**Breed Standard Committee**

**Scope:**

The purpose of the English Toy Spaniel Club of America (ETSCA) Breed Standard Committee is to serve as a resource for the Board as it ensures that the Breed Standard:

- articulates clearly and correctly, the elements of ideal conformation for the English Toy Spaniel
- meets all requirements for breed standards as set forth by the American Kennel Club

In serving in this capacity, as requested by the Board the Committee will:

- provide recommendations and rationale to the Board for updated language and/or clarifications for the approved Breed Standard
- provide recommendations to the Board for interpretation of the Breed Standard as requested by the American Kennel Club, judges, breeders, exhibitors, or the public

**Objectives:**

The Breed Standard shall describe the ideal conformation of the perfect English Toy Spaniel which all breeders should strive to produce. The Breed Standard shall not be modified simply to reflect current trends. At the direction of the Board, the Committee will recommend necessary changes only to better describe the ideal English Toy Spaniel. All recommendations of the Committee are forwarded to the Board for further action in accordance with the By-Laws of the ETSCA.

**Committee Membership:**

The Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and two additional members. The Chairperson is identified and confirmed by the Board. Two additional members of the Committee will be identified by the Chairperson and will present their qualifications to the Board for serving on the committee. All identified members will be approved by the Board. All confirmed Committee members are urged to complete a minimum of one (1) two-year term.

**Committee Membership Qualifications:**

- Member in good standing of the ETSCA
- In good standing with the AKC
- Documented experience of a minimum of 12 years of involvement in the breed
- Sustained conformation event achievements in the breed as owner, exhibitor, or breeder
- Ability to write and think with clarity