



Hello,

Thank you for your interest in becoming an ADBSI sanctioned club. As per your request, We are very excited to have a club in your area! Your support as a united group will make a difference when BSL comes knocking at your door.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact myself or Kate Greenwood directly at 801-936-7513 (option #3). Email: heather@adba.cc

I look forward to working with you in the future, thank you again

Sincerely,

Heather DeVito

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ADBSI Show Secretary

Responsibility/Rule Regulation Updates and Reminders

- 1- All clubs must be represented at the yearly Convention by either an officer or member of the club. (It is as important for us to receive information from the club, as the club to receive information from us.) Clubs representative is required to provide the club with all information from the Convention: topics that were discussed, any changes in the rules, all paperwork provided to clubs, plans for the future, etc. Make sure notes are taken so all Convention information can be discussed at the next club meeting.
- 2- Each December, club secretary must send in the list of the clubs officers elected for the upcoming year, (office held, name, address, phone number, email, etc.) This must be submitted each year even if club officers stay the same. Please include the club's official mailing address.
- 3- When planning for your sanctioned show, check available weekends with your show site before contacting our office. Have at least 2 or 3 weekends in mind when you call to temporarily set a date. Once you have set a temporary date with the ADBSI office, try to stay with that weekend.
- 4- Send in your release waiver within 30 days after temporarily setting your show date. Make sure you list three names and numbers of people to contact for the show and any other information we may need (name of the show site, city where it's located, etc.). All sanctioned shows are listed on the website ADBA.cc as well as featured in the issue of the *ADBA Pit Bull Terrier Gazette*, prior to show date.
- 5- Ribbon orders for Conformation and Weight Pull need to be received by our office at least 45 days before your show. Please order all ribbons, Ch of Ch awards and Ace of Ace rosettes at the same time.
- 6 - Clubs should receive all ribbons ordered for their sanctioned event approximately 2 weeks before show date. Clubs are to IMMEDIATELY take inventory and inspect all items received. Club will IMMEDIATELY contact the ADBSI office if any item is missing and/or damaged. This will give ADBSI enough mailing time to insure clubs receive everything needed for the show BEFORE the day of show.
- 7- All judges books and receipts must be received by the ADBSI office within 10 working days after your show. Late fees apply if books are not received within the 10 days.
- 8- When you submit the receipts with the judges books, include a separate check for \$2.00 per dog only payable to the E.B.A. We will forward the check onto them.
- 9- It is the club's responsibility to insure conformation and weight pull judges receive \$1.00 per dog directly after the show. If judge opts to have this donated to the EBA, this amount as well as any additional EBA monies collected at show are to be sent in a SEPARATE check payable to EBA. *Be sure to make the notation of the name etc. of person donating funds to insure appropriate recognition is made by the EBA to all individual(s) donating.*

10- When there is ANY change in the address or phone numbers of the club, any officer, contact person etc., ADBSI must be notified. Updated club information is imperative for accurate updates to records and ADBSI sanctioned clubs list that is mailed out

11- NO PUPPY SALES or RAFFLES will be allowed at any Sanctioned Conformation or Weight Pull event. This includes all show grounds, show grounds parking lot etc.

(02/27/07)

- TO HOLD AN ADBSI SANCTIONED WEIGHT PULL -

Clubs wishing to hold a Weight Pull Event **MUST** be applied for, and verified with the ADBSI.

All dogs **MUST** be ADBA registered.

- a) All pulls need to be featured in the Gazette's Show Calendar, in the issue prior to date of show.
- b) Only ADBSI Sanctioned Clubs authorized to host this event.
- c) Only an ADBSI certified Weight Pull Judge, in good standing authorized to officiate any sanctioned weight pull event,
- d) Hosting club **MUST** notify ADBSI their assigned judge for each weight pull (name, phone number, and sponsoring club) **two weeks prior to** sanctioned event date. Judge **MUST** be certified by ADBSI and in good standing.
- e) Each club is allowed two Sanctioned Weight Pulls per year - they need not be held in conjunction with a Conformation Point Show. If held on same day, Weight Pull will follow Conformation Show, unless advertised as otherwise. – (example: Held simultaneously, before conformation begins, etc).

EQUIPMENT

Proper equipment is mandatory in order to hold an ADBSI Sanctioned Weight Pull Event.

Hosting club must provide:

- a) Weights - Ranging from 50 lbs and up.
- b) Scale - Check weight for scale **MUST** be certified (stamped) by state.
- c) Regulation Stop watch
- d) Rope for pulling area and holding area.
- e) Chalk board/Dry Eraser - for recording weight and time each dog pulls.
- f) Weight pull judges book & scoring sheets provided by ADBSI.
- g) Results **MUST** be on these forms and be returned to the office of the ADBSI within 10 days of the date pull was held, along with the fees due.
- h) Current ADBSI weight pull rules for handouts and Weight Pull Score sheets.
- i) Registration entry forms for Weight Pull.

WEIGHT PULL CLASS PLACEMENT AWARDS

Ribbons for the regular class will be furnished by the ADBSI for \$72.00 (36 x \$2.00) + \$10.00 shipping fee=\$82.00. Two (2) trophy awards to be furnished by hosting club. (Most Weight Pulled per LB of Body Weight; 55lbs & under classes - 55lbs and over class) Trophies in the regular class are to be no more than 29" in height.

If the club is going to hold an Ace of Ace class, rosettes will be furnished by ADBSI for \$45.00 (9 x \$5.00). Rosettes must be ordered at least 30 days prior to the show. Two (2) ACE trophy awards will be furnished by hosting club. (Most Weight Pulled Per LB of Body Weight; 55lbs & under & 55lbs and over) Ace trophies are to be no more than 31" in height.

