

AKC SUPREME BREEDERS CLUB

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the AKC Supreme Breeders Club? When does the program start?

A: The AKC Supreme Breeders Club is a cash incentive program for breeders, sire owners, and pup owners that awards for titles earned in AKC Coonhound Nite Hunt competition. Enrollments for the AKC SBC will begin August 2008. The first competition year shall begin January 1, 2009 and AKC shall send the first round of awards to program participants by April 1, 2010.

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the AKC Supreme Breeders Club program?

A: Any breeder of an AKC registered or FSS recorded coonhound litter, all owners of AKC registered or FSS recorded pups that are litter enrolled in the AKC Supreme Breeders Club, and owners of AKC registered and FSS recorded sires of pups enrolled in the AKC Supreme Breeders Club.

Q: What are the basic requirements for participation?

A: The sire and dam of the litter must be AKC registered or FSS recorded and enrolled pups must be registered or recorded with AKC. The breeder (owner of the dam) enrolls the litter in the AKC Supreme Breeders Club. The pup owner enrolls the pup from the enrolled litter to complete the eligibility requirement. The sire owner may participate by enrolling his/her sire(s) to receive Annual Title Awards from all enrolled pups born during an enrollment year. To qualify for Annual Title Awards received by enrolled pups born in future years, sires must be enrolled annually. Sire owners will only receive title awards for enrolled pups born during enrollment year(s).

Q: What are the required fees for participation?

A: At program start, the AKC Supreme Breeders Club will follow a special introductory fee schedule as indicated on the enrollment forms. Future enrollment fees and deadlines for litters and pups will be based on date of birth. Future annual enrollment fees and deadlines for sires will be based on a calendar year schedule.

Q: How will awards be determined?

A: The Annual Title Award is determined by the SBC Program Fund, the number of Nite Hunt titles earned by enrolled pups, the number of enrolled litters, and the number of enrolled sires, for that competition year. Owners of enrolled pups will receive the calculated Annual Title Award for each title earned during the competition year. Breeders will receive awards equal to 20% of the Annual Title Award and sire owners (if enrolled) will receive awards equal to 10% of the Annual Title Award. For example, if in a given year the Annual Title Award is calculated to be \$300, then a pup owner shall receive \$300 per Nite Hunt title earned, the sire owner (if enrolled) shall receive \$30 per Nite Hunt title earned by pup, and the breeder shall receive \$60 per Nite Hunt title earned by enrolled pup.

Q: Must the dam of the litter be bred to a participating sire?

A: No. The breeder may choose any sire he/she wishes so long as it is AKC registered or FSS recorded. Registration may be submitted when the litter is enrolled. The breeder's award is not affected by whether or not the sire is enrolled.

Q: What awards are owners of enrolled sires eligible to receive?

A: Owners of enrolled sires are eligible to receive awards based on the future Annual Title Awards received by enrolled pups sired by that dog in the year for which the sire enrollment fee was paid. For example, a sire enrolled in 2009 is eligible to collect awards on his enrolled pups born in 2009, regardless of what year the pups actually earn Nite Hunt titles.

Q: Can co-owners/co-breeders or individuals enroll litters, sires or pups?

A: Yes, however, awards will be sent to the AKC recorded first-listed owner on the dog registration certificate (pup/sire) or litter record on December 1 of the competition year.

OFFICIAL RULES

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The AKC Supreme Breeders Club is designed to preserve and promote the working heritage of coonhounds by encouraging breeders to produce quality coonhound litters and puppies.

PROGRAM DEFINITION

The AKC Supreme Breeders Club is a futurity based program that requires both the litter and pup to enroll in order to receive awards for AKC Nite Hunt titles (CNC – Nite Champion, CGN – Grand Nite Champion, CSGN – Supreme Grand Nite Champion) earned during a pup's lifetime. Sire enrollment is optional and enrollment is granted annually so that sire owners receive awards based on AKC Nite Hunt titles earned by sired enrolled pups born during the year of sire's enrollment.

PROGRAM AWARDS

Of the Supreme Breeders Club enrollment fees (litter, puppy, and sire) collected in a given year, 10% shall be kept by AKC for administrative expenses. The remaining portion shall form the "SBC Program Fund," to be awarded to enrolled pup owners, breeders, and sire owners. Awards shall be determined by the "Annual Title Award" - the annually calculated cash amount to be awarded per AKC Nite Hunt title earned by enrolled pups during the "Competition Year." "Competition Year" shall be defined as the AKC Nite Hunt competitions occurring from January 1 through December 31. AKC shall not award for titles earned prior to enrollment year.

The "Annual Title Award" shall be determined by the size of the "SBC Program Fund", the number of AKC Nite Hunt titles earned by enrolled pups, the number of enrolled litters, and the number of enrolled sires. Owners of enrolled pups will receive the calculated "Annual Title Award" for each title earned during the "Competition Year." Breeders will receive an amount equal to 20% of the "Annual Title Award" and sire owners (if enrolled) will receive an amount equal to 10% of the "Annual Title Award."

For example, if in a given year the "Annual Title Award" is calculated to be worth \$300, then the pup owner will receive \$300, the sire owner (if enrolled) will receive \$30, and the breeder will receive \$60. Award amounts in a given year are not guaranteed and the actual calculated "Annual Title Awards" will not be announced until after the "Competition Year" is over. Awards will be sent out by April 1 of the year following the "Competition Year."

The first "Competition Year" to receive awards will be 2009. AKC shall not award for titles earned prior to the 2009 "Competition Year."

