

TEAM USA COMPETITION 2016

For the Board's consideration,

YOUNG DOG DAY

The committee suggests that there be a competition in ST LOUIS in MARCH and will be held SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 12, 2016, FOLLOWING the freestanding show, auction and luncheon and in the same venue as the St Louis specialty.

The committee puts forward the following judges for Young Dog Day in St. Louis for BOD approval: Susan Murphy, Bill Poole, and Ray Sharp.

It has also been suggested that there be a west coast Young Dog Day and perhaps this will occur at the Long Beach dog show, three judges will also be selected, and the judging will occur exactly as the judging in St. Louis.

The goal of these 2 events will be to highlight the best young dogs that will be under 2 years old on November 13, 2016, and therefore could be considered for Team USA.

YOUNG DOG DAY SELECTION PROCESS:

- Young Dog Day will have 3 judges.
- Judging will occur according to age groups and sex.
- Varieties will be combined as the varieties are judged together in Europe.
- Sexes will be separated.
- Classes will be arranged according to age groups and according to sex.
- Selection will start with 4-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, and 12-16 months puppy. All dogs must be under 24 months on the day of the show in November 13, 2016, to be eligible for Young Dog Day.
- The judges are not allowed to confer AT ANY POINT DURING THE JUDGING.
- Each judge can select 2 dogs and 2 bitches if the total entry is over 12, (i.e., there potentially could be 6 dogs and 6 bitches if the judges choose different dogs.)
- If the total entry is under 12, judges will EACH select one dog and one bitch.
- Each one SELECTED will receive a qualifier ribbon for consideration for the TEAM USA 2016 and will be considered by the five PERSON Selection committee appointed by the BTCA Board.

OTHER WAYS TO CHOOSE ELIGIBLE CONTESTANTS

- 1) A form will be sent to each ROM judge asking to identify outstanding examples of the breed that they might have seen while judging, to compete

for TEAM USA in 2016. There will also be a form available on the BTCA website for judges to fill out.

- 2) Each identified animal will receive a written invitation to attend the YOUNG DOG DAY or MAY SUBMIT an application for consideration by the Team USA Selection Committee.
- 3) Each applicant will include 4 show photos (one from each side, one from the front and one from the back), a small video clip of the movement and a photo of their teeth/bite.
- 4) All of the following dogs are eligible to be considered by the Team USA Selection Committee:
 - a) All ROM recipients of the last three years.
 - b) All Silverwood winners and Silverwood class winners of the last three years.
 - c) All National Specialty winners, BOS and WD and WB of the last three years.
 - d) All top futurity winners of the last three years.
 - e) All top 10 breed winners of the last three year as listed in the CANINE CHRONICLE.

- The BOD will chose selection committee at the March meeting,
- Applications from these dogs must be submitted to the committee by August 1, 2016.
- The Team USA Selection Committee will meet in the month of August to consider their invitees and all invitations will go out by August 30, 2016.
- Team USA Selectors will invite an entire team and include 2 alternates for each class.
- TEAM USA 2016 will be announced by September 10th, 2016.
- The Team USA Committee (Franne Berez, Chair, Ann Radford, Phil Jaspers, Ray Sharp and Dale Schuur) will submit TEAM USA 2016 to the Dutch Bull Terrier Club by September 21, 2016.