



## HOUSTON DACHSHUND CLUB

### Challenge Trophy Guidelines

Challenge Trophies offered for award at Houston Dachshund Club Specialties after August, 2007 must meet the following guidelines:

- **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ACCEPTABLE OFFERINGS:** Items offered should be pewter, aluminum, stainless steel, bronze or other metal or unbreakable material that does not require polishing. No sterling silver, silver plate, glass, pottery, porcelain, pictures or other similar items will be accepted. It is preferred that any item offered be delivered to the club in secure packaging so that the item may be stored safely without damage.
- **CLUB APPROVAL:** Any new or replacement trophy must receive approval from the Houston Dachshund Club prior to purchase. Anyone wishing to replace or offer a new challenge trophy should contact the club with a description of what they propose to offer along with complete text of any engraved dedication they would like to place on the offering.
- **AKC GUIDELINES:** The AKC prohibits any offering of a Challenge Trophy in the name of a living person or dog. The Houston Dachshund Club will not accept any challenge trophy offering that does not fully comply with all AKC Requirements.
- **BEST OF BREED, BOS TO BOB & BOV:** Offerings for Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, and Best of Variety should be large oval trays or similar items. Trays of approximately 16" x 20" or items such as bowl sets with utensils, large pitchers, casserole/tureen (no glass inserts), bronze sculptures or similar items that are befitting award for a win at this level are acceptable.
- **BOS TO BOV:** BOS to Best of Variety Challenge Trophies should be medium size trays, bowls, pitchers, or serving sets. As an example of size, medium trays may be round or oval and of approximate size 12" x 17".
- **BEST OF WINNERS:** Best of Winners Challenge Trophies may be small trays of approximate size 6" x 13" or other similarly sized items.

- **WINNERS:** Winners Dog or Bitch Challenge Trophies should be small trays, goblets, candlesticks, trivets, figurines or other small items. As example a small tray would be considered 9" square or 7"x10" rectangle.
- **RETIREMENT:** The individual retiring a challenge trophy will be offered first right of refusal for replacement of that trophy. The trophy chairman will send a written request immediately following the show asking if the party retiring the trophy wishes to replace it. If within 90 days after the trophy is retired, the club has not received notification that the retiring party wishes to replace the trophy, the offering will be opened to our club membership for replacement.
- **REDONATION OF TROPHIES:** Any retired trophy that a winner wishes to re-donate to the club must first receive approval from the club, and secondly meet these guidelines. Any retired item that falls outside these guidelines will not be accepted for re-donation.
- **ENGRAVING:** If the individual or group of individuals offering a Challenge Trophy wishes to engrave their dedication on the item that is the sole responsibility of the party offering the trophy. The Houston Dachshund Club will not be responsible for engraving dedications. The Houston Dachshund Club will not engrave winner's names on any trophy.
- **CERTIFICATES OF WIN:** The Houston Dachshund Club will provide each winner a certificate detailing the prior winners of the Challenge Trophy.
- **SURRENDER OF RETIRED TROPHY:** The Houston Dachshund Club will make every effort to have accurate and complete records of the wins recorded against all challenge trophies so that they may be surrendered to anyone retiring them immediately.