



AMERICAN MALTESE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Standing Rules

I. MEMBERSHIP

A prospective member's application and check will be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, who will then forward the check to the Treasurer.

Prospective members, as well as their Sponsors' names, and statement as to why they want to join the American Maltese Association (AMA) will be printed in The Maltese Rx allowing thirty (30) days for comments from the membership.

The Corresponding Secretary shall mail to the Board of Directors (BOD) a copy of new membership applications when the applicants' names are sent to The Maltese Rx for publication.

It shall be the responsibility of individual Board members to investigate all concerns about a prospective member whether verbal or written. Substantiation of concerns must be in writing and signed before any recommendation is presented to the Board. All concerns about a prospective member will be considered confidential. Any breach of confidentiality will be dealt with severely by the Board.

If a Board member receives a concern about a prospective member, they shall contact the Corresponding Secretary who shall place the application on hold. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Board, applicant, and sponsors in writing that the application is on hold until further research is completed, and that such research shall be considered confidential. The Board may choose to do the research themselves or appoint an outside committee to do so.

The Maltese Rx is not to be sent to a prospective member, unless already a subscriber, until he/she has been voted on by the Board.

II. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As stated in the Constitution, the Board shall be comprised of the President, three (3) Vice Presidents (one to represent each area), two (2) Secretaries (Recording and Corresponding), the Treasurer, six (6) Directors (two from each area), and Immediate Past President (if applicable).

Board:

Issues, along with how each Board member voted, are to be published in The Maltese Rx and termed Open Air Policy. This will pertain to Club business issues and not contain how each Board member voted on people. Votes involving personalities (i.e.: membership applications, judges, committee members, etc.) shall not be printed and shall be considered confidential.

If and when the Board must vote by telephone, it will be the responsibility of the President to poll the Board. The President will then contact the Recording Secretary with the results for the AMA files.

The AMA Board shall obtain and present a plaque noting AMA appreciation to the Show Chairman of the National Specialty at the Awards Banquet.

President:

The AMA shall reimburse the President for expenses to attend all meetings in conjunction with each National Specialty, not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400) per year.

Vice Presidents:

It is suggested that each Vice President write at least one (1) column a year for The Maltese Rx on area news or on matters of interest to the membership.

Secretaries:

Each Secretary's report is to be published in the Maltese Rx containing votes of the Board and of the membership, as well as new members and any other club business.

The Recording Secretary is required to keep records and ballots for two (2) years. This does not pertain to permanent records such as minutes, rules, or Treasurer's reports.

The Recording Secretary shall read the motions and votes of the Annual Board Meeting at the Annual Membership Meeting.

In addition to the duties detailed in the Constitution and By-laws, when new members are approved the Corresponding Secretary shall also notify the ROM and Sunshine Frost Record Keepers, and the AKC Club Relations Department of such members and their addresses.

The Corresponding Secretary shall list Officers and Directors in a separate section at the front of the Membership Roster along with their addresses and phone numbers to allow members easier access to their Officers.

The Corresponding Secretary will send a welcome letter along with a membership card, a copy of the current Roster, the Constitution and By-laws, and the Standing Rules to the new members.

The Corresponding Secretary shall mail to the Board a copy of new membership applications when the applicants' names are sent to The Maltese Rx for publication.

Treasurer

The Treasurer's last statement in the fiscal year shall be an annual report.

More than one (1) signature shall be on file on all AMA accounts (Treasurer plus the President or Secretary). This is for protection in case for some reason the Treasurer is not able to write checks.

The Treasurer will add on the annual dues statement places for members to mark: breeder, exhibitor, fancier, judge, obedience, rescue, so that it can be included on the Membership Roster each year under each name. Members shall pay an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per year for a kennel listing on the Roster.

Members shall pay an additional ten dollars (\$10.00) per year and must have signed the AMA Code of Ethics to be on the AMA Breeder List sent out to the public.

Directors

It is suggested that each Director write at least one (1) column a year for The Maltese Rx on area news or on matters of interest to the membership.

Delegate

The AKC Delegate's expenses shall be paid up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) without Board approval for each quarterly meeting. The Board must approve any expenses over that amount for each meeting.

