



## **THE BEDLINGTON TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA**

### **GUIDELINES FOR STATISTICS AND AWARDS, ANNUAL AWARDS, SPECIAL AWARDS, AND ONGOING AWARDS**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Bedlington Terrier Club of America wishes to recognize high achievements in AKC events and in breeding programs by its members in good standing. Only BTCA members in good standing are eligible for the BTCA annual awards, hence statistics are kept only for the dogs owned by members in good standing.

**RULES:** BTCA Board Directors adopted the BTCA rules for the annual and ongoing awards. These rules are the basis of making all BTCA awards, and set the parameters and stipulations. Special awards concerning AKC Events and special recognition of high achievements in breeding efforts are also defined in the rules.

#### **REGULAR DUTIES OF THE BTCA AWARDS CHAIRPERSON FOR CONFORMATION**

The BTCA Awards Chairperson for Conformation will evaluate and grant the applications for annual awards in Conformation, Special Awards, On-Going Awards, and Breeder of Distinction Awards on a yearly basis if the qualifications are met. The Awards Chairperson will order all of the annual awards for Conformation as well as Performance & Companion Events and present a report of the annual awards at the BTCA annual meeting. The Awards Chairperson will present the awards at the annual awards dinner during the Grand National Specialty weekend and ship all awards to recipients unable to attend the annual awards dinner for a fee. Shipping costs for members receiving multiple awards and/or living outside of the United States will be calculated on an individual basis.

#### **BTCA CHAIRPERSON FOR AWARDS FOR CONFORMATION**

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#### **REGULAR DUTIES OF THE BTCA AWARDS CHAIRPERSON FOR PERFORMANCE & COMPANION EVENTS**

The BTCA Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events will record the end-of-the-year results of competition for annual awards in AKC sanctioned Performance & Companion Events. If a dog has earned titles in AKC Title Recognition Programs within the given year, the owner must first pay the AKC to have these titles officially added to the dog's name and included to any BTCA Top Dog plaque.

#### **BTCA CHAIRPERSON FOR AWARDS FOR PERFORMANCE & COMPANION EVENTS**

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## **RULES CONCERNING ALL AWARDS:**

1. All current members in good standing of the Bedlington Terrier Club of America, Inc. are eligible to compete. Points toward all awards will be calculated from the date an applicant's dues are recorded by the BTCA Treasurer.
2. The competition period encompasses those American Kennel Club licensed shows and trials held between January 1 and December 31, inclusive of any given calendar year unless otherwise stated.
3. It is the owner's responsibility to notify the BTCA Corresponding Secretary of any changes in ownership for any dog being considered for a BTCA award.
4. Where dogs are registered in co-ownership, at least one owner must be a current member in good standing with the BTCA for credit to be awarded. Where dogs are registered in co-ownership all owners names will appear on the award.
5. The following will apply to changes in membership status:
  - a) No credits shall be retroactively applied.
  - b) Wins achieved during a lapsed membership will not be credited.
  - c) Wins for dogs of co-owners will be tabulated from the date of membership recorded.
6. It is the members' responsibility to notify the BTCA Awards Chairperson of any errors occurring in published show results, as well as to notify the AKC Show Records Department to request a correction be printed. The BTCA club records will be corrected only upon such publication.
7. It is the BTCA member's responsibility to notify the BTCA Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events of all competition scores, including scores and date of trials, in order to be considered for the BTCA annual awards.
8. In the event that the Awards Chairperson(s) has an unresolved interpretation of the award rules, authority to make a decision will revert to the BTCA Board of Directors. The BTCA Officers and Board of Directors will have the final authority to establish rules and to determine the granting of awards.
9. It is the responsibility of the BTCA member to notify the Award Chairperson(s) of the owner and/or co-owners names, the dog's full AKC registered name, and all titles before and after the dog's AKC registered name that are currently listed on AKC website.
10. It is the responsibility of all BTCA members to familiar themselves with rules concerning all awards and award protocols.

