

## **THE SOUTH AFRICAN BULL TERRIER CLUB RECOGNITION OF MERIT AWARD [ROM AWARD]**

The South African Bull Terrier Club has instituted and manages a **Recognition of Merit award (ROM)** for Bull Terriers shown in the area of jurisdiction of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA). The award is primarily intended for Bull Terriers that have achieved Champion status, but any Bull Terrier at an ROM event may accumulate points toward the award.

### **Definitions:**

**Recognition of Merit (ROM) Award** - An award presented for Bull Terriers by the South African Bull Terrier Club.

**Approved ROM Judge/s** - KUSA qualified Championship Show judges approved by the SABTC to award ROM points.

**ROM Event/s** - KUSA Championship shows held within the KUSA area of jurisdiction and recognised by the SABTC as an ROM event.

**ROM points** - The number of points earned by a Bull Terrier winning Best of Breed at an ROM event.

**ROM Certificate/s** - Certificates awarded to Bull Terriers in recognition of their accumulation of the required minimum number of twelve (12) ROM points.

### **ROM Objectives:**

The primary objective is to have a highly valued award that significantly distinguishes the merits of a Bull Terrier beyond that of achieving Champion status and to serve as an example for all to strive for. At no time should the ROM award become a competition whereby the achievement of ROM status is no more difficult than achieving KUSA Champion status.

Other important objectives include:

1. Encouraging owners to actively exhibit their Bull Terriers beyond the point of achieving KUSA Championship status.
2. Encouraging owners to travel to shows outside of their regions to compete.
3. Maintaining and growing the value of the Bull Terrier Best of Breed (BOB) at shows by having more Champions compete for this award.
4. Providing newcomers to the breed, learner judges and breeders countrywide with the opportunity to see quality specimens of the breed compete against each other under experienced Bull Terrier judges.
5. Providing recognition to both breeders and exhibitors for their efforts.
6. Encouraging the breeding and showing of top quality Bull Terriers.

#### **ROM Award Management:**

The ROM Award system will be managed by the SABTC committee in accordance with this document and any future amendments thereto. A committee member will be appointed to oversee the management of the ROM Award system and regularly report thereon to committee meetings. Management duties include the following:

1. All South African judges that qualify to judge the **SABTC's SOUTHERN AFRICAN MAJOR TROPHY SHOW (MTS)** qualify to award ROM points.
2. All foreign judges eligible to award ROM points in their own countries or are recognised by the SABTC Committee as senior enough and sufficiently specialised to award challenge certificates at Bull Terrier specialist shows in their own countries, are eligible to award ROM points in South Africa.
3. The ROM judges at Championship shows for an ensuing calendar year will be published on the SABTC Website before the end of January of that year as an addendum to the Major Trophy Show Qualifiers List .

4. An ROM register will be kept and maintained by the SABTC as an extension of the MTS Qualifiers list and will contain the following information:
  - ROM appointed judges for a specific year.
  - ROM events for a specific year.
  - The number of Champions shown at an ROM event.
  - The number of ROM points accumulated by a BOB winner at a specific show.
  - The pedigree name of the BOB Bull Terrier at each Championship show.
  - A list of all ROM points winners and their accumulated points.
  - A list of all dogs and bitches that have achieved ROM status.
5. Certificates with a unique number and a medal will be presented to owners of ROM Award achievers at an SABTC Annual General Meeting (AGM) or any other appropriate event determined by the SABTC committee. If an owner cannot attend the ROM award ceremony the ROM certificate and medal will be delivered to such person by other means.

The register will serve as a permanent record of the management of the ROM system. All entries into the register will be verified by the SABTC Committee at its regular meetings.

The ROM Certificate will at least contain the following information:

Title: Recognition of Merit Award.

Awarded to: Pedigree name of Bull Terrier. KUSA registration number.

Sex: Dog or bitch.

ROM number: Unique certificate number.

Date of Birth: Sire: Dam: Breeder: Owner:

Signature of Club Chairman:

Signature of Club Secretary:

The SABTC will contact all the owners of Bull Terriers to receive the ROM Award at least seven (7) days prior to the Award ceremony. Breeders of ROM winners will receive a duplicate of the ROM Award clearly marked Breeders Certificate. Certificates and medals will be awarded after a Bull Terrier has earned its twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) point in the year preceding the SABTC Annual General Meeting. Once a Bull Terrier has earned its 12<sup>th</sup> ROM point and this has been confirmed by the SABTC in writing to its owner, the owner may use, publish, advertise and communicate the ROM status of the dog.

### **ROM Award Certification:**

A Bull Terrier will be required to accumulate a minimum of twelve (12) ROM points in order to qualify for the ROM Award. There is no age restriction to the earning of ROM points, but a minimum of seven (7) points must be accumulated by a Bull Terrier being shown in the Champions class at Championship shows provided the event is an SABTC approved ROM event with an SABTC recognised ROM judge. ROM points may be accumulated more than once under the same approved ROM judge.

### **Points are awarded on the following basis:**

1. One point accumulated for the BOB award at an ROM show.
2. One point awarded for every champion dog or bitch beaten by the Best of Breed winner at an ROM show.
3. At least seven (7) points to be accumulated from the Champions class.

In order to maintain the value of the ROM award the degree of difficulty should be such that not more than 10% to 25% of Champions qualify for this prestigious award.

### **Amendments to the ROM Award system:**

The SABTC Committee will fully manage the system and revise it as regularly as necessary at Committee meetings, with the proviso that members may propose motions in the normal manner at SABTC AGM's to call for changes first requested in writing from, but turned down by the Committee.

**Compiled by Wynand Lourens, approved by the SABTC Committee and effective, May 2011.**

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