III. CLUB OPERATIONS

That the AMA adopt the logo used at the Silver Anniversary National Specialty as our official logo to be used on all club stationary, books, info, flyers, websites, The Maltese Rx, inside front cover of all National Specialty catalogs, premium lists, and any other printed matter or club publications. The logo is copyrighted and NOT to be used by anyone without written permission.

In order to avoid confusion, the AMA shall utilize different clubs or accounting firms for receiving and counting of ballots if more than one ballot is out to the membership during the same time frame.

The AMA will put very discreet “information only” ads in two publications buyers’ ad sections – Dog World Magazine and Dog Fancy Magazine on a contractual basis to say: “For information on the Maltese breed, contact our Breeder Referral person (include mailing address), or contact us at our website www.AmericanMaltese.org.”

There shall be a Breeder Referral contact position appointed by the Board. This person shall be in charge of sending out AMA packets when requested, etc. He/she shall put in an extra telephone line and answering machine at the club’s expense to receive inquiries from the public.

IV. THE MALTESE Rx

The Maltese Rx is the only official publication of the American Maltese Association.

Purpose: The Maltese Rx is organized, operated, and produced exclusively for the purpose of providing charitable and educational information about the Maltese and to give recognition to individuals and events of interest. It is authorized to carry official sections and reports issued by the American Maltese Association.

The Maltese Rx shall be a monthly publication.

The official club publication shall include all club business as submitted by various officers. It shall be the duty of the officers to submit current club business to the editor.

Advertisers shall be members in good standing with the AMA or shall be placed by commercial entities whose advertising submission is judged to be in harmony with the purpose of the publication.

All articles printed in The Maltese Rx by members or area clubs, including non-members such as vets, must be signed. The author’s name shall be printed with the article.

To avoid possible litigation, all copy submitted for publication must be on a positive, constructive level.

The December issue shall be considered a “Holiday Issue”.

The Maltese Rx will publish a tribute, not to exceed a full page, to acknowledge any member who has died.

Once a year in The Maltese Rx, a listing will be made of the various funds available for individual donations with a short explanation of each fund and the amount already contained in each fund.

Individuals running for office may submit a resume and platform to The Maltese Rx. Annual nominees' resumes should be limited to one-quarter (1/4) page.

Ads will be priced in accordance with printer's charges. Current prices will be printed in each issue.

No person shall have The Maltese Rx cover twice in one (1) year, unless it is not reserved by someone else by the deadline.

Subscription rates shall be thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per year for The Maltese Rx subscribers, an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per year for Canada, and twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per year for foreign subscribers.

Member Clubs shall automatically receive The Maltese Rx. All other clubs must subscribe.

The Maltese Rx Editor

Any editor approved by the Board shall serve a one (1) year probation period, with Board approval the editor will continue a four (4) year term. The Editor may run for unlimited consecutive terms.

The Editor shall be a member of the club and may not be a member of the Board.

The Editor shall be reimbursed by the club for any and all expenses incurred for publication. An itemized expense report shall be submitted monthly to the Treasurer and President with receipts going to the Treasurer.

The Editor shall request participation by asking members to submit autobiographies on their involvement in the breed.

Deadlines shall be adhered to, except for extenuating circumstances.

The Maltese Rx Editor shall submit no more than one (1) editorial per year, not to exceed one-half (1/2) page. Editorials must be labeled as such. The Editor may not rebut an article in the issue in which it is first presented.

V. DONATIONS AND GIFTS

There will be a full page in the National Specialty Catalog from the American Maltese Association welcoming and thanking all who attend. This is to be on the first (1st) page of the advertising section.

Not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) annually will be donated to foundations selected for research to benefit the Maltese breed. The Health & Welfare Committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of the recipient(s) for selection.

Fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be gifted to independent Maltese specialties held by Member Clubs to be used as they see fit for the benefit of their Specialty. (This must be applied for.)

Seventy five dollars (\$75.00) will be gifted to any supported entry trophy fund approved by the President or Board (besides the supported entry after the National Specialty). Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the trophy fund for the supported entry held in conjunction with the National Specialty.

The AMA will present the out-going President with a plaque (not to exceed \$50.00) at the next National Specialty.

