

## **NSDTRC (USA) TO CONTINUE OFFERING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Although Tollers will become eligible to earn American Kennel Club championships on July 1, 2003, NSDTRC (USA) will also continue to offer what should be considered an even greater honor: the Club championship that also requires the dog to demonstrate it can do the work Tollers were bred to do. The NSDTRC (USA) championship titling program, which requires a field pass along with conformation points to earn an NSDTRC (USA) conformation championship, was carefully designed to keep a focus on the field ability of Tollers. The Club believes that focus continues to be extremely important as we enter the AKC era. That is why the NSDTRC (USA) championship titling program will continue after July 1, 2003.

### **JULY 1, 2003**

There will be no change to the NSDTRC (USA) championship field pass requirement and existing NSDTRC (USA) points will not expire. Dogs will be allowed to complete the NSDTRC (USA) championship point requirement by earning individual NSDTRC (USA) points under the NSDTRC (USA) program rules, or may instead fulfill the NSDTRC (USA) championship point requirement by earning an AKC championship.

Beginning on July 1, 2003, individual NSDTRC (USA) points will be awarded only for wins at NSDTRC (USA) Specialties or at AKC shows. The NSDTRC (USA) point schedule will match AKC's point schedule for the location of the event. This means that as of July 1, no new NSDTRC (USA) points will be awarded for United Kennel Club, American Rare Breed Association, Canine Kennel Club or States Kennel Club wins, although previously awarded points will be honored.

For individual NSDTRC (USA) points to be awarded for wins at AKC shows, an NSDTRC (USA) Conformation Title Form must be submitted to Records within 30 working days of the event. The NSDTRC (USA) requirement that five points must be earned after 18 months of age and that the dog must earn one major will be maintained.

Dogs may instead fulfill the NSDTRC (USA) championship point requirement by completing an AKC championship under AKC rules. The AKC championship will be recorded from AKC Awards magazine, and no Conformation Title Forms will need to be submitted to Records as the 15 AKC points are earned.

### **MORE CHANGES COMING**

NSDTRC (USA) will not immediately be licensed to hold AKC point shows. That approval process is underway with AKC, and upon the date that NSDTRC (USA) is licensed to hold AKC point shows, there will be additional changes in the NSDTRC (USA) championship titling program. At that time, all previously awarded NSDTRC (USA) points will be grandfathered. Dogs with grandfathered points will be allowed to earn additional NSDTRC (USA) points only at AKC shows. Grandfathered NSDTRC (USA) points will not expire, but Records must be notified of all wins by submission of a Conformation Title Form within 30 working days of the event if additional NSDTRC (USA) points are to be awarded.

Dogs with grandfathered points may instead complete the NSDTRC (USA) championship point requirement by completing an AKC championship under AKC rules.

Dogs that have not earned any NSDTRC (USA) points before the date that NSDTRC (USA) is licensed to hold AKC point shows must fulfill the NSDTRC (USA) championship point requirement by completing an AKC championship under AKC rules.

### **FIELD REQUIREMENT REMAINS IN PLACE**

Throughout all these changes, one thing will remain constant in the NSDTRC (USA) championship titling program: a dog shall be required to pass a basic hunting test before it will be recorded as an NSDTRC (USA) Champion. The hunting test may be completed at an NSDTRC event or, until further notice, one sponsored by an organization approved by the NSDTRC. A list of approved organizations is available upon request from the Field Events Chair. For events other than NSDTRC (USA) events, an Alternate Field Pass form must be signed by the judges and submitted to Records.