

Belgian Sheepdog Club of America
Policy & Procedures
Dedication of National Specialties

- SCOPE** All Belgian Sheepdog Club of America annual National Specialties are covered by this policy. All Local and Regional Belgian Sheepdog Clubs may have their own independent policy.
- OBJECTIVE** Establish the criteria for dedication and outline the approval process and documentation necessary for granting a Dedication. Nothing in this policy shall supersede the Constitution and By-Laws of the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America.
- POLICY** Dedication of a National Specialty is reserved as the highest form of honor for service to the Belgian Sheepdog Breed. The BSCA Board of Directors must approve all National Specialty dedication nominations.
- PROCESS** Any individual member or group of members in good standing with the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America and the American Kennel Club may make a request for a National Specialty dedication. The nomination is sent to the appropriate years' National Specialty Committee Chairperson. All relevant documents to support the criteria as set forth below in support of the nominee shall be provided at this time. It is the responsibility of the National Specialty Committee Chairperson to present the request to the Board of Directors through the assigned liaison. The Board of Directors will review the nomination and supporting documentation and provide a response within a reasonable amount of time.
- PROCEDURE** All requests for a National Specialty dedication shall be received by the appropriate National Specialty Committee Chairperson no later than twelve (12) months prior to the first day of any competition related to the National Specialty. The following is the criteria for nominations:
1. Dedications may only be awarded posthumously;
 2. Only individuals may be nominated;
 3. Nominated individuals do not have to be a member of the BSCA at the time of their death;
 4. The individual shall have contributed to the BSCA not only as a member, but have a demonstrated record of service to the club, either as an officer, committee member, etc.;
 5. The individual shall have demonstrated care for the Breed through promotion of good health, temperament and general care of their animals. They shall have a record of promoting these values to others around them;
 6. The individual shall have a record of mentoring and sharing with others in a positive fashion.

The National Specialty Committee Chair must forward all documentation and the request for a National Specialty Dedication to the Board of Directors no later than 11 months prior to the first scheduled event of the National Specialty. The Board shall respond within a two week time period.

The execution of events, speakers, etc. related to the dedication, if approved, is the responsibility of the nominating individual(s) in conjunction with the National Specialty Committee. If desired, a dedication committee may be established under the direction of the National Specialty Chair.

Memorial ads are recommended and encouraged for members who have passed and for which recognition is desired. Memorial displays, etc. do not require BSCA Board approval, but should be coordinated with the National Specialty committees based on space and availability. It is the responsibility of the nominating/memorial seeking group(s) to fund, set up, take down, and clean up anything related to their memorial activity.

Adopted July, 2008 by the Board of Directors, BSCA.

