

**TTCA Breeder's Showcase "Futurity" Rules
applying to Litters and Individual Dogs Whelped On or After January 1, 2016**

I. EXPLANATION OF EVENT

The annual Breeder's Showcase Futurity Program (**hereafter referred to as "Futurity" or "Futurity Stakes"**) sponsored by the TTCA, encourages and rewards the planning, breeding and presentation of those Tibetan Terriers that best exemplify the Standard of the breed. These Futurity dogs and bitches represent the future hope and foundation of many breeding programs. The Futurity Stakes is weighted in favor of the Breeder, who is the one that chooses the sire, raises and nominates the litter, and receives recognition and awards.

II. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Correct and timely nominations of a litter or an individual dog are required for eligibility. Nomination forms may be obtained and submitted electronically through the TTCA website or by contacting the TTCA Futurity Chair.

B. The Futurity Stakes will be held in conjunction with the National Specialty. An eligible dog may be entered only once in its lifetime. Dogs must be handled by the entry's Breeder, Owner, a member of their immediate household, or an amateur substitute - defined as a person who has not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler or employed as an assistant to a professional handler.

C. Nomination fees and entry fees become the monetary prizes for winning dogs.

III. THE NOMINATION PROCESS

A. Eligibility for Litters and Individual Dogs whelped on or after January 1, 2016:

The Futurity program is open only to Breeders who are members in good standing of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America. Breeders must remain in good standing throughout the Futurity process or their nomination(s) and Futurity Stakes eligibility will be forfeited. The Breeder acknowledges compliance with the TTCA Guidelines for Responsible Breeders at the time of nomination.

B. **Nomination of a Litter** must be made within 4 months of whelping by a Breeder (dam Owner) who is a member in good standing of the TTCA at the time of breeding and whelping of the litter, as well as at the time of nomination. The litter nomination form is available on the TTCA website and is submitted electronically. Submission must be completed no later than 11:59 PM (nominator's local time) of the day prior to the litter reaching 4 months of age. It is the responsibility of the nominating Breeder to contact the Futurity Chair if the nomination confirmation has not been received within 14 days.

C. **Nomination of an Individual Dog:** An individual dog from a litter whelped on or after January 1, 2016 **NOT** nominated in the above manner may be nominated after the age of 4 months by the TTCA Member-Breeder or an Owner. To allow sufficient time for TTCA processing and the nominator's receipt of a Futurity Stakes Certificate Number prior to making an entry in any Futurity Stakes event, nomination must be submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to the close of entries for such event. The individual dog nomination form must have the written approval of the TTCA Member-Breeder (dam Owner) of that individual dog, and the litter must have met the Futurity eligibility requirements at the time of breeding and whelping. It is not necessary for a nominating Owner (if not the Breeder) to be a member or to maintain membership in good standing of the TTCA for determining an individual dog's eligibility. It is the responsibility of the nominating Breeder or Owner to contact the Futurity Chair if the nomination confirmation has not been received within 14 days.

D. **Acceptance of a Litter or Individual Dog Nomination** will be made by the Futurity Chair within 14 days of submission. The decision to accept the litter or individual dog nomination is final. A numbered Futurity Stakes Certificate will be issued by the Futurity Chair and sent to the nominator.

E. **AKC registration:** The AKC (or foreign) litter registration number must be provided on the litter nomination form. The AKC (or foreign) registration number and registered name must be provided on the individual dog nomination form. Foreign registered litters and dogs are eligible to participate in the Futurity Stakes program by following current AKC Rules Applying To Dog Shows.

F. Fees:

(i) **Litter Nomination Fee is \$35.00.**

(ii) **Individual Dog Nomination Fee (from a litter not nominated) is \$50.00.**

(iii) There will be no refunds of Nomination Fees unless the nomination is not accepted under the Futurity Stakes rules.

G. **Lapsing of Dues:** Any member who, having nominated a litter or approved an individual dog nomination, fails to remain a member in good standing of the TTCA, by lapsing of dues or by suspension or expulsion, and who has not been reinstated 30 days prior to the Futurity Stakes event shall lose all eligibility rights to participate in the Futurity Stakes during the lapsed period.

IV. FUTURITY STAKES ENTRY:

- A. Dogs are eligible to compete in any Futurity Stakes held on or after the date they reach six months of age.
- B. The dog must be entered and compete in one of the Regular Classes or Non-Regular Conformation Classes at that year's TTCA National Specialty.
- C. The Futurity Stakes entry must be indicated as an additional class in the appropriate space provided on the entry form. Fee, as listed in the Show Premium, must be paid to the Show Superintendent or Secretary.
- D. No refunds will be made in the event of default by the person making the entries.
- E. The Futurity Chair will work directly with the Specialty Superintendent or Secretary to address any questions of eligibility and/or entered classes.

V. CLASS DIVISION & SEQUENCE OF JUDGING:

- A. All Futurity classes will be divided by sex and judged in the following order:

Puppy Dogs: 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-15 months

Puppy Bitches: 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-15 months

The first place dog/bitch in each class will compete for Best Futurity Puppy

Junior Dogs: 15-18 months, 18-24 months

Junior Bitches: 15-18 months, 18-24 months

The first place dog/bitch in each class will compete for Best Futurity Junior

Adult Dogs: 24-48 months, 48 months & over

Adult Bitches: 24-48 months, 48 months & over

The first place dog/bitch in each class will compete for Best Futurity Adult

- B. The Best Puppy, Best Junior, and Best Adult will compete for Grand Futurity Winner.

