

## RECOGNITION OF MERIT (ROM)

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The ROM Award is recognition of the merit of a select group of dogs who can win, at the highest level of competition, under breed specialist judges. The objective of the ROM is to recognise those animals who, given the opportunity, are most likely to contribute in our endeavour to breed better Bull Terriers.

### 2. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

a. A Bull Terrier must obtain seven (7) points to be granted the ROM Certificate. At least one three (3) point award and at least one two (2) point award as defined in rule 2c.1, 2, 3 or 4 are to be included. The other points may be taken from 2.5. Points must be obtained under separate judges.

b. All points must be gained at an event of an affiliated Club. i.e. a club that is registered with a State/Territory Canine Control.

c. Points are allocated as follows:

1. **Bull Terrier Club Championship Shows**

Three (3) points may be awarded to the Challenge Dog/Bitch.

Two (2) points may be awarded to the Reserve Challenge Dog/Bitch.

2. **Bull Terrier Club Open Shows (one per year) (See 3a)**

Three (3) points may be awarded for Best Dog/Bitch.

Two (2) points may be awarded for Reserve Best Dog/Bitch.

3. **Bi-ennial Trophy Shows**

Three (3) points may be awarded for the Ormandy Box winning Dog/Bitch.

Two (2) points may be awarded for the Souperlative Box winning Dog/Bitch.

NB: The best dog/bitch receives a maximum of three (3) points

4. **National Championship Specialty Shows**

Three (3) points may be awarded to the Challenge Dog/Bitch.

Two (2) points may be awarded to the Reserve Challenge Dog/Bitch.

5. **All Breed Shows**

Two (2) points may be awarded to the Challenge Dog/Bitch at an All Breeds Championship Show.

One (1) point may be awarded to the Reserve Challenge Dog/Bitch at an All Breeds Championship Show.

#### Allocation of Points for ROM Award

| Show                    | Award                      | Points |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Bull Terrier Champ Show | Dog/Bitch CC               | 3      |
| Bull Terrier Champ Show | Res Dog/Bitch CC           | 2      |
| Bull Terrier Open Show  | Best Dog/Bitch             | 3      |
| Bull Terrier Open Show  | Res Best Dog/Bitch         | 2      |
| Trophy Show *           | Ormandy Box Dog/Bitch      | 3      |
| Trophy Show             | Souperlative Box Dog/Bitch | 2      |
| National Champ. Show    | Dog/Bitch CC               | 3      |
| National Champ. Show    | Res Dog/Bitch CC           | 2      |
| All Breeds Show         | Dog/Bitch CC               | 2      |
| All Breeds Show         | Res Dog/Bitch CC           | 1      |

\* The best dog/bitch receives a maximum of three (3) points.

d. ROM points may only be awarded by a Bull Terrier Specialist Judge as defined in Part 4 below.

e. In the event of a Bull Terrier Club engaging a Judge other than a Bull Terrier specialist, as defined in Part 4, no ROM points will be allocated to the Show.

f. Open Shows, Field Days, Ribbon Parades and such matches will not be deemed a show unless a formal Show Schedule and approval is officially registered and Sanctioned through the State Governing Body. This is, however, dependent on State/Territory controlling body rules.

g. The ROM award is an in-house award that is not recognised by the ANKC. Therefore the letters ROM must not be included on entry forms or in catalogues. Clubs may wish to acknowledge the award by placing an asterisk against an animals name or placing a list of ROM awarded animals on a separate page in the catalogue.

h. The letters ROM may be used in newsletters behind an animals' name.

