CATALOG

Each Top-20 event will have an independent catalog from that of the PBGVCA National Specialty and shall contain only information pertaining to the Top-20 competition. The catalog will be compiled by the Top-20 Committee Catalog Chairman. The Committee will select an individual or printing company, either of which must sign a confidentiality statement, to create the catalog.

The catalog will be sold through the web site registration form, Top Twenty Event section. The catalog will not be distributed until one hour prior to the start of Top 20 judging. A limited number of Top 20 Catalogs will be available for sale an hour be-fore the judging of the event. Pre-ordering of the catalog through the Club Store is STRONGLY recommended.

The previous year's winner's picture will be printed on a separate page before the section of the current participants (both Top-20 and People's Choice winners). The size of the catalog will be at least 5 ½" x 8 ½". The Top-20 Catalog should be considered a memorable keepsake. Preferred page advertising shall be accepted on a first come basis. No ads concerning dogs that are not a Top-20 qualifier will be accepted. Advertising monies shall be used to offset the costs of hosting the event. The cost for a full page ad will be determined by the Executive Committee.

The catalog's cover will have a logo specially designed for the Top-20 Competition along with the words "Top-20-" include the year of the event, and the date and location of the event. One page will be included that lists the Top-20 previous year's winner along with the AKC registered and call name, followed by a list of all previous Top-20 winners, names of owners, breeders and handler/agent and the year that they won.

Another page will list the previous year's People's Choice Award winner along with the AKC registered and call name, followed by a list of all previous People's Choice winners, names of owners, breeders and handler/agent and the year that they won.
There will be no charge to the owner(s) of these dogs for these pages.

An index page will be printed with the final Top-20 participants listed. In addition, the rules regarding the judging procedure must be included in the catalog as well as a copy of the actual score sheet that will be used by the judges.

Each judge will have a photograph and biography printed in the catalog giving a summary of their qualifications and experience in the dog fancy.

Each Top-20 competitor, who paid the required entry fee by the closing date, will be given a 2-page catalog layout. There will be no charge for these pages to the owner(s) of the dog. Included in the two page layout will be the AKC registered name and number of the dog plus the owner(s) and breeder(s) names, and a brief biography about the dog (supplied by the owner). The biography shall include at a minimum, the dog's date of birth and call name. The two page layout will also include a full body photo of the dog, cropped to show only the dog, and a 3-generation pedigree.

As it is possible some qualifiers might decline the invitation, it is possible that less than 20 dogs will be competing. In no event will the invitation be extended to dogs that ranked below the twentieth placement to bring the number participating in the event to 20 dogs.

An optional index with the names and addresses of the dog's owners may be printed at the end of the catalog, but is not required.

STEWARDS

The Top-20 Committee Chairman will select at least two non-related people to be ring stewards. The stewards need not be a member of the Top-20 Committee but, if possible, should be a member of PBGVCA who is in Good Standing. The stewards will NOT be told the names of the judges prior to the start of judging.

During judging, the only communication between the steward and a judge will be con-fined to questions of procedure.

When a judge has completed his/her scoring of a dog, he/she shall sign their Judge's sheet, hand completed sheets to the in-ring steward who will place them on a work table face down. At the conclusion of the event the in-ring steward will give all score sheets to the Top 20 Chair who will deliver them to the audit committee.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

One hour prior to the start of the judging, the Top-20 Committee Chairman will convene a mandatory handler's meeting and distribute arm bands to all participants.

The rosette table will be set up inside the ring for presentation at the conclusion of the event.

There will be a public address system and a Master of Ceremonies. Each judge will be formally introduced to the ringside spectators by the Master of Ceremonies. The ring stewards will be introduced in the same manner.

After introductions, the Master of Ceremonies will call in the entire group to circle the ring 2 times and exit. Next, each dog will be brought into the ring one at a time, at a gait for one circle, and adhere to the following procedure:

1. The panel of judges, as a group, will observe the gait of the dogs, who will circle the ring, twice, as a group.

2. Upon completion of the opening gaiting, Dog #1 will be presented for a hands-on exam to each Judge.

3. After each dog has had a hands on exam by all three judges, each dog shall be gaited individually and each judge will score the dog on movement. The dog will then circle the ring and exit.

4. When a judge has completed his/her scoring of a dog, he/she shall sign their Judge's sheet, and give it to the ring steward for further handling.

5. The process repeats itself until all dogs have been judged.

   After all dogs have been presented and scored by all three Judges, all signed score sheets will be immediately placed in the designated securestorage container and taken, by the event chair, to the Audit Commit-tee. This Committee will consist of pre-selected members chosen from the current PBGVCA Board of Directors and Top 20 Executive Committee Members, for tallying. The results will be kept secret until the evening of the Annual Banquet Dinner. (Any Judges who remain at the specialty will present the winner with their prizes. Dogs are not brought to the banquet.)