VI. SPECIALTIES AND SUPPORTED ENTRIES

One National Specialty shall be held per year on a rotational basis – East, Midwest, and West.

Bid

The Board shall approve all Specialties. The President may approve supported entries.

The Board will vote on the location of the National Specialty two (2) years in advance i.e.: in 1986 the Board will be voting for the 1988 National Specialty, 1988 for 1990, etc. This will allow for ample time to select a show site and securing judges.

Starting with the year 1999, every year on May 1st bids will be opened for the National Specialty two (2) years from then. On May 15th the first judges' ballot will be mailed to the membership. Bids will close on July 1st, at which time all bids will be sent by the Recording Secretary to the Board for a vote. When the site for the National Specialty has been selected, the final run-off judges' ballot will be mailed. Anyone interested in bidding for a National Specialty is encouraged to plan ahead of the opening of the bids in order to have them ready for submission to the Recording Secretary by the time they open.

All bids for Specialties with details of where, when, and who will be published in The Maltese Rx thirty (30) days ahead of the final decision to allow feedback from members.

If no group petitions for the National Specialty, the Vice President in the area serves as the National Specialty Chairperson and can appoint committees from the membership to be approved by the Board.

Schedule

The American Maltese Association may hold a three (3) day National Specialty – the first day to cover educational seminars.

The National Specialty Show Schedule shall be as follows: (Any deviation from this schedule must be approved by the Board)

1. First Day
 - AMA various seminars
 - Hospitality
 - White Excitement Party
2. Second Day
 - Obedience and Sweepstakes judging
 - AMA Luncheon following Sweepstakes judging
 - Membership Meeting (Following Luncheon in different meeting room)
 - Hospitality
 - Judges Breed Study Group seminar – AMA funded
3. Third Day
 - Junior Showmanship and Regular Class judging
 - AMA Awards Banquet and Auction

The Show Committee of each National Specialty shall decide, at their discretion, what additional classes, other than those specified by the American Kennel Club, to provide at the National Specialty.

At each National Specialty, Awards of Merit will be offered. The number of Awards of Merit available at any National Specialty will be determined by the number of Maltese entered in the Best of Breed class, with one Award of Merit being made available for each seven (7) Maltese entered in Best of Breed.

Obedience shall be offered, if possible, with the National Specialty and supported entry.

Committees

The individuals holding the following positions must be members in good standing of the American Maltese Association: Show Chairperson, Obedience Chairperson, and National Specialty Treasurer/Controller.

The host club/group Show Chairperson shall request from the American Kennel Club, Event Plans Department, all applications necessary for a Sweepstakes and National Specialty Show. These applications are made out in the American Maltese Association's name with current officers' names and addresses listed. The applications should be secured at least eleven (11) months prior to the scheduled date of the National Specialty. They should be completed and filed with the American Kennel Club at least ten (10) months prior to the event.

The Show Chairperson shall become familiar and comply with all American Kennel Club dates and deadlines with respect to filing for approval of the National Specialty. The Show Chairperson shall also become familiar and comply with all dates and deadlines with respect to the premium list, show catalog, and any other show related matters submitted by the Show Superintendent.

The Show Chairperson must be on show grounds from opening to close of the National Specialty.

Dogs owned or co-owned by the Show Chairperson or immediate family are not eligible for exhibition. The Show Chairperson may not exhibit or handle any dogs.

No National Specialty Committee member may be paid for any services provided.

A maximum of one (1) table may be reserved for judges and/or host club/group, inclusive, at the Awards Banquet or Luncheon.

The official banner will be sent to the next Show Chairperson every year.

Trophies

Memorial trophies are independently funded and must appear in the National Specialty Premium List in order to be presented in the ring. The Trophy Chairperson of the host club/group must contact the trophy contributors in order to verify the trophy donation.

All funds donated specifically for trophies must be used for that item only. Any excess trophy funds not used shall be specifically designated as such and submitted to the AMA National Specialty Treasurer for specific trophy use at the next National Specialty.