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

The following eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for program participation:

Litter Enrollment

For lifetime litter enrollment eligibility in the AKC Supreme Breeders Club, the litter must be:

- Any Coonhound litter registered or recorded with AKC (FSS or AKC)
- Enrolled by the applicable deadline (based on the date litter was born)

During the Introductory Enrollment Period, August 15, 2008 - December 31, 2009, AKC will lift litter and pup enrollment deadlines and will allow litters born in 2007 and 2008 to participate.

An owner, co-owner, or individual may enroll a litter into the AKC Supreme Breeders Club by paying a one-time SBC litter enrollment fee. Enrollees shall complete the Litter/Pup SBC Enrollment Form to enroll the litter and are not required to enroll at the time of registration. If the litter is not enrolled, the individual pups will not be eligible to compete for "Annual Title Awards."

Pup Enrollment

For lifetime pup enrollment eligibility in the AKC Supreme Breeders Club, the pup must be:

- Any Coonhound registered or recorded with AKC (FSS or AKC)
- Part of an AKC registered or FSS recorded litter that was litter enrolled by the applicable deadline
- Individually enrolled on or before the applicable deadline.

During the Introductory Enrollment Period, August 15, 2008 - December 31, 2009, AKC will lift litter and pup enrollment deadlines and will allow pups born in 2007 and 2008 to participate.

An owner, co-owner or individual may enroll an eligible pup by paying the lifetime SBC pup enrollment fee. Enrollees shall complete the Litter/Pup SBC Enrollment Form to enroll the pup and are not required to enroll at the time of registration.

Sire Enrollment

For eligibility to participate in the AKC Supreme Breeders Club during the designated "Competition Year" (January 1 through December 31), sires must be:

- Any male Coonhound registered/recorded with AKC (FSS or AKC)
- Enrolled by the applicable deadline for eligibility to receive awards from sired litters born in that "Competition Year"

Sire enrollment entitles sire owner to an amount equal 10% of the "Annual Title Award" received by sired enrolled pups born in the year of enrollment. Sire enrollment must be renewed for eligibility to receive awards for pups born in subsequent years.

For artificially inseminated litters by fresh or chilled/extended semen, the sire owner is determined as the sire owner recorded on the applicable Artificial Insemination Litter Application. For artificially inseminated litters using frozen semen, the sire owner is the owner of the semen on the date of insemination as recorded on the Application to Register a Litter Resulting from Artificial Insemination Using Frozen Semen.

DNA AUDIT

As parentage is related to monetary awards, AKC will utilize random DNA testing to help ensure the integrity of the program. AKC will randomly select one enrolled pup on a monthly basis for 11 months out of the year (Jan - Nov). The pup, its dam, and its sire will be DNA tested at AKC's expense. Program participants are responsible for complying with DNA audits. DNA samples submitted for SBC audits may be used to cover Frequently Used Sire (FUS) DNA requirements. The AKC FUS requirement states that a DNA profile must be on file for a sire that produces seven or more litters in his lifetime or more than three litters in a calendar year.

Any individual who files a parentage complaint with the AKC to challenge the recorded sire and dam of an enrolled Supreme Pup must pay \$500. This challenge fee will be used to cover the AKC's investigative and DNA costs to resolve any issues. If the complaint is valid, the challenge fee will be refunded.

FEES & DEADLINES

ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE. All check and money order payments must be made payable to the American Kennel Club and must be in U.S. funds. AKC reserves the right to deny SBC enrollments submitted with fees less than the amount designated by the AKC Supreme Breeders Club fee schedule. Enrollees who submit enrollments with insufficient payment shall be notified by AKC and given 15 business days to remit the balance due. For payments remitted within 15 business days, enrollment shall be granted. For those that do not comply, AKC will reject enrollment and retain enrollment fees. At program start, fees will follow a flat fee schedule. Starting in 2010, the payment schedule will be set so that fees will be contingent on enrollment submission date.

Deadlines are based upon the date that enrollment forms and payments are received and processed by AKC.

OWNERSHIP & AWARD DISTRIBUTION

Enrollments submitted by interested individuals, owners, co-owners, breeders and co-breeders may be accepted. However, AKC will send awards to the first-listed owner on the pup's, sire's or litter's AKC registration certificate or AKC litter record on file with AKC as of December 1 of the "Competition Year." If a pup or sire is transferred, the award will follow the chain of AKC registration or FSS enrollment, with the exception of awards to sires of artificially inseminated litters using frozen semen, for which AKC will send awards to the first-listed owner of the semen on the date of insemination as recorded on the Application to Register a Litter Resulting from Artificial Insemination Using Frozen Semen.

Award amounts shall be announced by February 1 the year following the "Competition Year." AKC shall send awards by April 1 the year following the "Competition Year." Per IRS regulations, AKC requires social security numbers for individuals who receive more than \$600 in a single calendar year to report the total cash equivalent value of awards made to the recipient on IRS Form 1099.

REFERRALS OR SUSPENSIONS

If an owner or co-owner of an AKC-registered or recorded Coonhound or Coonhound litter is on referral or suspended by the AKC, he/she shall be ineligible to receive awards with the AKC Supreme Breeders Club for the entire referral or suspension period. Each referral will be handled and investigated on a case by case basis. For ineligible participants, all awards and enrollment fees received by pup, sire, and litter during a "Competition Year" shall be forfeited.

INTRODUCTORY ENROLLMENT PERIOD

At program start, AKC will provide a special enrollment period that will temporarily lift enrollment deadlines and charge a flat fee for enrollments. Introductory enrollment period: August 15, 2008 - December 31, 2009.

PROGRAM CHANGES AND TERMINATION

AKC reserves the right in its sole discretion to change program rules and awards at any time without notice. AKC reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate the SBC program with a six month notice to program participants. Void where prohibited by law. All interpretations of these rules shall be determined by the AKC in its sole discretion.