ENTRY FEES AND DISTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN –*THE ENTRY FEE FOR ENTERING A DOG IN AN ADBSI SANCTIONED WEIGHT PULL IS \$18.00 PER CLASS. BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS.

- \$13.00 - \$1.00 (EBA) - .50 (judge) = \$11.50 per dog retained by hosting club.
- \$ 5.00- \$1.00 (EBA) - .50 (judge) = \$ 3.50 per dog to American Dog Breeders Show Inc. This will be issued by club in check payable to ADBSI.
- \$2.00 per dog to EBA. Check payable to EBA sent to ADBSI. (*\$1.00 club + \$1.00 ADBSI*)
- \$1.00 per weight pull dog entered payable to judge of show. (*.50 club + .50 ADBSI*) Will be divided equally in the event of more than one judge per event.) Gratuity to be given to judge(s) after show is over. Judges book, scoring sheets and monies to be returned to ADBSI no later than 10 days of show or late fees will be assessed.

WEIGHT PULL MUST NOT Interfere OR HOLD UP CONFORMATION SHOW!

A weight pull judge at a regular sanctioned show cannot enter or pull a dog in a wt. pull that he/she is judging unless an alternate judge judges the entire class that the dog is entered in.

ADBA CONFORMATION STANDARD BREAKDOWN

I. Introduction

- A. To truly understand any breed standard, one must know the history behind a breeds existence.
- B. The purpose of a judge is the unbiased selection of quality breeding stock with true breed type.
- C. The responsibility of judging is to put up the dogs that conform most to the conformation standard leaving personal bias aside.

II. Overall Appearance 20 points

A. Conforming to breed type

1. Should look like an American Pit Bull Terrier from across the ring
2. Sturdy, three dimensional. Giving the impression of strength, not slight or frail.
3. Appears square, with heavy boned, solid front end with a light and springy back end.
4. Should look athletic, not bulky. Musculature should be smooth but defined.
5. Presentation of an adult dog should be of a lean, exercised animal showing a hint of rib and backbone (without hipbones showing) with muscles firm and defined. Clean, glossy coat with short trimmed nails. Presentation of dogs in the puppy classes should be of a well nourished puppy, showing no ribs, backbone or hips. Coat should be glossy with short, trimmed nails.

B. Balance

1. Equal angulation of front and rear assembly - judged best at the trot.
2. Height to weight ratio - the tallest dog at a given weight
3. Head size in proportion to the body, with a neck long enough to have the head appear above the top of the back when head is in a normal upright position.

C. Presentation

1. Dog is socialized , showing interest in things around him.
2. Although some degree of dog aggressiveness is characteristic of the breed, unruly behavior will detract from the judges ability to accurately judge an individual dogs conformation.

D. Health

1. The vitality of the dogs spirit, the gloss of the dogs coat and the sharpness of the dogs eye, will exude the healthfulness of the individual animal.
2. Colors or color patterns known to be genetically linked to health problems will be considered a serious fault . Major faults: merle color pattern, albinism(white dog with blue or pink eyes, pink nose, lips, no pigment present on pads, rims of eyes etc.)

III. Attitude 10 points

- A. Confident and alert
- B. Interested in things around them, in control of their space, not threatened by anything in their surroundings.
- C. Gentle with loved ones Faults: shy or timid

IV. Back end 30 points

A. Loin

1. Broad and long enough to square the dog. Too short can interfere with a dogs flexibility. Too long a loin causes the dog to carry excessive weight and affect a dogs agility and quickness..

B. Hip

1. Long and sloping with adequate width. This can be judged by the set of the tail, which should be low.
2. Ideal slope of hip should be 30 degrees to the ground.

C. Proportions of the back leg.

1. The femur should be of a length so that the stifle joint is proportioned in the upper 1/3 of the rear assembly.
2. The tibia-fibula is the longer bone of the rear assembly
3. The length of the metatarsal is moderate, with muscles that attach equally on each side of the bone so that the hocks move parallel to each other, deviating neither in or out. The metatarsals bones, hock and lower part of the tibia will be light, fine and springy.
4. Rear angulation - ratio between the lengths of the bones and the muscles which attach on these bones, causes a bent stifle which leads to a well bent hock. This contributes to the natural springiness that is desired in the rear assembly.
5. The muscle attachment is long and deep, well past the joint , which causes the muscles to appear smooth, but defined. (Not bunched).

Faults: short or flat hip, straight stifle, double jointed or slipped hock, cow hocked, bunched muscles.

V. Front end 20 points

A. Ribcage

1. Deep and elliptical with a prominent breastbone or prosternum. From the side, the bottom of the ribcage should at least be even with the elbow joint.
2. Well sprung at the top, tapering to the bottom, extending well back into the loin.

B. Shoulders

1. Wider than the ribcage at the 8th rib. Scapula well laid back, 45 degree or less angle to the ground, and broad and flat allowing for adequate muscular attachment for a heavy and sturdy front end.
2. The humerus is angled at an opposite 45 degree angle and is long enough that the elbow comes to the bottom of the ribcage, elbows lying flat against the body.
3. Forearms are slightly longer than the humerus and solid, twice the thickness of the metatarsal at the hock.

C. Feet

1. Small and tight, set high on pasterns.
2. Pads thick, and well built up
3. Dew claws are natural on front feet, and do not naturally occur on back legs.

