

BARRC OWNER HANDLER AWARD PROGRAM
(Revised April 2017)

Purpose

1. To encourage members of BARRC who are owners/handlers to participate, with their own Rhodesian Ridgebacks, in various events and activities such as: conformation, obedience, rally, lure coursing, agility, therapy dog, tracking, barn hunt, herding, canine good citizen, fundraiser activities, and BARRC events.
2. To foster sportsmanship among those handling their dogs in various events and activities.
3. To unite the owner/handlers of BARRC and help foster new friendships and a sense of community.

Guidelines for Participation

- A. To qualify and enroll in the program, each owner/handler must:
 - a. Be a member of BARRC
 - b. Register with the Program Coordinator (see page 3 for registration information)
 - c. Pay the registration fee of \$5 per year (this includes one person and one dog).
Additional fee of \$5 for each additional dog enrolled under the same owner.

- B. Earning Points:
 - a. A handler may only submit points for dogs they own/co-own and handle.
 - b. Participants may earn points in (3) categories: Conformation, Performance & Companion Dog.
 - Conformation: This category will consist of approved American Kennel Club (AKC) Conformation events. (See *points schedule* for points tabulation)
 - Performance: This category will consist of approved American Kennel Club (AKC), American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA), Large Gazehound Racing Association (LGRA) and National Oval Track Racing Association (NOTRA) events: obedience, rally, lure coursing, straight racing, oval track racing, agility, tracking, barn hunt and herding. (See *points schedule* for points tabulation)
 - Companion Dog: Points can be earned three ways for the Companion Dog category. (See *points schedule* for points tabulation)
 1. By competing in the following approved American Kennel Club (AKC) events: therapy dog, Canine Good Citizen (CGC).
 2. Attending or volunteering at BARRC events that include RR participation. These can be found on the club calendar at: www.barrc.org. These events include but are not limited to: BARRC tracking and agility practice, BARRC conformation match, BARRC Fun Day, BARRC sponsored hikes, BARRC Holiday Party, etc.
 3. Completing fundraiser activities such as: dog friendly 5K races or dog friendly non-profit events. Submit event name with points submission and a photo of you and your RR at the event. If permitted by owner, BARRC would like to use these photos in a newsletter or on the website to inspire others to get out with their RRs.
 - c. Only one dog per day per event/activity may be used to earn points by any one person. If an owner exhibits (use of the word “exhibits” incorporates all events and activities described within this program) more than one dog of his/her ownership in each event/activity, the dog accumulating the most number of points for the day will be counted. (A different dog may be used for a different event/activity on that day.)

- C. Submitting points:
 - a. It is the responsibility of the participant to submit accurate information of points earned to the Program Coordinator. Information to be included shall be the owner/handler’s name, name of

the dog, name of the club sponsoring the event, date of event, type of event, placement of dog, and number of BARRC Owner Handler points awarded. Results may be submitted to the Program Coordinator by email, or via regular mail. (Form on page 8 may be used to submit points.)

- b. AKC, ASFA, LGRA and NOTRA points will be verified by the AKC Awards Book, official catalog results posted on Superintendent's web site, or other official publication used by an organization to publish event results. Program Coordinator will provide a monthly summary of participant standings for posting on the BARRC web site. **Please understand that giving misinformation resulting in invalid points earning is an ethical violation of this owner/handler awards program. We trust that the participants will be truthful and honest in respects to this program.**
 - c. The Program Coordinator must receive points submissions on a quarterly basis at a minimum, preferably monthly. First quarter points should be submitted by April 15th, second quarter by July 15th, third quarter by October 15th and fourth quarter by November 15th with a final points submission no later than November 30th of the qualifying year. Points submitted after the cutoff dates will not be counted. Points will accumulate from the program start date through November 30 of each calendar year.
 - d. In AKC approved events, points will be awarded per AKC rules. In conformation, a dog must defeat another dog to earn points. In Obedience, Rally, Tracking and Agility points may be earned for qualifying scores. See *Points Schedule* for clarification. (Conformation example – If a dog has no competition in its class, no points are awarded for First Place. If that same dog defeats another dog for Winners, it is then awarded Winners points. If the dog wins Second Place, but then wins Reserve Winners over another dog, Reserve points are awarded.)
- D. Sportsmanship. Participants will abide by the following rules:
- a. I will not belittle any exhibitor or dog at or near ringside.
 - b. I will not dispute, or in any way refute a Judge's decision at or near ringside.
 - c. I will assist all exhibitors in need, if at all possible.
 - d. I will congratulate the winners and graciously accept the same when I win.

Year End Awards

- A. **High Score in Conformation:** A grand prize will be awarded to the participant who has the highest number of points in AKC approved conformation events.
 - a. **Runner-up in conformation:** A prize will be awarded to the participant who has the second highest number of points in AKC approved conformation event.
- B. **High Score in Performance:** A grand prize will be awarded to the participant who has the highest number of points in AKC/ASFA approved performance events.
 - b. **Runner-up in performance:** A prize will be awarded to the participant who has the second highest number of points in AKC/ASFA approved performance events.
- C. **High Score in Companion Dog:** A grand prize will be awarded to the participant who has the highest number of points in Companion Dog events.
 - c. **Runner-up in companion dog:** A prize will be awarded to the participant who has the second highest number of points in Companion Dog events.