## **BEDLINGTON TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL AWARDS**

All annual awards for Conformation and Performance & Companion Events will be photo plaques and will be awarded at the BTCA annual meeting each year by the BTCA Awards Chairperson(s). In the case of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers who is a current member in good standing of the BTCA. Additional awards may be purchased from the BTCA Awards Chairperson(s) for a fee.

## ***ANNUAL CONFORMATION AWARDS***

### **TOP BEDLINGTON TERRIER BEST OF BREED ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Bedlington Terrier Best of Breed Annual Award will be presented to the member owning the Bedlington Terrier with the highest number of points in Bedlington Terrier Best of Breed competition as reported by either the American Kennel Club or Canine Chronicle Statistics. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing of the BTCA. In the case of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the person that is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers who is a current member in good standing of the BTCA. This said, Bedlington Terrier would be designated as the Top Bedlington Terrier Best of Breed for the year.

## **TOP BEDLINGTON TERRIER BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Bedlington Terrier Opposite Sex to the Top Bedlington Terrier Best of Breed Annual Award will be presented to the member owning the Bedlington Terrier of the Opposite Sex to the top Bedlington Terrier Best of Breed with the highest number of points in Bedlington Terrier Best of Breed competition as reported by either the American Kennel Club or Canine Chronicle Statistics. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing of the BTCA. In the case of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers who is a current member in good standing of the BTCA. This said, the Bedlington Terrier would be designated as the Top Bedlington Terrier Best of Opposite Sex to Top Bedlington Terrier Best of Breed for the year.

## **TOP BEDLINGTON TERRIER BREEDER OWNER HANDLER ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Bedlington Terrier Breeder Owner Handler Annual Award will be presented to the BTCA member with the highest number of points in Best of Breed competition for a dog who is breeder owner handled as reported by either the American Kennel Club or Canine Chronicle Statistics. This said, the BTCA member would be designated as the Top Bedlington Terrier Breeder Owner Handler for the year.

## **TOP BEDLINGTON TERRIER OPPOSITE SEX BREEDER OWNER HANDLER ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Bedlington Terrier Opposite Sex to the Top Bedlington Terrier Breeder Owner Handler Annual Award will be presented to the BTCA member with the highest number of points in Best of Breed competition for a dog who is the Best of Opposite Sex to the Top Bedlington Terrier Breeder Owner Handler as reported by either the American Kennel Club or Canine Chronicle Statistics. This said, the BTCA member will be designated as the Top Bedlington Terrier Opposite Sex Breeder Owner Handler for the year.

## **TOP BEDLINGTON TERRIER ALL BREED ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Bedlington Terrier All Breed Annual Award will be presented to the member owning the Bedlington Terrier with the highest number of points in All Breed competition as reported by either the American Kennel Club or Canine Chronicle Statistics. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing with the BTCA. In the case of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers who is a current member in good standing with the BTCA. This said, the Bedlington Terrier will be designated as the Top Bedlington Terrier All Breed for the year.

## **TOP BEDLINGTON TERRIER BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX ALL BREED ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Bedlington Terrier Opposite Sex to the Top Bedlington Terrier All Breed Annual Award will be presented to the member owning the Bedlington Terrier of the Opposite Sex to the Top Bedlington Terrier All Breed with the highest number of points in Bedlington Terrier All Breed competition as reported by either the American Kennel Club or Canine Chronicle Statistics. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing with the BTCA. In the case of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers who is a

current member in good standing with the BTCA. This said, the Bedlington Terrier would be designated as the Top Bedlington Terrier Best of Opposite to Top Bedlington Terrier All Breed for the year.

### **CONFORMATION CHAMPION TITLE ANNUAL AWARD PROTOCOL**

Any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, that earns its Championship (CH) title in Conformation is entitled to an award certificate.