### **3. SHOWS**

a. Clubs requiring ROM status for more than one Open Show per year must apply to the NBTC(A) Secretary in writing before advertising the show as a ROM Show.

b. Shows where the judge and show meets the criteria will automatically be considered eligible for awarding ROM points.

c. Bull Terrier Clubs and Judges (All Breeds Shows only) must apply to the Secretary NBTC(A) for the ROM award cards for each show. Also to be included are the:

1. Name of the judge (resume to be included in accordance with Part 4 if necessary).
2. Date of the Show
3. Name of the club organising the show.

d. On receipt of the letter in 3 c. the Secretary will forward the relevant number of ROM award cards. These will be numbered consecutively and the name of the Club, date of show and judges name will be recorded against the card number. If for any reason the numbered cards are not used they are to be returned to the Secretary.

e. Clubs and Judges (All Breeds Shows only) are to supply a marked catalogue to the Secretary NBTC(A) within 7 days of the event.

### **4. JUDGES**

a. Those judges able to award ROM points are as follows:

1. Judges listed on the ROM list (Part 4g.),
2. A specialist listed by The Bull Terrier Club (UK), The Bull Terrier Club of America, or any other National Bull Terrier Club overseas in high standing, and
3. Any judge from overseas who has previously awarded ROM points and meets the criteria in Part 4 f.

b. Clubs wishing to appoint an overseas judge who has not previously awarded ROM points in Australia must send a resume of the judge to the Secretary NBTC(A) to qualify for ROM status for that Show. Overseas judges prior to being awarded ROM status in Australia must be licenced to judge Championship Shows or have at least judged a Bull Terrier Open or Bull Terrier Specialty Show also must have a minimum of 15 years involvement in the breed.

c. At any show eligible for the ROM, the judge will have the discretion to withhold ROM points if in his/her view the Bull Terriers are not of a sufficiently high standard for the award. If ROM points are

withheld, the judge must advise the exhibitor. See also 3 d and e.

d. At ROM approved shows under ROM approved judges, the ROM points are awarded automatically unless the judge informs the exhibitor and the ring steward, prior to the exhibitor leaving the ring, that ROM points are not being awarded.

e. Show Secretaries should post a copy of the ROM Rules to Judges appointed from overseas.

f. Judges listed in 4g.below who are contracted for an all breeds show are to follow the guidelines laid down in 3c, d and e.

g. Criteria for Specialist Judges on the ROM list are as follows:

1. ANKC approved judges who are current breeders with a demonstrable involvement in the breed over a period of not less than ten years.

2. ANKC approved judges who, although not current breeders, have bred or owned Bull Terriers for not less than ten years and retain close association with the breed and have demonstrated an abiding interest and close recent involvement with the breed.

g. Australian ROM Approved Judges:

Mr Paul Berman (NSW)

Mrs Pam Brown (Qld)

Ms Gail Buckley (Vic)

Mrs Margaret Burgoine (NSW)

Mr Stephen Craven (NSW)

Mrs Di Cross (NSW) 4/2/2018

Ms Diane Cuthbert (SA)

Mr W.F. Fitzgerald MBE (NSW)

Mr Les Greenall (Vic)

Mr Paul Haseldine (SA)

Ms Kerry Hellsten (Vic) 29/09/2017

Mr Stan Honnery (WA)

Mr Bernard James (Qld)

Mr Tony Johnson (WA)

Ms Kerry King (SA)

Mrs Bernadette Marshall (Vic) 06/12/2017

Mrs Linda Martin (NSW)

Mr Albert Reading (SA)

Mr Frank Sluga (Vic)

Mrs Gayle Stephenson (Qld)

Mr Lance Stephenson (Vic)

Mrs Moira Stewart (Qld)

Mr Jamie Watkiss (WA)

Mrs Pat Whincop (Qld)

## **5. APPLICATION FOR ROM**

a. After gaining the points as detailed in Part 2 above, the owner is to apply to the Secretary NBTC(A) in writing or by email and include:

1. ROM Award cards (scan or photocopy),

2. A suitable photograph, and

3. Copy or scan of registration certificate.

b. The award status ROM shall not be recognised until the ROM Certificate has been received by the owner.

c. There shall be only one original ROM Certificate for the owner and one for the breeder, copies of the certificate may be purchased by the new owner. The fee is \$25-00 per certificate.