

REGIONAL SPECIALTY GUIDELINES

1.0 **PURPOSE:** It is the policy of the TTCA to authorize three Regional Specialties in different geographic regions in the United States. Additional Regional Specialties may be authorized in the discretion of the TTCA Board of Directors. These Guidelines set forth the rules to be complied with in putting on a Regional Specialty. All applicable motions of the TTCA Board of Directors up to the time of promulgating these guidelines relating to Regional Specialties are included in the Appendix.

2.0 **OBTAINING PERMISSION TO HOST A REGIONAL SPECIALTY:** An application to host a Regional Specialty may be made by a local Tibetan Terrier club or independently by one or more TTCA members. The Regional must be held in conjunction with an All Breed Show or Group Club Show and may be held indoors or outdoors. The application shall be submitted to the National Show Advisor and shall include information concerning the proposed date, the location, the Club and Show with which the Regional Specialty shall be held in conjunction, and the names of the principal persons who will be responsible for coordinating the Specialty. Upon approval by the National Show Advisor the application to hold the Regional Specialty shall then be submitted to the TTCA Board of Directors for their approval. The Corresponding Secretary of the TTCA Board shall notify the applicant when the Board has approved the Specialty.

3.0 **APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIR:** The Regional Show Chair must be a member in good standing of the TTCA. The Show Chair shall be responsible for making the arrangements for the Specialty. If possible the Show Chair shall establish a Committee to assist in putting on the Specialty. A Trophy Chair should be appointed to be in charge of selecting, purchasing and soliciting contributions for trophies.

4.0 **AKC APPLICATION:** The Regional Show Chair shall be responsible for completing and submitting the AKC application to hold the Specialty, which application shall be signed by an officer of the TTCA. The filing fee shall be paid by the TTCA Treasurer. The National Show Advisor shall be available to assist the Regional Show Chair in completing the AKC forms.

5.0 **JUDGING:** The Regional Show Chair should arrange with the All-Breed or Group Club for the appointment of a Judge on their panel so that the TTCA is not responsible for judges fees and expenses. In selecting a Judge the Regional Show Chair should make sure that the same judge who has judged a National or Regional Specialty within the past three years is not selected. The Regional Chair shall select a Sweepstakes Judge who shall serve without fee and shall pay their own expenses.

6.0 **OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOST CLUB:** The Regional Show Chair should make arrangements, if possible, with the All-Breed (or Group) Club for a reserved grooming area to be used by Regional Specialty participants. A judging time

most convenient for the Regional Specialty can also usually be accommodated. It may also be possible to obtain additional benefits from the host Club such as a cash remittance per dog entered and in some cases Rosettes for Winners or Reserve Winners.

7.0 **HOTELROOM BLOCK:** The Regional Show Chair shall arrange for the reservation of a block of rooms at a local dog friendly hotel. Normally ten rooms are sufficient and the unused portion block should be cancelled without charge in accordance with the hotel policy in advance of the event if reservations have not been made by participants. The Regional Show Chair should also be prepared to suggest other hotels available in the area.

8.0 **SWEEPSTAKES:** Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes should be offered as events subject to the same rules and the same cash distribution allocations as are in force for the National Specialty. The Regional Show Chair shall make sure that the terms applicable to Sweepstakes are properly published in the Premium List in which the Specialty is listed.

9.0 **TROPHIES:** Trophies should be awarded at a minimum for Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and 1st in each regular class. In Sweepstakes, trophies should be awarded for Best in Sweeps, Best of Opposite Sex, Best in Veteran Sweeps and Best of Opposite Sex. All trophies and all donors must be listed in the Premium List.

10.0 **OTHER ACTIVITIES:** It shall be in the discretion of the Regional Show Chair as to whether to hold a luncheon or dinner in conjunction with the Specialty. If the Regional Show Committee wishes to do so, it may support an entry at the All-Breed Show on a day following or before the Regional Specialty. In that event no AKC application or paperwork is required unless Sweepstakes will be held as an event along with the supported entry.

11.0 **FINANCING THE REGIONAL SPECIALTY:** The Regional Specialty must be self-supporting and without contribution from the TTCA. The Regional Show Committee shall be responsible for all fund raising by means of contributions or other activities such as raffles. All monies so raised should be used to cover the expenses of the Regional Specialty. In the event there is a profit over and above expenses those funds shall be used for the benefit of Tibetan Terriers.