Faults: barrel chest, narrow chest, fine bones, out at elbows, down in pasterns, splay feet, thin pads, back dew claws.

VI. Head and Neck 15 points

A. Neck

1. Heavily muscled to the base of the skull
2. Long in length

B. Head

1. Head size balanced in relationship to the rest of the body
2. 2/3 the width of the shoulders
3. Wedge shaped when viewed from the top or side, round when viewed from the front.
4. Cheeks 25% wider than the neck at the base of the skull
5. The length from the nose to the stop should equal the length from the stop to the back of the head.
6. The bridge of the muzzle is well developed. The fill in under the eyes should be wider than the head at the base of the ears.
7. The head should be deep from the top of the head to the bottom of the jaw.
8. Straight box like muzzle
9. Lips tight
10. Teeth, incisors should meet in the front in a scissor bite. Canines should be wide at the base and taper to the end, top canines fitting tightly together behind the bottom canines. They should be sound and healthy with none missing.
11. Eyes, small and deep set. Elliptical when viewed from the front, triangular when viewed from the side.
12. Ears- no preference should be given to cropped or uncropped ears, except to enhance the overall attractiveness of the individual dog.

Faults: short neck, cheeky, underdeveloped muzzle, lippy, missing canines, overshot or undershot to the extent that the canines do not fit tightly together.

VII. Tail and Coat 5 points

A. Coat

1. Skin thick and loose around neck and chest, tight fitting elsewhere, showing vertical folds around the neck and chest even in a well exercised animal.
2. Short and bristled, the gloss showing overall health of the animal.
3. Color or any combination of colors, except for colors or color patterns known to be genetically linked to health problems.

B. Tail

1. Thick at the base, tapering to the point. Its length should have the tail extending to the point of the hock.
2. Hang down like a pump handle when relaxed.

Major faults: Merle color pattern or albinism. (White dog, blue or pink eyes, lacks pigment)

Faults: Longer coat, fringed hair on tail or elsewhere, bobbed tail or any tail other than straight.

Disqualifications: Man aggression, one sided or both sided cryptorchid, spayed or neutered dogs

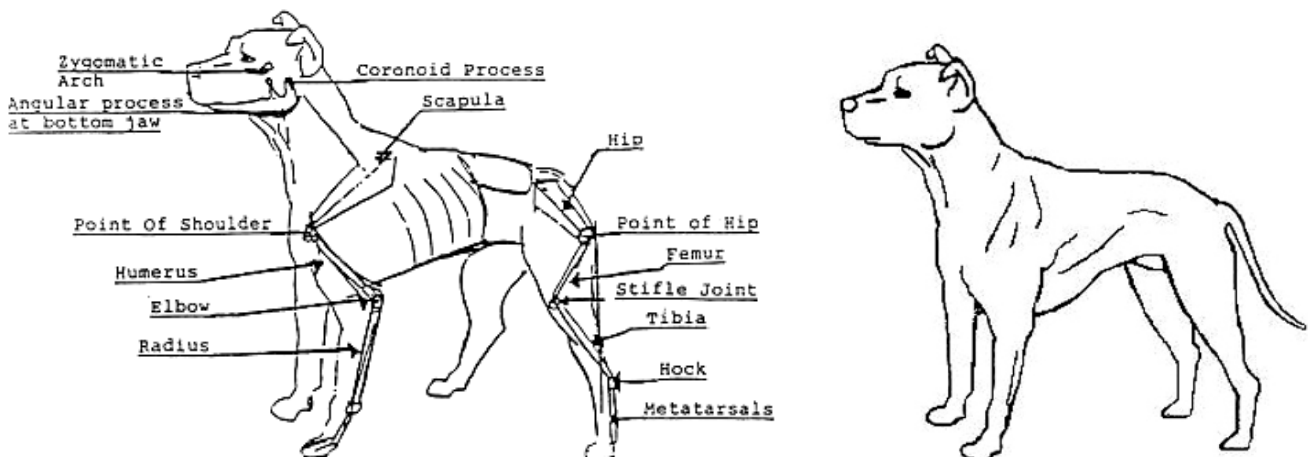
Above all, the American Pit Bull Terrier should appear to be an all around athlete. His body is called upon for speed, power, agility and stamina. He must be balanced in all directions. Too much of one thing, robs him of another. In his ideal form, he is a thing of beauty.

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American Dog Breeders Association Inc. (ADBA) APBT Standard Disclaimer

This breed standard is not a breed identifier. It may only be used to judge the standards of quality of the American Pit Bull Terrier, as set forth. It's purpose is for use by American Dog Breeders Association Inc. breeders, or American Dog Breeders Association Inc. sanctioned judges, in determining the quality of each animal being judged at an American Dog Breeders Association Inc. sanctioned show, or event and for awarding ADBSI points based upon individual quality as reflected by the breed standard of excellence. It may also be used to evaluate the quality of breeding stock by breeders of ADDBA registered American Pit Bull Terriers for selecting breeding stock, and for evaluating the quality of individual puppies from ADDBA registered American Pit Bull Terrier litters.



RULES GOVERNING ADBSI SANCTIONED POINT SHOWS

DOG SHOW DEFINED:

- An American Dog Breeders Show Inc., Sanctioned Point Show is an event in which the American Pit Bull Terrier will be judged by a reputable American Dog Breeders Association Sanctioned Judge according to the Conformation Standard of the American Dog Breeders Association Inc. to indicate a degree of breed excellence. This event is held according to the ADBSI show rules and points are awarded for dogs placing 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each class as well as 3 overall trophy awards. These points are accumulative toward an American Dog Breeders Assoc. Conformation Championship.

