

RRCUS OWNER/HANDLER AWARD PROGRAM

PURPOSE

1. To encourage members of RRCUS who are amateur owners to participate as handlers of Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs owned or co-owned by them in Conformation Competition.
2. To foster Sportsmanship among those showing their dogs.

NOTE: Points are awarded on a competition basis only. A dog must defeat another dog to earn points. For example, if a dog has no competition in its class, no points are awarded for First Place. That same dog defeats another dog for Winners. Two points are awarded. Winners Dog defeats Winners bitch for one additional point, plus Best of Breed with no Champions competing therefore, no additional points. The dog does not place in Group. Total for the day is 3 points.

GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

A. All participating Owner/Handlers must be RRCUS members as of January 1 of the year of participation and must register with the Program Coordinator, who will be selected by RRCUS Board of Directors.

1. Registration must be received by March 1 for the year of participation.
2. Junior Handlers included in a RRCUS family membership are eligible.

B. Only one dog per day may be exhibited for points by any one person. If an owner exhibits more than one dog of his/her ownership, the dog accumulating the most number of points for the day will be counted.

1. Ownership and date of ownership is determined by the AKC Registration Certificate. For example, if a dog is shown and the Owner/Handler is NOT listed in the official record, the owner must submit to the Coordinator a copy of the AKC Registration verifying ownership and date of ownership for points to be awarded. It shall be considered unsportsmanlike conduct to solicit co-ownerships in order to increase the number of dogs a participant shows and thereby increase chances to earn owner/handler points. The total number of dogs owned/co-owned and used for owner/handler competition shall be no more than 4.

2. The AKC QUARTERLY CONFORMATION REPORT is the only official record by which points will be determined.

3. **It is the responsibility of the participant to provide accurate information.**

4. All point submissions must be received by the Coordinator in a timely manner. Points earned each quarter must be received no later than the end of the month following each quarter. Example: Points earned in January, February, and March must be received no later than April 30. Quarter 2 received by July 31, Quarter 3 received by October 31, and Quarter 4 received by January 31.

C. Any person who exhibits any dog or has exhibited any dog for any kind of remuneration during the two years prior to registration is not eligible to participate in this program.

D. All participants in this program, by their registration, agree to the following conditions of participation.

1. I will not belittle any other exhibitor or their dog at or near ringside.
 2. I will not dispute, or in any way refute a Judge's decision at or near ringside.
 3. I will assist any other exhibitor in need, if at all possible.
 4. I will congratulate the winners and graciously accept the same when I win.
- E. Any participant who wins or has won the Owner/Handler Competition is no longer eligible to participate.

POINT SCHEDULE—(Points shall be awarded on the following basis)

ALL BREED SHOWS	
A. First in Class	1 point
B. Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch	1 add'l point
C. Winners Dog/Bitch	2 add'l points
D. Best of Winners	1 add'l point
E. Best of Breed from classes	5 add'l points if Ch. are defeated
F. Best of Breed—Specials Class only	3 points
G. Best of Opposite Sex from Classes	3 add'l points if Ch. of same sex are defeated
H. Best of Opposite Sex—Specials Class	2 points if Ch. of the same sex are defeated
I. Best of Opposite Sex—Specials Class	1 point if WD/WB are defeated
J. Group 4	1 add'l point
K. Group 3	2 add'l points
L. Group 2	3 add'l points
M. Group 1	4 add'l points
N. Best in Show from BOB class	35 points total
O. Best in Show from regular classes	40 points total
NATIONAL SPECIALTY	
A. First in Class	10 points
B. Second in Class	8 points
C. Third in Class	6 points
D. Fourth in Class	4 points
E. Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch	5 add'l points
F. Winners Dog/Bitch	5 add'l points
G. Best of Winners	5 add'l points
H. BOS (from regular class)	45 points total
I. BOS (from veteran class)	25 points total
J. BOS (from BOB class)	20 points total
K. BISS (from regular class)	50 points total
L. BISS (from veteran class)	30 points total
M. BISS (from BOB class)	25 points total
N. Award of Merit	15 points