens, Forward to both Hall of Fame books, 1996



Hall of Fame Requirements

Eligibility

- A. Open to all Briards by application with supporting documentation who meet the following levels:
 - 30 points - 1 area
 - 40 points - 2 areas
 - 50 points - 3 areas
 - 60 points - 4 areas
 - 70 points - 5 areas
 - 80 points - 6 areas
- B. Final acceptance into HOF given after an acceptable photograph and complete resume as needed for the next HOF book is received by the HOF committee.
- C. Induction by Petition: Notable Briards of the past who don't meet eligibility requirements above can be nominated and inducted by petition:
 1. BCA member petitions hop committee in writing why the dog belongs in HOF.
 2. HOF committee reviews petition and puts qualified dogs on ballot with resume of dog's achievements.
 3. Members vote - a 2/3 majority of voters necessary for induction.

Achievement Point Scales

Conformation

Best In Show	10
Group 1	5
Group 2	3
Group 3	2
Group 4	1
Best Puppy, Veteran or BBE – Breed (with competition)	½
Best Puppy, Veteran or BBE - Group (with competition)	1
Best Puppy, Veteran or BBE - BIS	2
Best Brace - Group	½
Best Brace in Show	1
American Grand Championship	5
American Championship	2
Canadian/Mexican/UKC Championship	1
Other US Dog Show Organization	½
Championships from other Continents	2
Westminster KC/AKC Invitational BOB	1
Westminster KC/AKC Invitational BOS/AOM/Best BBE	½
Westminster KC/AKC Invitational Group Placement	2
#1 Briard - per system/per year	1
Top Ten Briard - per system/per year	½



National Specialty BOB	10
BOS	5
Grand Champion Select	4
BCA AOM	3
WD/WB	3
RWD/RWB	2
Best Puppy, BBE, Veteran in Show	2
Class Winner (5 or more dogs)	1
Class Placement (10 or more dogs)	½
Best Junior/Senior/Veteran in Sweeps	2
BOS Junior/Senior/Veteran in Sweeps	1
Sweeps Class winner (5 or more dogs)	½
Regional/Independent/CKC/Foreign National Specialties BOB	3
BOS	2
Grand Champion Select	1½
BCA AOM/WD/WB	1
RWD/RWB	½
Best in Sweepstakes	1
BOS in Sweepstakes	½
Best Puppy/Veteran/BBE in Show	½
Rassemblement® (National Breed Club recognized events only)	
Select (any country)	2
Pre-Select - if not selected (any country)	1
Excellent, with no additional award (any country)	½

All other conformation organizations count 50% of the equivalent AKC title or award.

Herding

HIT (20+ dogs)				10
HIT (under 20 dogs)				5
RHIT				3
Herding Class winner (with competition)				1
Herding Class placement (with competition)				½
National Specialty HIT/High scoring Briard in Trial				5
National Specialty RHIT				5
National Specialty Challenge Trophy Winner				2
National Specialty High Scoring Briard in Class				1
National Specialty High Scoring Non-Regular Award				½
(Veteran, with another title, champion, etc.)				
Top Briard - each level/each year (see DewClaw statistics)				1
AKC Titles	1st course or stock	2nd course or stock	3rd course or stock	
HC	15	---	---	
HX	10	7	5	
HI	7	5	3	
HS	5	3	2	
DC	2			
PT	3			
HT	2			
HIC	1			

All other Herding Organizations (AHBA, ASCA, CKC) count 50% of equivalent AKC title or award.