JUDGES:

- Any reputable person who is in good standing with the ADBA and is qualified through training and/or experience to judge the breed using the ADBA Conformation Standard may contact the ADBA for a sanction to judge. The ADBSI arranges for each judge at all ADBSI Sanctioned Point Shows. A club can request a judge, but the final appointment is the sole decision of the ADBSI.
- The ADBSI will not approve any of the officers of the hosting club to judge the show.
- The judge may not enter a dog to be judged in the show he/she is judging. Dogs also may not be entered by family members in said show.
- The judge may not advertise any kennel, commercial product, or dog club during a show that he is judging. The club holding the show shall not advertise the judge until approval is given by the ADBSI.
- In the event the advertised judge cannot fulfill his/her engagement to judge, the club, with the approval of the ADBSI, can substitute another ADBA Sanctioned Judge.
- In the event a judge is unable to finish judging an event, the club president or officer, may appoint a qualified person to finish the judging.
- Persons registering dogs into the classes should be exacting, as a judge's decision is final in all classes affecting the merits of the dogs.
- A class is considered judged when the judge has marked his book. The judge's assistant, or ring steward under the direction of the judge may do this, but the judge must sign all entries. The marking of the judges' book must be done before the next class is judged. Any mistakes found after the book is turned into the ADBSI CAN NOT BE CHANGED.
- A judge may dismiss any person or dog from the ring without a refund as he sees fit for cause.
- The judge of a sanctioned point show will be provided a judges book through the hosting club, supplied by the ADBSI. Points toward Conformation Championship will be recorded from the book.
- A judge may not begin judging earlier than the advertised time.

CLUBS RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS JUDGES:

- The ADBSI requires that the club hosting an ADBSI Point Show demonstrate common courtesy and respect to the judge. He is a guest of your club, and most importantly, a top rated dog person.
- The club sponsoring the show is to provide the lodging for the judge (recommended two nights) for the fact that the ADBSI encourages out of area judges for point shows.
- Meals as well as transportation to and from the airport, and motel/hotel to show site is to

be provided by the club for judges, if they do not have their own transportation.

DOGS ELIGIBILITY FOR ADBA POINT SHOWS:

- Dogs must be ADBA registered.
- Dogs must be at least four months of age (to the date of its birth) to be entered in an ADBSI Sanctioned Point Show. This is an effort to protect the temperament of the young dogs and to lead to more fair and accurate judging.
- All entries must be on a 4' leash with adequate collars and a proper fit so a dog cannot back out of its collar. Only belt buckle collars may be used. (No choke chains or pinch collars allowed.)
- No spayed or neutered dogs will be shown.
- No bitches in heat will be shown.
- **No dog that is aggressive toward humans will be shown. If a man aggressive dog is entered, it will be dismissed with no refund given.**
- All dogs to be in crates at all times, except when being shown.

STEWARDS:

- The club giving the dog show will appoint two Ring Stewards. The Judge can furnish his own Stewards if desired.
- The Stewards should be familiar with the ADBA Standard and all show rules. These duties are spelled out in detail in the article, "The Judges Right Hand Man."

CONFORMATION CLASSES:

- The following classes are to be held.

Puppy classes:

Males 4 to 6 months
Females 4 to 6 months
Males 6 to 9 months
Females 6 to 9 months
Males 9 to 12 months
Females 9 to 12 months

Puppy Classes - Placement Point Breakdown:

1st place ribbon - 5 points
2nd place ribbon - 3 points
3rd place ribbon - 2 points

Additional points are awarded to those

Placing over 10 dogs in their class.

1st place - 8 points
2nd place - 5 points
3rd place - 3 points

Best Puppy Trophy - (10 points): This class is held following the puppy classes with the competition consisting of all 1st place puppy class winners.

Adult classes:

Males 12 to 18 months
Females 12 to 18 months
Males 18 to 24 months
Females 18 to 24 months
Males 2 to 3 years
Females 2 to 3 years
Males 3 to 5 years
Females 3 to 5 years
Males 5 years and older
Females 5 years and older

Adult Class - Placement Point Breakdown:

1st place ribbon - 10 points
2nd place ribbon - 5 points
3rd place ribbon - 3 points

Additional points are awarded to those

placing over 10 dogs in their class.

1st place ribbon - 15 points
2nd place ribbon - 8 points
3rd place ribbon - 5 points

All placement points will accumulate toward achievement of the title of Champion (100 pts)

Best of Show Trophy - (15 points): This class is held following the adult classes with the

competition consisting of the 1st place adult class winners and the Best Puppy.

Best of Opposite Sex Trophy - (10 points): This is awarded to the best individual of the opposite sex to the Best of Show Award.

It is the job of the registration table at the show to make sure all dogs are eligible to be shown in each of the above classes. The cut off for puppies to be shown is exactly 4 months from the date of birth. All other classes are also from the date of birth.

(i.e.: A dog that was born January 3, 1997 can not be shown in the 6 to 9 month class if the show is on October 3, 1997. That dog is exactly nine months old and must be shown in the 9 to 12 month class.)

