

# **Border Terrier Club of America Policies and Procedures Manual**

## **The "Hair Bear" Award for Juniors**

### **The "Hair-Bear" Award in Loving Memory of Ch. Bandersnatch Harriet Vane CD JE OAJ CGC V**

Offered by Cindy and Laura Sherman, Marg and Amanda Pough, and Kerry Boisvert  
**This award is to recognize a junior with "the special bond" with their dog.**

#### **What is this bond, and how do we describe it?**

Harriet ("Hair-Bear") lived with Marg, but Laura was her person. Laura started training Harriet for Juniors through our 4-H classes. Harriet bonded to Laura very quickly. Laura and her brother were two of Marg's puppy socializers, so Laura was often over at the house when there were pups. Anytime Laura came to visit, Harriet would get super excited. Laura always had to take her out by herself, for training, a walk, or even just a car ride. Of course, Laura came and collected Harriet for 4-H classes, for training, for AKC shows, and finally for their great love... AGILITY! Yes, Cindy was OK, Marg was OK, Kerry was OK, but Laura was SUPER! Laura could never leave Harriet alone at a dog show for more than a millisecond and whenever Harriet saw Laura, it was as if they had been separated for years.

The best way to describe their bond is that when Marg goes to cross the Rainbow Bridge, there will be a pack of Bandersnatch dogs waiting for her. Harriet will be glad to see her, but she will not cross. She will wait for Laura.

#### **Qualifications**

- Open to BTCA Junior members (9 through 17 yrs.) We do not anticipate that this will be awarded each year. A Junior may win it once.
- The Junior must be currently exhibiting with their Border. This can be in any capacity, including 4-H, Junior Handling, obedience, agility, tracking, earthdog, etc.
- The Junior must be nominated by a mentor or teacher (not a family member) who knows both the child and the dog.
- Nomination must state, in 250 words or less, why the nominator thinks the junior should get this award.
- Qualified nominees will then be invited to submit an essay that covers some basic questions. Younger juniors (ages 9 – 12) should answer the questions, in lieu of an essay. A picture of the Junior and Border is optional.
- Nominations should be received at least three months prior to the BTCA National Specialty; answers and essays should be received two months before the specialty.

#### **Award Recipient**

- Receives a \$50.00 savings bond and a hand-made 4-foot braided leather leash, which is a tangible representation of the special connection between the Junior and his/her dog.
- Names will be engraved on a plaque which will be displayed each year at the BTCA National Specialty.
- Winners will be announced each year at the BTCA National Specialty Awards Banquet.

#### **Nominations should be sent to:**

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