Excess trophies are to be inventoried with a list sent to the AMA President and copies to the National Specialty Treasurer. These trophies are then to be sent to the next year's National Specialty Show Chairperson. **EXCESS TROPHIES CAN NOT BE SOLD AT THE CURRENT YEAR'S NATIONAL SPECIALTY.**

Left over and/or excess trophies are to be sold at the next year's National Specialty. Any funds generated from the sale of these trophies will be applied to the trophy fund for the next ensuing year. Excess trophies may also be used as supported entry trophies for the following year.

National Specialty winners (BOB, BOS, WD, WB, Best in Sweepstakes, and High in Trial) will be printed in The Maltese Rx, free of charge. These pages will be given at the National Specialty as AMA trophies as follows: BOB – front cover; BOS, WD, WB, Best in Sweepstakes, and High in Trial (should it be offered) will receive one-half (½) page. Winners need not be AMA members to qualify. Ads must be received by the

deadline of the designated National Specialty issue. These pages will be paid for by the National Specialty Trophy Fund.

Specialty Finances

The American Maltese Association will be responsible for all expenses and will collect all income from any National Specialty.

There will be a separate, permanent National Specialty Treasurer to handle all funds for all National Specialties. This will be a joint account with the AMA Treasurer and will be labeled "Specialty Funds Account".

The Specialty Funds Account will hold up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) with any excess after the fund reaches five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be put back into the general funds for the operation of the Club.

Each group holding a National Specialty will give to the AMA Treasurer and Specialty Treasurer a proposed budget within sixty (60) days from approval of their bid. The budget must be submitted on the AMA Budget Form and shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

Seed money of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) will be given to the host club/group holding the National Specialty before the budget is approved to go toward initial expenses for deposits, i.e. hotel, ballroom, trophies.

No money donations may be solicited towards a National Specialty until the previous National Specialty has been completed.

All checks or money orders shall be made payable in U.S. funds to the American Maltese Association.

The American Maltese Association has set a maximum limit of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the cost of the purchase of artwork, items cost, and shipment of items with respect to the promotion of each year's National Specialty. It is up to the discretion of the host club/group as to whether or not they wish to offer such Specialty souvenir items.

Judge's requested expenses together with the AMA Awards Banquet and Luncheon will be considered covered expenses for the Confirmation Judge.

Judge's requested expenses (up to \$100.00) in addition to one (1) night's lodging, the AMA Awards Banquet and Luncheon will be considered covered expenses for the Sweepstakes Judge.

Table favors for the Luncheon and/or Awards Banquet are optional and may not be paid for by increasing the cost of meals. These may be paid for by the profits from promotional sales, raffle, or other funds raised by the host club/group.

All funds received from the AMA Auction (held after the Awards Banquet) must go to the Specialty Funds Account as income. No item in this particular auction can be specifically designated for any separate cause.

The American Maltese Association has set a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) limit to be spent on decorations for the National Specialty.

There will be a separate fund for the “Rena Martin Best Bred-by Exhibitor” trophy. Daryl Martin will operate this separate account with the AMA Treasurer as co-signer.

All receipts and records as well as funds earned from the AMA National Specialty will be forwarded to the AMA Treasurer and Specialty Treasurer within ninety (90) days from the AMA National Specialty. If the deadline cannot be met, an extension may be granted by applying in writing to the AMA Treasurer.

Specialty Judges

A list of all confirmation judges approved by AKC to judge Maltese will be sent to all AMA members. From this list each member selects three (3) confirmation judges of their choice and mails the ballot back to the Recording Secretary or Accounting Firm designated by the Board. The three (3) confirmation judges receiving the highest number of votes will be contacted for availability and placed on the final ballot. The confirmation judge receiving the most votes of the three (3) on the final ballot becomes the National Specialty judge for that year. Each member will also write-in two (2) separate names for a sweepstakes judge. The three (3) people receiving the most votes will be on the final ballot for sweepstakes judge as above. The sweepstakes nominee receiving the most votes of the three (3) will be the sweepstakes judge for the year.

Ballots for the National Specialty judges will be sent out separately, marked ballot, allowing at least three (3) weeks to be returned.

Regular Class Judges or Sweepstakes Judges of the National Specialty will not be allowed to re-judge for ten (10) years.

Judges for the National Specialty will be asked not to judge Maltese anywhere for three (3) months prior to the Specialty.

Any judge who is asked to take an overload at a National Specialty show shall be exempt from the ten (10) year policy.