CHAMPIONS CLASS:

- A total of 100 points earns the title of Champion (*as long as dog has earned no less than one 1st place award in its career*) to be entered in a separate class open to Champions.
- Dogs points earned from that day are NOT to be entered into the Champions class.
- For a club to hold this class, they must notify the ADBSI with their intent to do so at the time of their request for an ADBSI Sanctioned Point Show. Champion dogs must pre-register in order for this class to be held. No less than 5 dogs MUST enter this class by pre-registration or class will not be held. (A minimum of 5 dogs must be physically entered to hold a Champion class.) Upon the confirmed pre-registration of dogs for this class, ADBSI MUST be notified no later than 30 days prior to show to ensure that the Champions trophy and ribbons can be sent. This class is to be held after the puppy classes, after the Best Puppy Trophy is awarded (prior to the adult classes). Judge of the day will judge this class.
- There are three awards given in this class. A Champion cup is given for first place and a rosette for second and third place. The points awarded in this class are: 1st place -15 points; 2nd place – 10 points; 3rd place – 5 points.
- A Champion can continue to compete in the Champion class. The points will continue to add onto the Champions records with the following titles: 100 pts = Champion; 200 pts = Grand Champion; 300 pts = Gd/Ch I; 400 pts = Gd/Ch II, etc.

SHOW COORDINATOR/SUPERINTENDANT:

- The club officer appointed by the club to chair the show. The duties include: setting the show date; procuring the site; acquiring information so president can petition the ADBSI; obtaining the photographer; seeing to the erection of judging ring; procuring the ring stewards; seeing that the grounds are cleaned after the dog show; being responsible for supervising registration of all entries into all classes (or appoint someone to do same); maintaining order; furnishing the stewards with names of entries in all classes; furnishing the judge with the Judges book; being in charge of show committee and performing other such duties as to make the dog show successful.

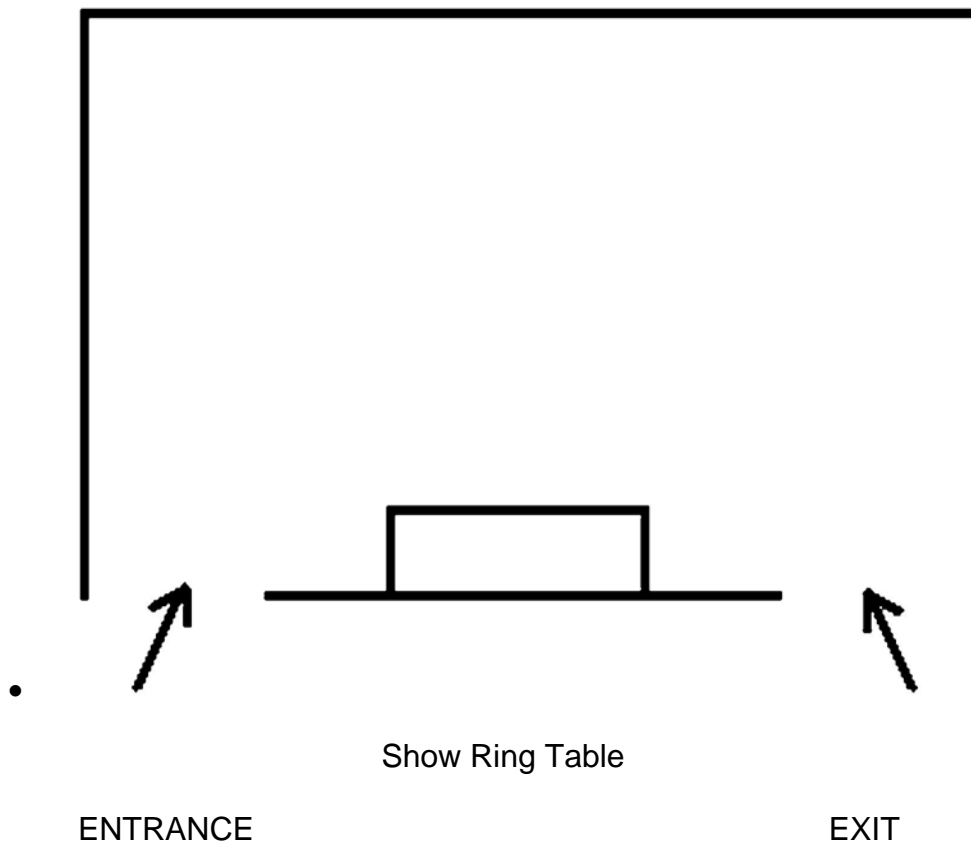
JUNIOR HANDLERS CLASS:

- Guidelines for this class are as follows:
 - a. Top age of Jr. Handlers is 14 yrs old. lowest age 2 be 4 yrs.
 - b. The age classes for the Jr handlers' classes should be broken down appropriately to reflect a "fair competition" between contestants within each class division.
 - c. No dog many enter in the Jr. Handlers class over the age of 12 months.
 - d. The club can refuse to allow anyone to show in the Jr. Handlers class if they feel that he/she (handler) is unable to keep the dog under control. (Junior Handlers Class rules are guidelines only, and how strictly enforced are up to the discretion

of individual clubs.)

SHOW RING.

- One ring is all that is required. The dimensions of the ring should be large enough to accommodate the number of dogs entered in each class. Basic guidelines are no less than 50 X 80 feet or more. Judge is to have final approval of show ring.
- No less than 26 posts arranged at ten-foot intervals will create the ring as illustrated. Show ring **MUST** have one exit and one entrance. **DO NOT** use same opening for both exit and entrance.
- A double roped ring 4 ft. apart will avoid spectators from crowding the ring.



A.D.B.S.I. Sanctioned Event Requirements and Guidelines

HOLDING YOUR 1ST ADBSI SANCTIONED EVENT

Upon achieving ADBSI Sanctioning, club must host their first sanctioned event consisting of two conformation shows and two weight pulls within twelve (12) months of the date of sanction. Prior to requesting any sanctioned event, all clubs must have no less than 2 fun conformation & wt. pull events. (All fun show results are to be sent into the ADBSI office for review prior to requesting clubs 1st ADBSI sanctioned event.)