**Obedience/Tracking****Schutzhund Titles moved and listed under Working only***All-Breed Trials*

HIT (over 100 dogs)	10
HIT (less than 100 dogs)	5
RHIT	3
High Combined	3
Regular Class Winner (with competition)	1
Regular Class Placement (with competition)	½
Non-Regular Class or Rally Class Winner (with competition).	½
Rally HIT	2

National Specialty Trials

HIT/High scoring Briard in Trial	5
RHIT	2
High Combined	1
High Scoring in Non-Regular Classes	1
Regular Class Winner	1
Regular Class Placement (with competition)	½
Non-Regular Class or Rally Class Winner (with competition).	½

Regional/Independent/CKC National Trials

HIT/High scoring Briard in Trial	2
RHIT	½
High Combined	1
Regular Class Placement (with competition)	½

Special Competitions and Awards

Dog World Award (each)	3
F&F Super Utility Dog Award	2
World Series/Gaines/Pupperoni/etc, placement	5
World Series/Gaines/Pupperoni/etc, participant	1
AKC National Championship placement	5
AKC National Championship participant	2
Top Briard in Obedience - each system/each year	1

OTCH	15
UDX	10
UD	10
OGM	15
OM	10
VER	5
CDX	5
CD	2
BN	½.
GN, GO	1
RN	1
RA	3
RE	5
RAE	5
CT	5
VST	10
TDX	10
TD	5

All other Obedience organizations (UKC, CKC, etc. count 50% of the equivalent AKC title or award.)



Agility

All Breed HIT	10			
Class Winner	1			
Class Placement	½			
Top Briard - each year/each level (see Dewclaw stats).	1			
AKC Top Briard in Agility	1			
<i>Special Competitions/Awards</i>				
AKC National Championship Placement	5			
AKC National Championship Participant	2			
Pupperoni/Other Special Event Placement .	3			
Pupperoni/Other Special Event Participant	1			
World Team Member	10			
World Team Individual Placement	5			
<i>National Specialty</i>				
High Scoring/HIT Briard in Trial	5			
High Scoring Briard in Class	2			
Class Placement at All-Breed Trial	1			
Perpetual Trophy Winner	2			
MACH/PACH	20			
PAX	10			
FTC/FTCP	10			
TQX	7			
AKC Titles				
Level	1st Title	2 nd Title	3 rd Title	4 th Title
Novice	2	1½	1	½
Open	5	3	1	1
Excellent	10	7	4	2
Masters	15		6	3

All other agility organizations (NADAC, USDAA, CPE, CKC, AAC, UKC) count 50% of the equivalent AKC title.



Other Performance

Schutzhund

SchH III / IPO 3	15
SchH II / IPO 2	10
SchH I / IPO 1	7
B/BH	3
A	5
WH	3
FH	10
AD	2

***Other working association titles and achievements
(search & rescue, police work, ring sport, etc) by petition.***

Therapy/Service Dog Work

THD	5
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Flyball

FD	
FDX	
FDCH	5
FM	10
FMX	10
FMCH	20
ONYX	20
FGDCH	25

Coursing

CA	1
CAA	3
CAX	5

Carting

Under development

Other

These titles may be applied to any area of performance:

TT	1
TDI/Delta Society	1
VT	1
VTX	3
VTM	5
National Specialty Versatility Briard Award	1

**Production**

	Sires	Dams
Grand Champion	1	2
Champion	1	2
BIS	2	2
Group Placing (1-10 placements)	1	2
Group Placing (11+placements)	2	3
Top Ten Offspring	½	½
TC	2	3
DC	2	3
VCCH	2	3
National Specialty BOB, BOS, WD, WB, BCA AOM, Grand Champion Select	2	2
National Specialty RWD, RWB, Best/BOS Sweeps Best Puppy, BBE, Veteran in Show	1	1
Regional Specialty BOB, BOS, WD, WB, BCA AOM, Grand Champion Select	1	1
Reg'1 Specialty RW, Best in Sweeps	½	½
Rass® Select	1	1
Rass® Excellent (if not select)	½	½
Obedience/Tracking Titled (BN, Tracking Certified)	½	½
Obedience/Tracking Titled (CD, GN, GO, TD, BH)	1	2
Advanced Obedience Titled	2	3
Herding Titled (HT, PT, HS)	1	2
Advance Herding Titled	2	3
Agility Titled (NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ)	1	2
Advanced Agility Titled	2	3
Working Titled	1	2
Advanced Working Titled (I, II, III)	2	3
Flyball Titled	1	2
Advanced Flyball Titled (FMCH or above)	2	3
Coursing Titled	1	2
All-Breed HIT (Agility, Obedience, Herding)	1	2
National Specialty HIT/High Scoring	1	2
ROM/ROMH/ROMP Offspring	2	2
ROMX/ROMHX/ROMPX Offspring	3	3
VT Offspring	1	2
VTX/VTM Offspring	2	3
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Achievements		
Top Stud Dog/Brood Bitch (per year)	1	1
National Specialty Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Class Win	1	1
Regional Specialty Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Class Win	½	½
ROM/ROMH/ROMP (each)	2	2
ROMX/ROMHX/ROMPX (each)	3	3

