

Breeders' Stakes Begins to Come into Focus

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The 2008 breeding season has passed and there were sixty-three sires listed in the Breeders' Stakes to give us a total of \$63,000 from the Sires' fund. There were 3,251 pups litter registered that were sired by these hounds and nominated for the Super Stakes and Breeders' Stakes. As of now, there are approximately 300 of these pups paid up and certified for the Sires' Breeders' Stakes and a few less for the Dams' purse. We say approximately because in order to be certified for the Breeders' Stakes a pup has to have full DNA profile and certified breeding. There are some who have been paid up and we are awaiting DNA profile. Ever since the beginning of the Breeders' Stakes, people have been trying to get a handle on just were everything would shake out. It is still too early to tell, but we are beginning to get some idea. We know we have \$63,000 from the Sires' contributions and we have 300 of the 3,251 paid up right now giving us another \$30,000 for a total of \$93,000.

Below is a chart of what I believe is a good estimate of what we can expect:

1. Sire Enrollment (63 Sires).....	\$63,000
2. Pups (before 6 months, 1,000 @ \$100).....	100,000
3. Pups (6 to 12 months, 50 @ \$300).....	15,000
4. Pups (12 to 18 months, 25 @ \$500).....	12,500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.....	\$190,500
Awards Purse.....	\$161,925
Championship (50%).....	\$80,962
One-Year-Old Awards (20%).....	\$32,385
Two-Year-Old Awards (30%).....	\$48,577

All right, lets talk about these numbers. We know the numbers are correct for the Sire Enrollment, so that number is firm. PUPS CERTIFIED: Less than six months. This number may be a little optimistic, but this represents less than a third of the pups born and registered. There are presently 3,251 pups registered and eligible to be certified. If this becomes a smaller number, we can expect to see more of the pups certified later at a higher cost per pup.

PUPS CERTIFIED: Less than twelve months. I have estimated this to be fifty pups and if the less than six months number is smaller, I believe this number will be greater.

PUPS CERTIFIED: Less than eighteen months. I have only estimated twenty-five, but you can bet if one of those 2,000 or so pups that were not certified begins to win casts, someone is going to spend another \$500. This gets us to how the money will be spent. We know that the overall Champion will earn \$50,000, so that will leave \$30,962 to be divided among the other placings. How many certified pups will win \$1,000 and qualify for the championship? Your guess is as good as mine, but I have never expected more than 25 or so based on what our records in the past have shown. If we pay the top four in the Championship you can expect to see second place earn about \$15,000; third about \$10,000 and fourth about \$5,000. They are eligible to start earning the one-year-old awards right now by winning casts in open events. How many will

win the required five casts to qualify? How many will win ten or more casts? We have no information to go on, but I bet those who have the ability will be out there trying. Remember, right now we only have 300 paid up and ready to compete and I am sure that no more than ten percent (30) are good enough to compete at this point. I can see where each cast win could be worth as much as an additional \$200 at the end of the year. They will begin to compete for the two-year-old purse next October and, to be sure, there will be many more dogs paid up and competing and a good guess of what a cast win would be worth is still pretty cloudy now. We have estimated almost \$50,000 in the awards' purse to be awarded to those who are successful.

And all this is just for those paid up on the Sires' purse. There are almost as many pups paid up on the Dams' purse as there are on the Sires' side. The money will be the same except for the original \$63,000. Also, the good news is that when you win the required five casts to qualify in the Sires' purse, those same cast wins will count on the Dams' side. You will earn money from both purses with the same cast win. Right now we have six pups that have already earned money to qualify for the Championship. I have not looked to see if they have earned anything after the first of October so their cast wins will count. These six hounds are as follows:

<u>DOG NAME</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>SIRE</u>	<u>AMOUNT WON</u>
Miss Dolly.....	Ott/Kisamor	Trackman.....	\$413
Swampy Btm Superbad	Joey Robinson	Trackman.....	\$249
Dora	Stylish Kennel	Stylish Pete.....	\$78
Trammels No Sweat	Billy Trammel	Cold Sweat	\$50
Rowe's Dangerous Dan	Jerry Rowe.....	Stylish Legend	\$50
She's A Crook.....	William Cochran.....	Skuna River Bark.....	\$50

We have the computer programmers working to give us a listing of the Breeders' Stakes cast winners. We hope to have this information available next month. It will be interesting to see these numbers grow.