VI. DIVISION OF MONIES:

A. All nomination fees shall be pooled in the TTCA Futurity Fund account. The prize monies to be awarded from nomination fees shall be the average of the 3 most recent TTCA Futurity program years. Entry fees paid to the Show Superintendent or Secretary will comprise additional prize monies to become the total annual Futurity Stakes award money for that year.

- B. All Nomination Prize monies are divided as follows:

40% Grand Futurity Winner

60% Divided equally among Best Adult, Best Junior and Best Puppy

All monetary prizes are awarded from the TTCA Treasurer to the TTCA Member-Breeder nominating the litter or individual dog, either at the event or by mail, to distribute among all Breeders and/or Owners at their discretion.

- C. Entry Fees, paid to the Show Superintendent, will comprise additional prize monies after 30% is retained by the TTCA for related expenses. The remaining 70% will be distributed by the Superintendent as follows:

5% Grand Futurity Winner

5% Best Futurity Adult

5% Best Futurity Junior

5% Best Futurity Puppy

5% Rosettes and Ribbons

75% divided into each of the classes and distributed by the Superintendent as follows:

40% to First Placements

30% to Second Placements

20% to Third Placements

10% to Fourth Placements

D. Any unclaimed prize monies will be rolled over into the next year's Futurity Stakes prize monies. All undistributed awards are the property of the TTCA.

VII. AWARDS, TROPHIES AND RIBBONS:

- A. The TTCA will offer a rosette and a commemorative to the TTCA Member-Breeder of the Grand Futurity Winner.
- B. The TTCA will offer a rosette and a commemorative to the TTCA Member-Breeder of the Winners of the Best Puppy in Futurity, Best Junior in Futurity, and Best Adult in Futurity.
- C. Trophy solicitations for the Futurity Stakes shall be the responsibility of the National Show Committee. Other trophies and rosettes may be awarded at their discretion.
- D. Nominating Breeders and Owners may make a donation to the current year's Specialty Futurity Stakes Trophy Fund on the litter or individual dog nomination form.
- E. The TTCA Board may approve specific Futurity Incentive Programs to encourage health screenings and health data collection of Tibetan Terriers. These prizes shall be awarded to the Owners of the eligible Sires and the TTCA Member-Breeders of the eligible Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best Adult winners.
- F. All reasonable efforts will be made to deliver prize money and awards to the TTCA Member-Breeders of the winners, but the TTCA, Futurity Chair, and host club assume no responsibility to assure such.

VIII. FUTURITY STAKES JUDGES

- A. **Nomination of a Judge** can be done by either of the following methods:
- (i) TTCA Member-Breeders or TTCA Member-Owners complete the optional Judge's nomination section at the time of submitting a Litter or Individual Dog Nomination Form. Each TTCA Member-Breeder or Member-Owner may nominate one Judge per calendar year, even if that TTCA Member submits multiple nominations.
 - (ii) A Judge may be nominated by three TTCA members using the Futurity Nomination Form supplied by the TTCA corresponding secretary or downloaded from the TTCA website.
- B. **Eligibility of a Judge:** The Judge must be in good standing with the AKC, and if a member, of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America. He or she must have at least a 10 year knowledge of the AKC Tibetan Terrier Breed Standard. The Futurity Judge shall not have judged the Futurity Stakes within the past three years.
- C. **Selection of a Judge:** A list of Judges who have accepted TTCA Member-Breeders' and Member-Owners' nominations in the most recent 12 months will be compiled by the Futurity Stakes Chair. The initial voting ballot, with instructions, will be disseminated to all TTCA Member-Breeders and Member-Owners who have made Futurity Stakes nominations in the past 3 years. Those members will vote for their top 2 choices in order. The 3 Judges with the highest number of votes via the nomination forms and all Judges nominated by 3 members of the TTCA membership will go on to a written ballot vote of the General Membership, and be elected by the highest number of votes. The candidate who is second in the balloting shall be designated Alternate Judge, should the first nominee be unable to judge. All voting must be completed by one year prior to the year of the National Specialty Futurity Stakes judging assignment. All candidates will be notified of the election results in writing.
- D. **Judge's Responsibilities:** The Judge must sign a contract to include that he or she will abide by the current AKC Guidelines for Judges, in particular with respect to a Multi-day Specialty and ineligibility to own or exhibit entries. All expenses incurred by the Judge to fulfill the assignment are the responsibility of the Judge.

The Futurity Chair will communicate to the Judge in writing that it is with great trust that the TTCA Members chose a Judge with the ability to measure the success of their breeding programs. The Judge is requested to give equal consideration to each of the classes regardless of age or sex. In particular, the more youthful entries should not be penalized as long as their immaturity is appropriate for their developmental age. The emphasis on the selection of a superior specimen should overshadow how well any entry is shown or handled.

A copy of the TTCA "Illustrated Guide to the Tibetan Terrier" Breed Standard will be provided to the Judge at the time of election.

The Judge will be asked to speak at the annual banquet and to provide comments about the entries.