### **OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HANDLER ANNUAL AWARDS PROTOCOL**

All Bedlington Terrier Junior Handlers who are ranked, based upon points won in Junior Showmanship competition, as reported by the American Kennel Club or Canine Chronicle Junior Showmanship Statistics will receive an annual award. The #1 Junior Handler based upon Junior Showmanship points during the calendar year will receive an annual award plaque. Juniors ranked #2-#10 based upon their yearly Junior Showmanship Points will receive a rosette noting their achievements. All other ranked Juniors will receive award certificates. The parent(s) of the Junior Handler must have a current BTCA family membership in good standing or the Junior must be a current member in good standing.

### **BEDLINGTON TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA SPECIAL AWARDS**

**ANNUAL STUD DOG AND BROOD BITCH AWARDS:** All dogs that complete the requirements will be eligible for the annual award.

#### **ANNUAL STUD DOG AWARD**

The Annual Stud Dog Award is awarded to the owner of any dog who is the sire of 5 or more get who complete their Championship requirements during any given twelve month period. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing of the BTCA. In the event of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the breeder, if the breeder is a co-owner of the dog. If the breeder is not a co-owner of the dog, the award will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers. Additional awards may be purchased from the Awards Chairperson in Conformation for a fee.

#### **ANNUAL BROOD BITCH AWARD**

The Annual Brood Bitch Award is awarded annually to the owner of any bitch who is the dam of 3 or more get that complete their Championship requirements during any given 12 month period. In the event of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the breeder, if the breeder is a co-owner of the dog. If the breeder is not a co-owner of the dog, the award will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers. Additional awards may be purchased from the Awards Chairperson in Conformatino for a fee.

#### **ALL TIME TOP PRODUCING SIRE AWARD**

The All Time Top Producing Sire Award is presented to the owner of a dog who has sired 17 or more Champions. The owners of the dog must notify the BTCA Awards Chairperson for Conformation when they believe their dog's record is complete. In the event of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the breeder, if the breeder is a co-owner of the dog. If the breeder is not a co-owner of the dog, the plaque

will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers. Additional awards may be purchased from the Awards Chairperson for Conformation for a fee.

### **ALL TIME TOP PRODUCING BROOD BITCH AWARD**

The All Time Top Producing Brood Bitch Award is presented to the owner of the bitch who is the dam of 8 or more Champions. In the event of multiple ownership, the award will be presented to the breeder, if the breeder is a co-owner of the dog. If the breeder is not a co-owner of the dog, the plaque will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers. Additional awards may be purchased from the Awards Chairperson for Conformation for a fee.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The owners of the Champion get of the Top Producers need not be BTCA members.

### **BEDLINGTON TERRIER BREEDER OF DISTINCTION AWARD**

The Bedlington Terrier Breeder of Distinction Award is open to all BTCA members in good standing who have owned/and or produced at least 20 Bedlington Terrier Champions. The member must either be the owner of the Champion, or the breeder of record. All co-owners and/or co-breeders need not be members.

The breeder must submit records of AKC conformation to the BTCA Awards Chairperson for Conformation on or before August 1 of any given calendar year. Each year all new recipients of the Breeder of Distinction Award will be published in Tassels and Tales.

### **ON-GOING BTCA AWARDS**

#### **FIVE POINT MAJOR AWARD**

The Five Point Major Award will be presented to any dog that earns a Five Point Major towards its Championship or Grand Championship in Bedlington Terrier breed competition. The same dog can only win this award once. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing with the BTCA. Written application for this award must be received by the BTCA Corresponding Secretary within 60 days of the show date where the award was received. If two or more Five Point Majors are awarded to the same dog and owner, the owner may apply to have all Five Point Majors added to one plaque as long as all Five Point Majors are awarded within the same year.

#### **BEST OF BREED AWARD**

The Best of Breed Award will be presented to any dog who wins Best of Breed when 15 or more Bedlington Terrier dogs actually compete. The same dog can only win this award once. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing of the BTCA. The BTCA Corresponding Secretary must receive written application for this award within 60 days of the show date where the award was received.