APPLYING TO HOLD A SANCTIONED SHOW:

- As all clubs sanctioned events are coordinated to avoid conflict when possible, clubs are required to have more than one date available when contacting the show department (phone (801) 936-7513 option #3 or email heather@adba.cc) to reserve a show date. All show dates reserved are considered temporary and will be released if required paperwork, (Release Waiver & Indemnity Agreement, etc.) is not received by this office within 30 days of show date request. Upon receipt of required paperwork, the ADBSI will respond by letter within 20 days with conformation of show date, time, place, etc. or request alterations if necessary. Once show is confirmed, ADBSI will arrange for a judge for the show. The ADBSI will work with each club individually and take all judges requests under consideration but the final decision is that of the ADBSI.
- All shows must be featured in the ADBSI Show Calendar in the issue of the GAZETTE published *prior* to the show date and listed on the ADBA Web-site, to be considered an ADBSI sanctioned event. This office must receive information in time to be featured in the GAZETTE before the show date. *Example:* If a clubs show is set to be held in the months of; March, April & May, information must be received no later than January 1 to be featured in the "Spring" issue of the GAZETTE. If show is set to be held in the months of; June, July or August, information must be received no later than April 1st. to be featured in the "Summer" issue of the GAZETTE. Info. must be received by July 1st for the "Fall" issue if show dates are in the months of Sept. Oct. or Nov. and the deadline date of show held in the months of December, Jan. & Feb. will be , and Oct. 1st for the "Winter" issue.
- Point shows shall be restricted to 2 events per year for a club, provided they meet the minimum requirement of 25 dogs per show and remain in good standing.

Total amount due for two conformation shows and two weight pulls for the first time of \$1,541.00 must be received by the ADBSI 45 days prior to event. Breakdown is as follows:

1st Sanctioned Conformation Show Fees and Awards-

- Three place ribbons will be given in each class. First, second and third (male & female).
- Trophy and rosettes for the Champion of Champion class will be purchased from the office of the ADBSI. This consists of a 1st place cup, 2nd place and 3rd place rosettes.
- Three (3) trophies are awarded at each show. (**Club is responsible to order trophies.**)
 - 1 Best Puppy Trophy (no less than 18", no more than 24" in height)
 - 1 Best of Opposite Sex Trophy (no less than 23", no more than 29" in height)
 - 1 Best of Show Trophy (no less than 25", no more than 31" in height)
- The fee of \$1,287 for conformation must be received by the ADBSI no less than 45 days prior to confirmed show date. Upon receipt of funds, the ADBSI will provide all ribbons for sanctioned conformation point shows. They will be mailed to the club approximately two weeks prior to the show.

(Breakdown is as follows: \$250.00 minimum for each Sanctioned Conformation Judge airfare/travel; \$96.00 for each full set of conformation ribbons; \$100.00 for each full set of Champion cup & rosettes; \$187.50 for clubs requirement to guarantee a minimum of 25 dogs per show; \$10.00 UPS shipping per event.)

- Additional fees due are to be paid after the show is held and submitted with judge's books.

All clubs future ADBSI Sanctioned Events will be eligible for participation in *Established Club Plan Option privileges, Plan A or Plan B.

1st Sanctioned Weight Pull Fees and Awards: (See Weight Pull Rules and Requirement Sheet for detailed information regarding weight pull.)

- Three place ribbons will be given in each weight class. First, second, third (male & female).
- Two (2) trophies are awarded in each weight pull in the regular class. Most Weight Pulled Per Pound 55 lbs and under; Most Weight Pulled Per Pound 55 lbs and over. (**Club's responsible to order trophies.** No less than 23", no more than 29" in height.)
- Two (2) trophies are awarded in each weight pull in the Ace class. Most Weight Pulled Per Pound 55 lbs and under; Most Weight Pulled Per Pound 55 lbs and over. (**Club's responsible to order trophies.** No less than 25", no more than 31" in height.)
- The fee of \$254.00 for a two day weight pull event must be received by the ADBSI no less than 45 days prior to confirmed show date. Upon receipt of funds, the ADBSI will provide all ribbons for sanctioned weight pull events. They will be mailed to the club approximately two weeks prior to hosting the show.

(Breakdown is as follows: \$72.00 for each full set of weight pull ribbons; \$45.00 for each full set of Ace of Ace rosettes; \$10.00 UPS shipping per event.)

CLASS EVENTS AND PLACEMENT AWARDS:

- The ADBSI will furnish all place ribbons at all Sanctioned Conformation & Weight Pull events (first, second and third place).
- All awards for the Champion of Champion class (1st place cup, 2nd & 3rd place rosettes) and Ace of Ace (1st, 2nd & 3rd place rosettes) will be furnished and ordered from the ADBSI.
- All trophy awards to be furnished by hosting club.
 - Three (3) Conformation per event:
 - Best Puppy
 - Best of Opposite Sex
 - Best of Show
 - Two (2) Weight Pull (regular class) per event:
 - Most Weight Pulled per Pound of Body Weight - 55 lb & under
 - Most Weight Pulled Per Pound of Body Weight - 55 lb & over
 - Two (2) Weight Pull (Ace class, if held) per event:
 - Most Weight Pulled Per Pound of Body Weight 55 lb & under
 - Most Weight Pulled per Pound of Body Weight 55 lb & over
- Prizes given in addition to the ribbons and rosettes furnished by the ADBSI shall be advertised prior to the show and shall not be changed after advertisement. The awarding of additional prizes is not required and is strictly optional and a decision for the club giving the show. Any additional prizes must be approved by the ADBSI prior to the show.

