

BARRC NOVICE OWNER-HANDLER REWARDS PROGRAM

Purpose

1. To recognize, support, and encourage members of BARRC who are inexperienced owners/handlers to participate in conformation events with Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs they own.
2. To recognize the breeders of the dogs with which the Novice Owner-Handler Reward participants own for the support and encouragement they provide. (Breeders who participate in the BARRC Owner-Handler Award program will be asked to refrain from participating with dogs that they co-own and do not live with them, thereby encouraging the novice owner-handler of those co-owned dogs to participate in conformation events themselves.)
3. To foster sportsmanship among those handling their dogs in conformation events. Participants will abide by the following rules:
 - a. I will not belittle any exhibitor or dog at or near ringside.
 - b. I will not dispute, or in any way refute a Judge's decision at or near ringside.
 - c. I will assist all exhibitors in need, if at all possible.
 - d. I will congratulate the winners and graciously accept the same when I win.

Guidelines for Participation

- A. All participating Novice Owner-Handlers must be BARRC members as of January 1 of the year of participation and must register with the Program Coordinator.
- B. Eligible Novice Owner-Handler Reward participants include those who have shown their dog in the conformation ring no more than ten times in the previous year.
- C. Registration must be received by October 1 of the year of participation.
- D. A registration fee of \$5 per person is required to enroll in the program and is to be included with registration.
- E. Only events sponsored by the American Kennel Club (AKC) may be utilized in earning participation recognition.
- F. Ownership and date of ownership is determined by the AKC Registration Certificate.
- G. It is the responsibility of the participant to provide accurate information. Participants are to submit a "Verification Form" showing their participation. Information to be included shall be the owner/handler's name, name of the dog, name of the club sponsoring the event, date of event, and type of event.
- H. The Program Coordinator must receive all participation submissions by March 1 of the year following participation.
- I. Novice Owner-Handler Reward participants that also participate in the BARRC Owner-Handler Award Program will receive bonus points for participating and placing in Sweepstakes and Matches.

Year End Rewards

Participants will receive certificates and prizes for various levels of participation.

- A. "Survivor": Those Novice Owner-Handlers that participate in at least ten conformation shows.
- B. "Challenger": Those Novice Owner-Handlers that participate in at least twenty conformation shows.

Bonus Point Schedule

A. Sweepstakes

1. Regular Sweepstakes

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| a. First in Class | 1 point |
| b. Best in Sweeps | 3 additional points |
| c. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps | 2 additional points |

2. Regional Specialty Sweepstakes

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| a. First in Class | 7 points |
| b. Second in Class | 5 points |
| c. Third in Class | 3 points |
| d. Fourth in Class | 1 points |
| e. Best in Sweeps | 6 additional points |
| f. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps | 4 additional points |

3. National Specialty Sweepstakes

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| a. First in Class | 9 points |
| b. Second in Class | 7 points |
| c. Third in Class | 5 points |
| d. Fourth in Class | 3 points |
| e. Best in Sweeps | 8 additional points |
| f. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps | 6 additional points |

B. Matches

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| 1. First in Class | 1 point |
| 2. Best in Match | 3 additional points |
| 3. Best of Opposite Sex in Match | 2 additional points |