

**Border Terrier Club of America
Policies and Procedures Manual**

Majority and Minority Opinion Policy and Procedure for the BTCA Board

In an effort to keep the membership better informed about the decisions made by the board, the following procedure will be followed.

- Within 2 days of the closing of a poll (vote) by the board, both majority and minority opinions will be written and submitted by those board members who choose to do so. There will be a one week grace period for submitting an opinion to the web site for those members who are off-line after the closing of a poll. No late opinions will be published in the Borderline if an absent board member does not meet the deadline.
- The written opinion should be brief, approximately 100 words. Ideally, board members should collaborate on a written opinion; alternatively opinions may be presented in a short statement by board members who choose to write one individually.
- Opinions expressed should refer to the motion and not to the opposing viewpoint.
- The opinions will be posted to the web site along with the results of the poll. No majority or minority opinions may be posted to the web site or published in the Borderline without first submitting them to the board.
- The Recording Secretary will keep a copy of these opinions along with the poll results and present them to the Editor of the Borderline by the deadline of each issue. When published in the Borderline, the opinions will be printed side by side.
- Should no majority or minority opinion be written, then the results of the poll will be posted to the web site and published in the Borderline without them. For example, the majority may decide that the poll is self-explanatory and no majority opinion is needed. The minority opinion on such a vote, if submitted, will be posted and published without a majority viewpoint.