

Border Terrier Club of America Policies and Procedures Manual

Brief History of the Club

In Feb. of 1930, the first Border Terrier was registered with the AKC, Netherbyers Ricky, owned by the Hewats. In 1931, the first American bred litters were registered, both owned and bred by G. Gordon Massey. In 1941, the AKC awarded its first championship to a Border Terrier.

In 1946, Dr. Merritt Pope and Capt. John C. Nicholson began discussing the formation of a breed club in America. In 1947, Dr. Pope chaired a meeting at the Westminster KC show, to begin organizing a club. In 1948 the club composed and accepted a standard which was submitted to the AKC.

In Jan. of 1949, the Border Terrier Club of America (BTCA)., Inc., was formally founded, with the official Constitution and By-laws written. In March of 1950, the AKC accepted the Border Terrier standard. The first breed book was published in 1954, as was the first club newsletter.

Since 1954, the Border Terrier Club of America's membership has grown from under 25 members to nearly 800. Its Annual Specialty has grown from entries of under 30 to around 300; its location now rotating throughout the country.

This manual is a compilation of the BTCA's official documents, policies and procedures, as proposed, adopted and documented in the minutes of the club.