Any judge who judges one (1) of the independent Maltese Specialties will not be eligible to judge the National Specialty for two (2) years. This does not include supported entries.

Each National Specialty judge shall be given a thank you gift and card not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). The gift selection is the responsibility of the host club/group.

One (1) night's lodging and one (1) day's meals will be given to the Sweepstakes Judge. In addition, The American Maltese Association will reimburse up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in transportation expenses to the Sweepstakes Judge of the AMA National Specialties. This will only be given when applied for, with receipts sent to the AMA Treasurer. Covered expenses will only be towards airline tickets or gas and tolls for land travel. The money will in no way be considered as payment for judging.

Specialty Publications

Information pertaining to an AMA National Specialty may not be published anywhere other than official American Maltese Association publications (The Maltese Rx, AMA website, National Specialty fliers, etc.) without prior consent of the AMA Board.

The National Specialty catalog will have the National Specialty logo (no photo) on the cover.

There will be a full page in the National Specialty catalog from the American Maltese Association welcoming and thanking all who attend. This is to be on the first (1st) page of the advertising section.

The AMA logo will be printed on the inside cover page of the catalog, the cover of premium lists, and judging programs.

The AMA will publish one (1) memorial page in the National Specialty catalog to acknowledge any and all member(s) known to have died during that year.

No ads may be published in The Maltese Rx or elsewhere for a National Specialty until the previous National Specialty has been completed.

The AMA will contract with the individual/company video taping the National Specialty that the AMA will publish ordering information regarding the tape(s)/CD(s) on the AMA website in exchange for a remittance of either a portion of the proceeds from the sales of the tape(s)/CD(s) or a flat fee.

Specialty Education

Six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) shall be included in the National Specialty budget to cover education seminars. Request for any expenses incurred above this amount may be approved by the Board prior to the National Specialty.

Any Judge's Breed Study Group Seminar approved by the Education Committee is considered separate from other National Specialty programs. Three hundred and fifty

dollars (\$350.00) shall be provided for this seminar. Any expenses incurred above this amount with respect to providing such a Judge's Breed Study Group Seminar will be provided by the American Maltese Association upon approval of the Board.

For any educational programs in which the AKC Maltese Breed Standard or the interpretation thereof is subject matter, the American Maltese Association's Education Chairperson must be contacted prior to any scheduling for approval. Due to American Kennel Club guidelines, this topic is subject to certain restrictions, which the AMA Education Chairperson must assure have been adhered to prior to scheduling at the National Specialty.

Specialty Clubs

Specialty Clubs will send in all activity information to The Maltese Rx and the AMA webmaster.

Specialty Clubs will send in rosters and club information to the AMA Recording Secretary.

Applications for sanction of a Specialty other than the National Specialty should be directed to the President and Corresponding Secretary.

VII. AWARDS

The AMA Awards System

Awards will be presented every year at the National Specialty Awards Banquet for the top dog or person in each of the following categories (only AMA members are eligible):

Top Maltese (Breed Points) – The dog or bitch with the highest total number of Maltese defeated from January 1st through December 31st. This award does not have to be applied for.

Top Maltese (All Breed Points) – The dog or bitch with the highest total number of dogs (all breeds, i.e. Group and Best In Show points) defeated from January 1st through December 31st. This award does not have to be applied for.

Top Owner Handled Maltese (Breed Points) – The dog or bitch with the highest total number of Maltese defeated from January 1st through December 31st handled by the owner. Only the owner must have shown the dog from January 1st through December 31st. This award does not have to be applied for.

Top Owner Handled Maltese (All Breed Points) - The dog or bitch with the highest total number of dogs (all breeds, i.e. Group and Best in Show points) defeated from January 1st through December 31st handled by the owner. Only the owner must have

shown the dog from January 1st through December 31st. This award does not have to be applied for.

Top Sire – The Maltese sire of the most AKC champions completing their title(s) from January 1st through December 31st. This award must be applied for.

Top Dam - The Maltese bitch of the most AKC champions completing their title(s) from January 1st through December 31st. This award must be applied for.

Top Breeder – The person that has bred the most AKC champions completing their title(s) from January 1st through December 31st. (Any dogs that are co-bred do not count for this award. This is a single person award.) This award must be applied for.

