

Parade of Veterans & Title Holders

Purpose:

A memorable event to recognize the achievements of our dogs. The parades offer dogs not entered or retired to strut their stuff at the specialty.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate with the show chairman and obtain permission from AKC to hold this special event.
- Coordinate with the show committee when the event will be held during the course of the show.
- Coordinate with the planning book chair & premium chair to advertise the event.
- Select an appropriate award for the participants, making sure the cost of the award to be presented is covered by the entry fee for the event.
- Plan the presentation of the award, being sure you have enough help to smoothly present all awards.
- Be prepared to make arrangements to get awards to folks that do not attend.
- Write a report at end of show regarding your committee, comment on additional recommendations and responsibilities you think should be included here.

Timeline:

- *1 year prior* - research and secure PA System
- *6 months prior* - begin developing announcing schedule and coverage.
- *6 months prior* - if more than one announcer is to be used secure those services and write letters confirming announcing assignments.
- *1 month prior* - reconfirm PA System & reconfirm announcers.
- *1 week prior* - make arrangements to have delivered and set up PA system. You will want it in place as early as possible at your site.
- *after specialty* - make sure all rental equipment is returned.

Budget:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>INCOME</i>	<i>EXPENSE</i>
Income from Entry Fees	xxxxx	
Postage/Phone Calls		xxxxx
Award Cost		xxxxx
Other		xxxxx
Total	xxxxx	xxxxx

Total Income less Total Expenses equals Net Profit or Loss

Recommendations:

Obtaining permission from AKC to hold this event is very important. It is one of the first things you should do. This allows for unentered dogs to be on the show grounds.

The Parades of Veterans and Titleholders are not AKC events and thus may include BMDCA-titled dogs as well as AKC titled dogs. Titles which can be honored include conformation, obedience, track-

ing, draft, agility, and other titles the club may wish to acknowledge (i.e., therapy, herding, etc.).

Awards for the Parades should be planned in conjunction with the Trophy Chair. A special medallion or a rosette inscribed with the dog's name is customarily given to each entrant, however, items as diverse as Swiss bells, ceremonial drapes and crate tags have been enthusiastically received. The awards may be presented by the BMDCA President or any appropriate individual chosen by the host club. The Parades usually have a large entry, so several people should be assisting with organizing the entrants and handing out the awards. The announcer must make every effort to pronounce each dog's name correctly: if in doubt, ask the handler for the correct pronunciation. If possible, depending on the numbers, all dogs should remain in the ring for a final parade around the ring.

Since this is a class with many "token entries" there will be many absentees. It is important that every entrant receive his award. If the award is picked up by someone else the steward must mark the catalog accordingly and obtain the signature of the recipient on a separate form. Awards not picked up at the show should be mailed to the entrant as soon as possible after the show unless other arrangements have been made.

The Parades may be held any time the Best of Breed judge is not present. Try to select a time when attendance will be good and our titled Berners can receive the recognition they deserve. Specifically, do not schedule the Parades at the end of all judging.

The entry fee should be equal to the cost of the award being given. The entry fee for the Parade of Veterans may be waived at the discretion of the host club.