**PLEASE NOTE:** When a Bedlington Terrier is awarded BOTH a Five Point Major and Best of Breed, with fifteen or more Bedlington Terriers present at the same time, the dog is eligible to receive BOTH the Five Point Major Award and the Best of Breed Award. In the case of co-ownership at least one owner must be a current member in good standing of the BTCA.

Application for Best of Breed and 5-Point Major awards must be applied for within 60 days of the show where the award was won. The application must be made in writing, either by U. S. mail or email, to the BTCA Corresponding Secretary, and must be confirmed in the AKC Show Awards before the award is issued.

#### **BTCA CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

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### ***ANNUAL COMPANION EVENTS AWARDS***

The purpose of the annual Companion Events Awards is to encourage Bedlington Terrier participation and excellence in Obedience, Rally Obedience, Agility, and Tracking trials. The competition period encompasses those American Kennel Club licensed trials held between January 1 and December 31, inclusive of any calendar year. Owners of dogs must submit scores and trial dates to the BTCA Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events by January 31st of the following year.

#### **OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPION (OTCH) TITLE AWARD**

Any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which earns its first AKC OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) title in Obedience is entitled to an award plaque. It is the responsibility of the BTCA member to notify the Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events when the title is earned including the date and location. The BTCA member must apply for the award within the calendar year the title is earned.

#### **PREFERRED OBEDIENCE (POC) TITLE AWARD**

Any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which earns its first AKC POC (Preferred Obedience Champion) title is entitled to an award plaque. It is the responsibility of the BTCA member to notify the Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events when the title is earned including the date and location. The BTCA member must apply for the award within the calendar year the title is earned.

#### **TOP OBEDIENCE DOG ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Obedience Dog Annual Award is presented to the member whose Bedlington Terrier earns the highest average score for the legs (qualifying scores) required for a particular AKC Obedience title according to the below stated protocol for a given calendar year. Only a Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for the Top Obedience Annual Award.

The Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which earns the OTCH title that year is eligible for the BTCA's Obedience Dog Annual Award. If in a given year, more than one Bedlington, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, earns the OTCH title, then the dog with the highest combined scores for the three first/second placements required for the OTCH title will earn the BTCA's Obedience Dog Annual Award.



If in a given year there are no Bedlingtons earning the OTCH title, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which earns the POC (Preferred Obedience Champion) is eligible for the award. If in a given year, more than one Bedlington, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, earns the POC title, then the dog with the highest combined scores for the three first/second placements required for the POC title will earn the BTCA's Obedience Dog Annual Award.

If in a given year there are no Bedlingtons earning the OTCH title or POC title, then the annual award is presented to the member whose Bedlington Terrier earns the highest average score for the legs (qualifying scores) required for a particular AKC Obedience title according to the below stated protocol.

Any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the OGM (Obedience Grand Master) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a OGM title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the OM (Obedience Master) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a OM title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a UDX title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the PUDX (Preferred Utility Dog Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a PUDX title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the UD (Utility Dog) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a UD title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has highest average score in earning the PUTD (Preferred Utility) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a PUTD title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has highest average score in earning the GO (Graduate Open) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a GO title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award. The CDX title is also referred to as the Open Title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a CDX title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the PCDX (Preferred Open) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a PCDX title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the GN (Graduate Novice) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a GN title in any given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the CD (Companion Dog) title that year is eligible for this award. The CD title is also referred to as the Novice title.

## **TOP RALLY OBEDIENCE DOG ANNUAL AWARD**

The Top Rally Obedience Annual Award is presented to the member whose Bedlington Terrier earns the highest average score for the legs (qualifying scores) required for a particular AKC Rally Obedience title according to the below stated protocol for a given calendar year. Only a Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for the Top Rally Obedience Annual Award.

In any given year, the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the RACH (Rally Champion) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a RACH title in any given year then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the RM (Rally Master) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a RM title in any given year then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a RAE title in any given year then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the RE (Rally Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a RE title in any given year then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has the highest average score in earning the RA (Rally Advanced) title that year is eligible for this award.

