

Trophies

Purpose:

To plan trophy offerings for all classes, solicit trophy donations and track donations for catalog listing. To coordinate all ribbons and ring favors being offered. To be responsible for collecting the money for trophy donations.

Responsibilities:

- Assemble a committee and vote on a chair.
- Decide on a “Theme” for the trophies at your specialty.
- Find a supplier(s) and/or artist for your trophies.
- Coordinate with Publicity Chair solicitations for trophy donations.
- Collect trophy donations for specific trophies and a general trophy fund.
- Submit trophy list to show chairman for publication in the premium list and catalog.
- Set up trophy table at specialty and distribute trophies to appropriate competitions.
- Arrange for ring favors to be distributed.
- Write a report at end of show regarding your committee, comment on additional recommendations and responsibilities you think should be included here.

Timeline:

- *As soon as the specialty bid is accepted by the BMDCA:* start planning a theme for all competitions and line up suppliers and artists.
- *At the specialty before yours:* try to have a trophy donation list there for people to sign up to donate trophies and to donate to a general trophy fund.
- *When premium proof is due:* Send a complete list to show chairman for publishing in the premium list.
- *Ongoing:* coordinate trophy donation requests with Publicity Chair to go to the Alpenhorn and regional club newsletter editors, and website. If you have access to the internet, trophy requests can go out on various Berner related lists.
- *By premium or catalog deadline (when ever the first announcements are printed):* Make sure that all moneys that have been pledged are collected and sent to specialty treasurer. Money should be collected before publication.
- *At the show:* Set up and decorate trophy table and be in attendance or arrange for someone on your committee to be in attendance at all times during competitions.
- *At the show:* Arrange for distribution of ring favors.

Budget:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>INCOME</i>	<i>EXPENSE</i>
Trophies		XXXXX
Donations	XXXXX	
Ring favors		XXXXX
Postage		XXXXX
Phone Calls		XXXXX
Ribbons*		XXXXX
Printing		XXXXX

*Ribbon cost may be deducted from the entry fee

Recommendations:

When you put your committee together you will probably need at least three people to do this job.

Start planning your trophy ideas as soon as possible it always takes longer to get them set up than you think it will.

When planning what trophies to offer use the table at the end of this chapter, it outlines the trophies that must be donated. You can also offer some additional trophies such as Best Puppy, Best Bred-by Exhibitor, High scoring junior handler, High scoring champion, just make sure these are listed in the premium list, they can not be presented in the ring unless they are in the premium list. Rosettes are usually given for all class placements. At the very minimum ribbons are required by the AKC. While ribbons and rosettes can be part of the negotiated superintending package, they may be able to be obtained at lower prices from other sources. Best of Breed and High in Trial are always offered by the BMDCA board of directors.

Get all distributors of trophies to commit in writing the price, number and date of delivery of the trophies they are providing. That way you won't have any unpleasant surprises.

When you set up your trophy donation form make sure you include a space for sentiments or kennel names many people will donate in honor or memory of a special Berner, also include a space for a donation to a general trophy fund and have them put in their first second and third choices for trophies.

Have a trophy sign up list available at the specialty before yours, either at your club's ways and means table or maybe in the hospitality room (or both!). You can also offer the trophy donations to your own club first.

When submitting your trophy list for the premium/catalog list make sure to proof it very carefully for errors because once its in the premium that's the way it has to stay. Include the names of the people that have donated to the General trophy fund on one page in the front of the catalog. You will want to check with your show chairman to determine if indeed you will be listing trophy donors in the premium or if you will just be listing what trophies are being offered. The actual trophy donors can be listed just once in your catalog thus saving printing expense of the premium list.

Trophy donation requests can and should be sent to the Alpenhorn often and don't forget to solicit the regional clubs. Remember, all solicitations need to be coordinated with your publicity chair. Some other sources for trophy donations are businesses around the area where the specialty will be held.

Dog food companies, pet stores, vets and miscellaneous dog businesses will also frequently donate trophies. Use your imagination as there are lots of possibilities for trophy donation sources.

Keep very comprehensive records of the donations pledged. All donations should be collected before printed recognitions go to press. This is probably most easily done on a spreadsheet on a computer but if you don't have access to a computer keep track on paper. Make sure you record the check number of the donation, amount and for what, as well as the name, address and phone number of the donor.

Plan to attach a label to each trophy with the name and address of the donor so the recipient can send a thank-you note.

Ring favors can often be a donated item from a company that deals with dogs in some way. Ring favors are not required, but a tradition that members enjoy and look forward to. Try to be creative with ring favors. Using something from the local area is nice or tying them in with your trophy theme for that competition.

Have someone specifically designated to hand out ring favors; it is too much to expect the ring steward to hand these out in addition to their other duties.

When decorating the table for trophies check with the grounds person first, they often have some decorations that are used from year to year that you can use. Don't forget to tell the grounds person well in advance how many tables you will need to display your trophies.

Make sure someone (usually the show photographer) takes a picture of the trophy table for the historian and the Alpenhorn. Be sure to mention this request to the Photo/Video chairman.