ENTRY FEES AND DISTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN

The entry fee for entering a dog in an ADBSI sanctioned event is \$18.00 per class. Breakdown is as follows.

- \$9.00 - \$1.00 (EBA) - .50 (judge) = \$7.50 per dog retained by hosting club.
- \$9.00 - \$1.00 (EBA) - .50 (judge) = \$7.50 per dog to American Dog Breeders Show Inc. This will be issued by club in check or money order payable to ADBSI.
- \$2.00 per dog to EBA. Check payable to EBA sent to ADBSI. Club is to make a check payable to EBA for \$2.00 per dog and submit it to the ADBSI along with the judge's books and receipts.
- \$1.00 per dog entered in conformation show to judge. (Gratuity given to judge directly after show is judged.)
- Judges book and monies must be sent to the ADBSI and received no later than 10 days after the show or late fees will be assessed.

The club MUST remit all show receipts and result sheets to the ADBSI within 10 (ten) days of show date. (JUDGES BOOK AND RECEIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ADBSI, WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE SHOW DATE BY THE SHOW CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB. A LATE FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED THE CLUB IF RECEIPTS AND JUDGES BOOK ARE NOT RECEIVED BY DUE DATE. LATE FEE WILL BE \$100.00 IF JUDGES BOOK AND RECEIPTS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY 21 DAYS AFTER SHOW. AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 PER DAY IN ADDITION TO LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EVERY DAY AFTERWARDS. No additional shows will be set until all debts are paid to ADBSI.

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SAMPLE OF ADBSI APBT CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: The name of the club will be:

SECTION 2: The objectives of the club shall be:

- A: To promote the positive image of the breed and do all in its power to protect, educate and advance the interests of the breed.
- B: To promote the positive image of the owners and breeders through public education and responsible ownership.
- C: Not to condone the use of the breed for any illegal activity, by club members or nonmembers
- D: To encourage and uphold selective and responsible breeding of purebred American Pit Bull Terriers; accenting their finest qualities of loyalty character, courage, heart, adaptability, agility, intelligence, spirited and affectionate disposition.
- E: To do all in our power to promote fair conduct toward all at breed shows
- F: To sponsor ADBSI breed shows and other club activities for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the American Dog Breeders Show Inc. that are in the best interest and welfare of the breed.

SECTION 3:

The club is considered a separate entity, therefore club dues, donations and/or moneys shall not be used to the benefit of any one member or individuals. All dues, donations, or moneys shall go to the club treasury and shall be accessible to authorized member of club only for purposes designated by popular vote of members.

SECTION 4:

The club will not tolerate the use of alcoholic beverages, profane or obscene language, or unlawful drugs at meetings or club-sponsored affairs by members or attending guests.

SECTION 5: Membership Eligibility:

Membership shall be open to persons only by sponsorship of one or more existing members of the club. Perspective members will be required to read a copy of the clubs constitution and by laws and agree to comply with it. All minors will need written parental consent before the club will consider membership application. All minors must also have parents consent to join if the parents are non- members.

SECTION 6: Membership Dues:

Dues shall be \$____. 00 per year for one person, \$____. 00 family membership per year. Dues shall be payable to the 1st day of January each year. No member shall vote on any club business whose dues are not paid for the current year. Dues are not refundable. A family membership allows two votes on any club business.

SECTION 7: Offices of club leadership:

PRESIDENT: The duties of the President is to head all meetings and shall have the duties and powers that are normally pertain to the office to the president in addition to those particularly specified in these constitutions and by-laws.

VICE PRESIDENT: The duties of the Vice President are the duties of the president in the event the president is absent due to the incapacity or death. The Vice president will also assist the president in any club business when his help is needed.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep roll of all members' attendance at club meetings and club activities. Secretary will be responsible for recording all minutes of meetings of the officers, all matters of which the membership casts a vote and all club matters of importance. The Secretary shall have an accurate record of all members names and contact information. The Secretary shall be responsible for contacting and submitting to ADBSI all changes of officers each December, and/or when contact information of officer(s) changes.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all money and dues belonging to the club. He/She shall deposit the amount in a bank approved by the officers in the name of the club. The treasurers books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the club officers and a full report of the financial standing of the club at all regular meeting or when called on to do so. Treasure shall use the book keeping method of:

_____ (Indicate here name of book keeping method for Treasure to use – Quick Books, etc) to record all clubs financial activities. Annual treasurers report will be submitted for publication in the club's annual newsletter. Two signatures are required for withdrawal of funds, not residing in the same household.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR: The duties of the publicity director are to keep the clubs membership informed of the clubs status and activities via clubs newsletter(s), and to promote the club and its activities through advertising media. Information concerning all up coming club activities and events are to be distributed to the club membership by the publicity director. (No less than one newsletter per year is to be submitted to the membership and sanctioning body.)

LOCAL LEGISLATIVE LIAISON (s): The duties of the Local Legislative liaison is to obtain and be knowledgeable of ordinances and laws existing in the surrounding area, and to keep abreast of all new and/or purposed ordinances as they happen pertaining to animal ordinances, BSL, etc. The legislative liaison will provide a full report of area ordinances and laws as well as activities of it at no less than one club meeting, or when called on to do so. A copy of report(s) are to be given to the clubs Publicity Director for publication in clubs newsletter, the office of the ADBSI and ADBA's legislative department, as often as necessary to keep all parties informed. LLA representative(s) contact information (email and/or phone number) will be given to the ADBA's Legislative department as a BSL contact for the club. The legislative liaison(s) must notify the sanctioning body (ADBSI) as well as the clubs Secretary of any/all change(s) of email address and/or phone number in a prompt and timely manner.