### **TOP BEDLINGTON TERRIER AGILITY ANNUAL AWARD**

The purpose of the Top Bedlington Terrier Agility Annual Award is to encourage Bedlington Terrier participation and excellence in agility trials. The Top Agility Annual Award will be presented to the Bedlington Terrier who receives the Top Bedlington Terrier Agility Award from the AKC for any given year. In order to receive the Top Agility Annual Award, the primary owner of this Bedlington must be a BTCA member in good standing.

### **MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION (MACH) TITLE AWARD**

Any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which earns its first Master Agility Champion (MACH) title in Agility, is entitled to an award plaque. It is the responsibility of the BTCA member to notify the Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events when the title is earned including the date and location. The BTCA member must apply for the award within the calendar year the title is earned.

### **PREFERRED AGILITY CHAMPION (PACH) TITLE AWARD**

Any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which earns its first Preferred Agility Champion (PACH) title in Agility, is entitled to an award plaque. It is the responsibility of the BTCA member to notify the Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events when the title is earned including the date and location. The BTCA member must apply for the award within the calendar year the title is earned.

### **TOP TRACKING DOG ANNUAL AWARD**



A Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for the Top Tracking Dog Annual Award.

In any given year the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the VST (Variable Surface Tracking Test) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons completing the VST title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent Test) title that year is eligible for this award.

If there are no Bedlingtons completing the TDX title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the TD (Tracking Dog Test) title that year is eligible for this award.

Owners must submit the trials and dates of accomplishment to the Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events by December 31 of the applicable year.

### ***ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVENTS AWARDS***

The purpose of the Annual Performance Events Awards is to encourage Bedlington Terrier participation and excellence in Earthdog, Coursing, Fast CAT, and Barn Hunt. The competition period encompasses those American Kennel Club licensed trials held between January 1 and December 31, inclusive of any calendar year. Owners of dogs must submit scores and trial dates to the Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events by January 31st of the following year.

### **TOP EARTHDOG ANNUAL AWARD**

A Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for the Top Earthdog Annual Award.

In any given year, the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the EE (Endurance Earthdog) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one EE dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog that earns the most extra EE (Endurance Earthdog) legs after getting the EE title.

If there is no Bedlingtons earning EE title in a given year, then the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for ME (Master Earthdog) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one ME dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most legs towards the EE (Earthdog Endurance) title. If there is more than one ME dog eligible and neither dog earns legs towards the EE (Earthdog Endurance) title, then the award will go to the dog that earns the most Master Earthdog legs after getting the ME title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning the ME title in a given year then, any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for SE (Senior Earthdog) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SE dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most legs towards the ME (Master Earthdog) title.

In the event there is a tie for Top Earth Dog at the Master Earth Dog level, the lowest total average for the "release time" of the legs needed to earn the Master title will determine the Top Earth Dog. The "release time" is the time it takes the dog to leave the handler and reach the quarry. If there is a tie for Top Earth

Dog at the Senior level, the lowest total average of the “release time” AND the “recall time” of the legs needed to earn the Senior title will determine the Top Earth Dog. The “recall time” is the time it takes for the dog to return to the handler.

At an Earth Dog trial, these times are recorded by the Judge and the information is kept by the Trial Secretary. At an Earth Dog Trial where a BTCA member earns a leg towards a title, the BTCA member should get a picture of the Judge’s record showing the name of the Club sponsoring the trial, the date of the trial, and the dog’s release/recall time(s). This information will be requested by the Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events in the event that there is tie for Top Earth Dog.

### **TOP COURSING ABILITY ANNUAL AWARD**

A Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for the Top Coursing Ability Annual Award.

In a given year, the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the CAX (Coursing Ability Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one CAX dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most CAX legs towards the next CAX title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a CAX title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the CAA (Coursing Ability Advanced) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one CAA dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most legs towards the CAX (Coursing Ability Excellent) title.