For budgeting purposes you will need to add some money from the cost of your trophies to the amount you want donated to cover things like ring favors, postage and phone calls. The cost of ribbons should come from the entry fee, not from your budget.

All trophies not awarded which do not include specialty specific dates or logos become the property of the BMDCA and should be sent to the BMDCA Awards Chairperson.

LIST OF TROPHIES TO BE OFFERED

1st Through 4th Should Be Offered in Each Class

Conformation Trophies - (7 major trophies, 56 class placements, 40 non-regular class placements, 1 major Junior showmanship trophy, 32 class placements)

Regular Classes

Major Trophies:

Best of Breed - offered by BMDCA board of directors

Best of Opposite Sex

Best of Winners

Winners Dog

Winners Bitch

Reserve Winners Dog

Reserve Winners Bitch

Classes:

DOG

Puppy Dog 6 - 9 months

Puppy Dog 9 -12 months

12 - 18 months Dog

Novice Dog

American Bred Dog

Bred-by -Exhibitor Dog

Open Dog

BITCH

Puppy Bitch 6 - 9 months

Puppy Bitch 9-12 months

12 - 18 months Bitch

Novice Bitch

American Bred Bitch

Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitch

Open Bitch

Non-Regular Classes

DOG

Veteran Dog 7 - 9 years

Veteran Dog 9 - 11 years

Veteran Dog 11 years and older

Stud Dog

EITHER

Brace (2 dogs)

Team (4 dogs)

BITCH

Veteran Bitch 7 - 9 years

Veteran Bitch 9 - 11 years

Veteran Bitch 11 years and older

Brood Bitch

Junior Showmanship

Major Trophy:

Best Junior Handler

Classes:

Novice Junior

Novice Senior

Open Junior

Open Senior

Obedience

Obedience Trophies - (2 major trophies, 24 class placement trophies, 28 non-regular class trophies)

Obedience trophies should be the same as the conformation trophies. All obedience competitors who earn qualifying scores must receive a green qualifying ribbon or rosette.

Major Trophies:

High Scoring Dog in Trial - offered by BMDCA board of directors

High Combined Scoring Dog in Open and Utility

Classes:

Novice A

Novice B

Open A

Open B

Utility A

Utility B

Non-Regular Classes

Graduate Novice

Veterans

Brace

Team (4 trophies per placement)

Sweepstakes Trophies

(3 major trophies, 32 class trophies)

All sweepstakes placements also receive a portion of the entry fees.

Prize money is distributed as such: 25% of total entry fee retained for Club Expenses, 5% to Best in Sweepstakes, 5% to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, 5% to Best Junior in Sweepstakes. The remaining 60% to be divided as follows:

	If 4 or more in class	3 in class	2 in class	1 in class
1st Place	40%	50%	60%	100%
2nd Place	30%	30%	40%	
3rd Place	20%	20%		
4th Place	10%			

Major Trophies:

Best in Sweepstakes

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes

Best Junior in Sweepstakes

Classes:

DOG

Puppy Dog 6 - 9 months

Puppy Dog 9 - 12 months

Junior Dog 12-15-months

Junior Dog 15-18 months

BITCH

Puppy Bitch 6 - 9 months

Puppy Bitch 9 - 12 months

Junior Bitch 12-15 months

Junior Bitch 15-18 months

Veterans Sweepstakes Trophies

(2 major trophies, 24 class trophies)

All Veterans Sweepstakes placements also receive a portion of the entry fees.

Prize money will be distributed in the same manner as puppy sweepstakes.

Major Trophies:

Best in Veterans Sweepstakes

Best of Opposite Sex in Veterans Sweepstakes

Classes:

DOG

Veteran Dog 7 - 9 years

Veteran Dog 9-11 years

Veteran Dog 11 & over

BITCH

Veteran Bitch 7 - 9 years

Veteran Bitch 9 - 11 years

Veteran Bitch 11 & over

Futurity Trophies

(2 major trophies, 32 class trophies)

Futurity placements also receive a portion of the nomination and entry fees. Prize money is distributed as such: 25% of total nomination fees will be retained for Club Expenses. The remaining 75% to be divided as follows:

Owner of Best in Futurity..... 10%

Breeder of Best in Futurity.....20%

Owner of Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.....5%

Breeder of Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.....5%

The remaining 60% will be divided among the classes in proportion to the entry and will be divided as follows:

	If 4 or more in class	3 in class	2 in class	1 in class
1st Place	40%	50%	60%	100%
2nd Place	30%	30%	40%	
3rd Place	20%	20%		
4th Place	10%			

Major Trophies:

Best in Futurity

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity

Classes:

DOG

Puppy Dog 6 - 9 months

Puppy Dog 9 - 12 months

Junior Dog 12 - 15 months

Junior Dog 15 - 18 months

BITCH

Puppy Bitch 6 - 9 months

Puppy Bitch 9 - 12 months

Junior Bitch 12 - 15 months

Junior Bitch 15 - 18 months

Tracking, Draft and Agility Trophies

Trophies should be awarded to all dogs with passing performances.