

Dear Members and Friends of SOTC,

It's time to think about our Annual Fall Obedience Trial which will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024. We are preparing the Premium List for the Trial and are requesting donations for the money awards and trophies which will be offered at this event.

PLACEMENT AWARDS: We are again offering cash awards for the regular classes (Novice A & B; Open A & B; Utility A & B, Optional Titling classes Beginner Novice A & B, Preferred Novice, Graduate Novice, Preferred Open, Graduate Open and Versatility) in the amounts of \$25, \$20, \$15 & \$10 for first through fourth place respectively. We are also offering cash awards for the non-regular Veterans class in the amount of \$15 & \$10 for first and second place respectively. You may donate the cash amount for these prizes and your name will be printed in the Catalog as the donor, as well as acknowledged to the winner. **Pledges for these awards must be received by July 15. Payment is due by July 31.**

SPECIAL PRIZES: If you are considering donating a special trophy please keep in mind the following:

- According to AKC rules governing Obedience Trials, breeds may not be separated into their varieties as they are in conformation. In addition, we are not permitted to offer trophies under the category of "member-owned" or for dogs with non-A.K.C. titles.
- *In the interest of seeing a donation be awarded, please try to make your requirements attainable.* Also, please be aware that trophies which are not won require storage space and care to be available for subsequent use. This is becoming increasingly difficult as the club has limited space. We will not be able to store fragile items, i.e.: glass, crystal, soft metal. All awards which are not won may be picked up by the donor within 30 days of the Trial or the Club will decide their future use.
- The deadline for special trophy pledges is **July 15** since the AKC requires that they be printed in the Premium List. Payment must be received by **July 31**.
- All donated trophies must be in excellent condition, although they need not be new. Your pledge must be received by *July 15*, and all trophies being supplied by the donor must be in our possession by July 31. If a trophy is not as described, it will be re-described in the catalog. Any trophy donated which does not follow the above rules will be replaced and the donor will be billed.
- If you need some help, I can assist you with suggestions of appropriate awards. Just let me know the dollar value you wish to donate.

GENERAL FUND: As you know, the cost of putting on a Trial continues to escalate. Any donations to the General Fund are appreciated and donors offering \$10.00 or more will be gratefully acknowledged as a Patron in the Catalog. **General Fund pledges and payments must be received by July 31.**

Please complete the form on the reverse side and return to me. If you have any questions you may call me at (631) 757-9448.

As always, thank you for your generous support.

Kathi Galotti
Trophy Chairperson