SECTION 8:

Membership will be beginning on January 1 each year and end on December 31.

SECTION 9:

The election of officers upon term expiration shall occur at the December meeting of the club. Nominations shall be taken at the November meeting before the December meeting. Term of Office for President _____, Vice President _____, Secretary _____ Treasurer: _____ Publicity Director _____ Legislative liaison(s) _____. (Term of office is to be no less than 1 year, and no more than 3 years) Terms will be decided by membership, and listed here in clubs constitution and bylaws and filed with the ADBSI.

SECTION 10:

The majority of the members present shall make voting. The newly elected officers shall take over their duties on the first day of January.

SECTION 11:

The president and other officers can make the appointment of Special Committee as the need arises in the club. One (1) or more person(s) may be appointed by the club president to assist the club officer(s) in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 12: Termination of Membership:

- A: By resignation: any member may resign from the club by submitting a written notice to the president. No member can resign when in debt to the club.
- B: By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed automatically terminated if such member(s) dues remain unpaid 30 days after January 1.
- C: By expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion. The expulsion process is as follows.
 - 1) Charges: Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club and/or breed.
 - 2) Hearing: The member charged with alleged misconduct shall be allowed to state his defense at the next regular club meeting. Members may vote to drop the charges, suspend the member for a period up to three months, or expulsions, if the charges warrant. Majority of members present must vote for this action.

SECTION 13: Dissolution:

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of dissolution of the club whether voluntary or involuntary, or by notice of the American Dog Breeders Show Inc. None of the property of the club, any proceeds thereof or any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club. All payments of the debts of the club will be paid and any proceeds thereafter shall be donated to the Endangered Breed Association for the further benefit of the American Pit Bull Terrier.

SECTION 14: Exclusivity:

The club pledges that upon achieving ADBSI sanctioned status, club property, assets, equipment, promotions, functions, information (membership lists etc.) are to be used exclusively for the promotion of ADBA/ADBSI events and/or ADBSI club(s) advancement. Exclusivity violation will result in the immediate dissolution of club by the American Dog Breeders Show Inc. All club debts will be paid and any proceeds thereafter shall be donated to the Endangered Breed Association for the further benefit of the American Pit Bull Terrier.

SECTION 15: Amendments:

No amendment to the Constitution and By-laws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been submitted and approved by the American Dog Breeders Show Inc.

THIS IS A SAMPLE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. IF YOUR CLUBS VERSION OF THIS VARIES IN ANY WAY, BE SURE IT CONTAINS THE REQUIRED ITEMS AS LISTED BELOW, BEFORE YOU MAIL IT TO ADBSI FOR YOUR CLUBS SANCTIONING REQUEST.

SECTION 2: A, C & F

SECTION 3:

SECTION 4:

SECTION 7

SECTION 9: IN ITS ENTIRETY

SECTION 13: IN ITS ENTIRETY

SECTION 14: IN ITS ENTIRETY

SECTION 15: IN ITS ENTIRETY

HOW TO BEGIN/REQUIREMENTS TO FORM AN A.D.B.S.I. SANCTIONED CLUB

Establish Club Membership:

Before you can become a Sanctioned Club, you will need to have at least 30 paying members. The club's name as well as the yearly membership fee is to be decision of the committee in charge of the formation of the club. *(i.e. \$25.00 for a single person and \$35.00 for a married couple or family.)* **A list of clubs membership is required and must be included when applying for ADBSI Sanctioned club approval.**

Club Officers:

After you have established your membership, the club officer positions will need to be filled. This can be accomplished by selection, appointment or election for a clubs 1st year officer positions of; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations and Local Legislative Agent (LLA). **A complete list of all officers of the club as outlined in clubs By-Laws must be submitted when applying for ADBSI Sanctioned status**

Establish a Checking Account For The Club:

Start a checking account in the club's name with the membership fees. (Signatures of two officers who do not reside in the same household are required on account). *Keep in mind that all fees collected are that of the club and not one individual person. All monies collected will go toward club functions, shows, etc. Detailed information should be kept by the club treasurer regarding club funds. Club books to be open to membership as outlined in clubs By-Laws on file with ADBSI.*

Establish Clubs Constitution and By-Laws.

The club will need to establish their individual Constitution & By Laws (sample copy is available in the Club Kit for clubs review). This describes duties of the officers, clubs mission statement, procedures of operation, etc. **A copy of the club's Constitution & By-Laws is required when applying for ADBSI Sanction status.**

Establish relationships of good will to sister clubs within their area.

Acceptance letters from any/all existing ADBSI sanctioned club within your area (300 miles) although not mandatory, will greatly affect the outcome when applying for ADBSI sanctioning. Therefore, we strongly advise that all new forming clubs acquire an official **letter of "welcome/good will" from all existing ADBSI sanctioned clubs within your area to accompany your request to be recognized as an ADBSI Sanctioned Club.**

Once your club has completed the above step, submit a written request to be recognized and sanctioned by the ADBSI, along with the information listed above (**bold type indicates required**) addressed to: The American Dog Breeders Show Inc. (ADBSI) P.O. Box 1771, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Be sure to \$7.00 (S/H) for each complete club package, to be sent upon approval of ADBSI Sanctioning *(full name and address of each desired recipient.)*