Top Co-Breeders – The members who work as a pair or trio that have bred the most AKC champions completing their title(s) from January 1st through December 31st. (Dogs that are bred singularly or with any other or differing co-breeder(s) do not count for this award.) This award must be applied for.

Top Obedience Dog – The top scoring obedience dog from January 1st through December 31st. Also, three certificates will be awarded for Top Novice, Top Open, and Top Utility. Each of these awards must be applied for.

Top Junior Handler – The junior, while showing a Maltese, that has defeated the highest total number of juniors in the open class from January 1st through December 31st. This award must be applied for.

The AKC Gazette will be used to verify the information submitted. (Please note the Gazette is not immune to errors and sometimes the December information is not printed until the following March or April issues of the Gazette, therefore, it is up to the person applying for the above mentioned awards to verify any errors or omissions with the American Kennel Club.)

Outstanding Member of the Year Award

The AMA will honor one (1) member annually for outstanding contributions to the Maltese breed and/or AMA. An announcement will be printed in The Maltese Rx six (6) months prior to the next National Specialty for nominations for this award. The three (3) persons getting the most nominations will be printed in The Maltese Rx. The membership will be requested to vote (at their expense) within twenty-one (21) days for their first choice. The nominee receiving the most votes shall receive the award. In the case of a tie, both will be honored. Should only one (1) person receive a nomination, a majority vote by the Board shall be required for the nominee to be honored. The amount to be spent for the award is fifty dollars (\$50.00)

Register of Merit (ROM) Award

In order to obtain this award, a Maltese dog or bitch must complete the following qualifications:

1. A bitch must be the dam of three (3) or more AKC champions of record.
2. A dog must have sired five (5) or more AKC champions or record.

The dog or bitch who qualifies for the ROM need not be an AKC champion themselves, but must have produced the required number of AKC champions.

The breeder or owner of the dog or bitch that qualifies will send the dog's or bitch's name and AKC registration number, together with the names of the progeny that are AKC champions that the dog or bitch are to be accredited with, to a committee that will be appointed by the AMA President. (A three (3) or four (4) generation pedigree with the application would be great for the AMA records, but is not mandatory.) Upon verification of the information submitted, which will also be published in The Maltese Rx before a decision is made, a numbered certificate will be issued by the AMA to the breeder or owner of the dog. A duplicate certificate made by the AMA for a set fee can be issued to co-breeders and/or co-owners. In other words, the person who takes the time to submit the information receives the free certificate. Once the certificate is obtained, the owner/breeder of such dog or bitch may put ROM after the name of the dog on their pedigree.

This award is for AMA members only and must be applied for.

Sunshine-Frost Award

The Sunshine-Frost Award is given in memory of Sunshine Elizabeth Perlmutter and Tammy Frost to honor AKC champions of record or AKC obedience title holders. This award is available to those individuals having had the thrill of campaigning their Maltese to an AKC championship or AKC obedience title (whether owner-handled or shown by an agent).

To qualify for the Sunshine-Frost Award applicants must be a member of the AMA and listed as the owner of the dog when published in the AKC Gazette. This award must be applied for. Only one (1) award per AKC champion or AKC obedience title holder is offered. Co-owners may apply and pay for additional awards for the same dog if desired. If a dog receives more than one AKC obedience title and the owner wishes another plate, it may be obtained at the owner's expense. The calendar year of January 1st through December 31st will be used to determine awards each year.

The Sunshine-Frost Award started with AKC champions of record from 1983 and was expanded to include AKC obedience title holders in 1987. Any AMA member who has received the Sunshine-Frost Award and desiring dog name plates for AKC champions or obedience title holders prior to 1983 may obtain them at their own expense. Breeders who have qualified and applied for this award may purchase dog name plates of dogs

they have bred that have become AKC champions or AKC obedience title holders, but are not owned by them.

Carol F. Andersen Breeders Award

In addition to the awards presented at the National Specialty Awards Banquet, there shall be a Carol F. Andersen Breeders Award given to the breeder of the #1 Maltese Breed Points and the #1 Maltese All-Breed Points. A separate fund set-up by Larry and Vicki Abbott will take care of this award.