### **TOP FAST CAT ANNUAL AWARD**

A Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for the Top Fast CAT Annual Award.

In a given year, the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the FCAT (Fast CAT) title AND has the fastest MPH (as determined by the AKC Fast CAT rankings for Bedlingtons that year) is eligible for this award. If there is more than one FCAT dog with the same MPH, then the award will go to the dog with the most points over 1000.

In a given year, if there is no Bedlington earning a FCAT title and that also has the fastest MPH (as determined by the AKC Fast CAT rankings for Bedlingtons that year), then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the DCAT (Dedicated CAT) title AND has the fastest MPH (as determined by the AKC Fast CAT rankings for Bedlingtons that year) is eligible for this award. If there is more than one DCAT dog with the same MPH, then the award will go to the dog with the most points over 500.

### **TOP BARN HUNT ANNUAL AWARD**

A Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for the Barn Hunt Annual Award.

In a given year, the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the RATCHX (Barn Hunt Master Champion Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one RATCHX dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most RATCHX legs towards the next RATCHX title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a RATCHX title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the RATCH (Barn Hunt Master Champion) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one RATCH dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most legs towards the RATCHX title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a RATCH title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the RATM (Master Barn Hunt) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one RATM dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most legs towards the RATCH (Barn Hunt Master Champion) title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning the RATM title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing which has completed the requirements for the RATS (Senior Barn Hunt) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one RATS dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most legs towards the RATM (Master Barn Hunt) title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning the RATS title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing which has completed the requirements for the RATO (Open Barn Hunt) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one RATO dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most legs towards the RATS (Senior Barn Hunt) title.

To verify the legs/titles earned in Barn Hunt, the owner must submit copies of the Trial Secretary Reports listing the dog's earned leg(s) and/or copies of the competition stickers indicating the trial, date, and statistics.

In the event there is a tie for Top Barn Hunt Dog at any title, the lowest total average of the course time for the legs needed to earn that title will determine the Top Barn Hunt Dog.

This information is available to Barn Hunt competitors on the Barn Hunt website. In the event of a tie for Top Barn Hunt Dog, BTCA members whose dogs are tied will be required to access the Barn Hunt website and take screen shots of the trials at which his/her dog earned legs showing the dog's course time and forward this information to the BTCA Awards Chairperson for Performance & Companion Events.

### **TOP SCENT WORK ANNUAL AWARD**

A Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, is eligible to compete for Top Scent Work Annual Award.

In a given year, the Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the SWD (Scent Work Detective) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SWD dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most SWD Qualifying Scores towards the next SWD title.

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a SWD title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the SWME (Scent Work Master Elite) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SWME dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most Qualifying Scores towards the next SWME title. (Any Element)

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a SWME title in a given year, then any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the SWM

(Scent Work Master) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SWM dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most Qualifying Scores towards the SWME title (Any Element)

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a SWM title in a given year, than any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the SWEE (Scent Work Excellent Elite) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SWEE dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most Qualifying Scores towards the next SWEE title (Any Element)

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a SWEE title in a given year, than any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the SWE (Scent Work Excellent) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SWE dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most Qualifying Scores towards the SWEE title (Any Element)

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a SWE title in a given year, than any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the SWAE (Scent Work Advanced Elite) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SWAE dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most Qualifying Scores towards the next SWAE title (Any Element)

If there are no Bedlingtons earning a SWAE title in a given year, than any Bedlington Terrier, whose primary owner is a BTCA member in good standing, which has completed the requirements for the SWA (Scent Work Advanced) title that year is eligible for this award. If there is more than one SWA dog eligible, then the award will go to the dog with the most Qualifying Scores towards the SWAE title (Any Element)

## **VERSATILE DOG AWARD**

The award is presented to the BTCA member in good standing whose Bedlington Terrier earns eligible titles in four (4) different events from the ten (10) AKC Performance & Companion Events listed below. In the case of co-ownership, the primary owner must be a current member in good standing of the BTCA. In the case of multiple ownership, the award plaque will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers who is a current member in good standing of the BTCA. The same dog can only win this award once. In the event that some of the titles were earned prior to the owner becoming a member, the most recent title must have been earned after the owner became a BTCA club member. To receive the award, the owner must contact the BTCA awards chairperson by January 31st of the year in which the award is to be presented with the following information:

**1. Names of the titles earned**

**2. Dates and location of qualifying legs earned for performance and companion titles**

The Versatile Dog Award will be presented once per year at the annual meeting of the BTCA and published in Tassels & Tales.

