AMERICAN DOG BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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To Whom It May Concern:

To clarify, the Kennel of the Year Award is based on the following criteria: the kennel that produced dogs that competed in ADBA sanctioned conformation and weight pull events and were placed in the overall yearly ranking point system, based on the number of dogs that were defeated.

Prior to the 2022 ADBA Convention, there was a meeting held by the ADBA Board of Directors on December 17, 2021, to discuss several important issues that needed to be addressed. Among those were concerns regarding the condition of dogs being allowed to compete in our sanctioned events. These issues were put on our list of concerns to be addressed publicly at our upcoming convention.

As the ADBA Board of Directors, our mission is to ensure ADBA events are not just about fair competition. Our focus must be the well-being of the dogs which will insure a positive public image, not only of our breed but our canine sports as well. We expect our sanctioned judges to use their authority to enforce our directives in these matters. To assure this goal we are enforcing and changing some of our positions on our events:

- No dogs to be dragged to the weight pull cart, for any reason.

- No dogs will be allowed to compete in ADBA events that are so excessively thin that their hips, ribs, and/or backbone are prominent. According to the ADBA Heritage American Pit Bull Terrier Conformation Standard®, “Presentation of an adult dog should be of a lean, exercised animal showing a hint of rib and backbone (without hipbones showing) with muscles firm and defined. Clean, glossy coat with short, trimmed nails. Presentation of dogs in the puppy classes should be of a well-nourished puppy, showing no ribs, backbone, or hips. Coat should be glossy with short, trimmed nails.”

Regards,
ADBA Board of Directors