Note: CGC, TT, TDI, HIC titled offspring are not awarded production points



Applying for Induction into the Hall of Fame

Send the following information to the Hall of Fame Chair:

- 3 generation pedigree, with all titles included on ancestors
- photograph - will be returned
- official AKC name with all AKC titles
- call name
- list of all other titles
- ACK #, color, height, date of birth, date of death (if applicable),
- breeder(s), owner(s), any former owner(s)
- all health clearances, including OFA #, SCNB clearance (and lab), etc.
- all offspring that have any title of any kind, that have an OFA #, have won (BOB, BOS, AOM, WD, WB, Best/BOS in Sweeps, Best Puppy, Best BBE, Best Veteran, etc) at National, Regional or foreign Specialties, have been selected at Rassemblements, have earned Group placements, are Westminster or AKC invitational winners.
- the dog's complete conformation record (in all organizations), including details of all championships, group placements, specialty wins, Westminster/AKC invitational wins, rankings and system, performance titles and class wins and placements, and any other achievements

History: Board: 1996, Board: amended 8/19/08, Board: amended 2/23/2010; Board amended 07/11/2011



CHAPTER 10 REGIONAL CLUBS

REGIONAL CLUB DOCUMENTATION

All Regional Clubs will submit a copy of their current bylaws to the BCA Corresponding Secretary.
All Regional Clubs will include the BCA Corresponding Secretary in their mailing list and the BCA Corresponding Secretary will be included in all the general correspondence (e.g. minutes, newsletters, meeting notices, elections results, etc.) sent to their membership.

History: Board: 10/23/07, Board: amended 8/19/08, Board: amended 5/12/09



CHAPTER 11 MISCELLANEOUS

AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION / ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS CHIC REGISTRY PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS

The testing regimen recommended by the Medical Committee and approved by the BCA Board is as follows:

Required Tests

Hip Dysplasia

Any one of the tests below; no results acceptable for CHIC number before 24 months of age.

OFA - OVC - GDC - FCI PennHip

Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) and Other Eye Anomalies - each of two tests

CERF - at least once between six months and eight years

CSNB - US-owned dogs by Optigen only as of March 13, 2001; foreign-owned dogs from any lab; dogs tested by US labs prior to March 13, 2001; and dogs cleared by parentage with DNA certification in a clear line to each terminal tested ancestor.

Optional Tests

Autoimmune Thyroiditis and Idiopathically Reduced Thyroid Function - one test between two and six years old

Thyroid profile performed and reported out of OFA approved laboratory

Tests must include FT4D, cTSH, and

TgAA Elbow Dysplasia

Von Willebrands Disease (VWD)

Recommended Testing Schedule

CERF - an annual certificate is ideal; a current certificate at the time of using a dog at stud or a bitch for breeding is strongly recommended

Thyroid - ideally, two tests should be run, at two and six years of age.

History: Board: 2/8/05, Board: amended 5/10/05

DISCUSSION SITES

It is BCA policy not to use discussion sites for transmission of official club business. This is in fairness to Members who do not have computers or do not choose to participate in these sites.

History: Board: 12/5/99, Board: amended 8/19/08

LOGO

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