### **COMPANION EVENTS :**

**1. Obedience:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Obedience Annual Award.

**2. Rally Obedience:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Rally Obedience Annual Award.

- 3. Agility:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the OA(Agility Open), OAJ (Open Agility Jumpers), OAP (Open Agility Preferred), OJP (Open Agility Jumpers), or any higher title in Agility Standard or Agility Jumpers classes.
- 4. Tracking:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Tracking Annual Award.
- 5. Therapy Dog:** Therapy Dog (THD), Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA), Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX), Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD) titles.

**PERFORMANCE EVENTS:**

- 6. Earthdog:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Earth Dog Annual Award.
- 7. Coursing Ability:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Coursing Ability Annual Award.
- 8. Fast Cat:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Fast Cat Annual Award.
- 9. Barn Hunt:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Barn Hunt Annual Award.
- 10. Diving Dog:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are DJA (Diving Junior Advanced) or higher.
- 11. Scent Work:** Any titles in this event are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award.

**VERSATILE CHAMPION DOG AWARD**

The award is presented to the BTCA member in good standing whose Bedlington Terrier has its Conformation Champion title and also earned eligible titles in three (3) different events from the ten (10) AKC Performance & Companion Events listed below. In the case of co-ownership, the primary owner must be a current member in good standing of the BTCA. In the case of multiple ownership, the award plaque will be presented to the person who is listed first on the dog's AKC registration papers who is a current member in good standing of the BTCA. The same dog can only win this award once. In the event that some of the titles were earned prior to the owner becoming a member, the most recent title must have been earned after the owner became a BTCA club member. To receive the award, the owner must contact the BTCA awards chairperson by January 31st of the year in which the award is to be presented with the following information:

- 1. Names of the titles earned**
- 2. Dates and location of completion of conformation Championship title**
- 3. Dates and location of qualifying legs earned for performance and companion titles**

The Versatile Champion Dog Award will be presented once per year at the annual meeting of the BTCA and published in Tassels & Tales.

**CONFORMATION:**

- 1. Championship:** CH title.

**COMPANION EVENTS:**

- 1. Obedience:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Obedience Annual Award.

- 2. Rally Obedience:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Rally Obedience Annual Award.
- 3. Agility:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the OA(Agility Open), OAJ (Open Agility Jumpers), OAP (Open Agility Preferred), OJP (Open Agility Jumpers), or any higher title in Agility Standard or Agility Jumpers classes.
- 4. Tracking:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Tracking Annual Award.
- 5. Therapy Dog:** Therapy Dog (THD), Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA), Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX), Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD) titles.

**PERFORMANCE EVENTS:**

- 6. Earthdog:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Earth Dog Annual Award.
- 7. Coursing Ability:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Coursing Ability Annual Award.
- 8. Fast Cat:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Fast Cat Annual Award.
- 9. Barn Hunt:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are the titles listed in the Protocols for the Top Barn Hunt Annual Award.
- 10. Diving Dog:** The titles in this event that are eligible for the Versatile Dog Award are DJA (Diving Junior Advanced) or higher.
- 11. Scent Work:** Any titles in this event are eligible for the Versatile Champion Dog Award.

**Titles earned before January 1, 2020 can be applied toward the Versatile Dog Award or the Versatile Champion Dog Award. A dog may only earn one of these two awards in its lifetime.**

**Dog can apply for the Versatile Dog Award under the old 2019 protocols through December 31, 2020.**

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