

Section 5 - Short Tail Award

- A) Objective: To visit all Lions Clubs in a District 4-A3 Region or any 8 different clubs in District 4 A3.
- B) Rules: The Award will be given in two categories:
 - (1) Club award to each Lions Club completing official visitations to all clubs in a District 4-A3 Region **or number of clubs in their Region equal to or greater than a Region with the lowest number of clubs in 4A3.** Club size rules apply.
 - (2) Individual Lion award to each Lion completing visitations to all clubs in a District 4-A3 Region **or number of clubs in their Region equal to or greater than a Region with the lowest number of clubs in 4A3.**
 - (3) A visitation is defined as attendance at any regular club meeting, club charter night, club officer installation, club student speaker contest, club holiday party, club service or fundraising project. (A club service/fundraising project is defined as any project entered into the club activities section of the Lions Club International Website). For all such attendance credit at another club's service/fundraising project, the requirement for a flag salute to be performed at the "visitation" will be waived.
- C) The District Governor's Official Visitation does not count towards a Short Tail Award for the District Governor.
- D) Club visitations made to two or more clubs on the same day to clubs with overlapping meeting times will cause all such visitations to be void. An exclusion to this applies to club service/fundraising projects, as many will overlap during the year. In the event of this, clubs participating must have different groups of people working at the simultaneous events.
- E) Two or more visitations made by an individual Lion on the same day to clubs with overlapping meeting times will cause all such visitations to be void
- F) Visitations must be completed within the official contest period April 1 through March 31.
- G) Each club or Lion will keep its/his/her own records. When visitations are completed, turn in the record to the District Contest Chairperson after the end of the contest period by the date specified on the visitation contest reporting form.

Visiting Protocol (applicable for Short Tails and Long Tails)

- (1) Inform the Club Secretary or Club President to be visited one week in advance so that adequate food preparation can be made and provide approximate number that will be visiting , date of visit and how many will be eating.
- (2) The club bell, gavel, and banner are the only three items that are subject to 'borrowing' and then only between the opening and closing of the meeting and not during a program. Opening and closing are defined as the first and last bell of the meeting. At no time shall attempts to borrow property be disruptive or discourteous to the Presiding Officer. Good common sense must always prevail on both sides.
- (3) Borrowing of club property shall not occur during any of the following: District Governor visitations, Charter or Installation functions, Holiday parties, Student Speaker meetings, Leo recognition meetings, Past President recognition meetings, club meetings with guest speakers, service or fundraising projects.
- (4) All borrowed property shall be returned to the rightful club no later than the next District/Cabinet meeting. In the alternative, arrangements may be made with the District Secretary to return the borrowed property at the next District/Cabinet meeting with an appropriate ceremony approved by the District Secretary.