

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.

Criteria for Selecting a BSCA Member to Receive the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

The recipient must be a member in good standing of the BSCA for at least ten (10) years. They must have undertaken substantial activities to promote the sport of purebred dogs, demonstrated a high level of commitment to the Belgian Sheepdog and embody the attributes outlined in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship [see page 2].

The recipient should regularly attend AKC dog events with their dog(s) and participate in sanctioned activities i.e. conformation, performance and/or companion events of the BSCA and/or Regional clubs.

This annual award will be presented to the deserving BSCA member at the annual awards banquet for their contribution to the BSCA and the Belgian Sheepdog breed. Examples of such contributions might include spearheading a successful program, making a major contribution to the breed, organizing a successful fund raising effort, chairing a committee, being a show chairman, being a BSCA Board Member, being a 'worker bee' or simply showing a selfless act of kindness.

1) How to nominate a person.

Nominations must be from a BSCA Member in good standing in the form of an essay of 500 words or less stating why the individual is deserving of this award. The essay should describe the activities of this individual that makes them a worthy candidate and explain how this person exemplifies good sportsmanship as outline in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.

2) Send nominations to Mary Grace Buckwalter at mbuckwalter@verizon.net by March 1, 2020. A list of eligible members is attached here.

3) Selection of the award recipient.

The award recipient will be selected by a vote open to the entire membership.

4) What are the criteria of the award?

The award will recognize an individual who has shown unparalleled examples of sportsmanship and who best exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship as defined in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, including but not limited to: fairness, civility, honesty, unselfishness and respect of the rules. The individual will also have set an example and acted responsibly in furthering the BSCA's objectives:

- To define the standard of the breed and to urge members and breeders to accept the AKC Standard for judging and breeding;
- To promote the Belgian Sheepdog as a show dog, performance dog, family dog, and working dog of many talents;
- To popularize the breed with the general public by providing information and news concerning breeding, care, training and showing;
- To protect and advance the interest in the breed by encouraging sportsmanship;
- To assist in conducting AKC Licensed Specialty shows, obedience trials, performance and companion events;
- To encourage and foster the establishment of Regional Clubs for the betterment of the breed.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of the AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance, and companion events. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this Code is presented:

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The Sportsman Judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The Sportsman Exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The Sportsman Exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The Sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

These members are eligible for nomination for the 2020 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
The names are in alphabetic order with the anniversary year stated.

| anniversary | Full Name | | | | | | | |
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| 2009 | Andrae Kipin Acerra | | 2008 | Linda Friedow | 2009 | Susi Looney | 1996 | Cheryl Robotka |
| 2009 | Karen Agacinski | | 2008 | Rory Friedow, DVM | 1999 | Kathay Lovell | 1988 | LINDA ROLF |
| 2009 | Robert H. Agacinski | | 1978 | LYNNETTE A. GANDL | 1991 | Anda Lusic | 2006 | Donald E Rolf |
| 1995 | Andrew Albert | | 1979 | MAUREEN GARGAN | 2006 | Anne Marie Lynch | 1985 | CATHERINE E. ROSSMAN (2017 rec |
| 1971 | DONNA ALBRO | | 1996 | Stacy Garvin | 1997 | Ann MacKay | 1993 | Sharon G. Roundy |
| 1990 | Shery Alligood | | 2008 | Anita Rice Gentry | 2010 | David MacLeod | 2002 | Patricia J. Rubin |
| 2007 | Llewellyn S. Allison | | 1970 | CAROL GERBER | 1993 | Raini Madden | 2010 | Cynthia Ryder |
| 1985 | MELINDA B. ANDRIC | | 2008 | Laura Gilbert | 1993 | Terry Madden | 1975 | BARBARA SALBERG-RICHMAN |
| 1978 | PEGGY ANTROBUS (2011 recipient) | | 1979 | CINDY M. GILBERTSON | 2007 | Lisa Mahoney | 1994 | Lori Sandall |
| 1980 | JOHN T. ANTROBUS | | 1983 | TEDDI GILL | 1993 | Cheryl R. Mallonee | 2004 | Nancy P. Sanders |
| 1983 | RENEE L. ARTYMYSHYN, M.D. | | 1996 | Charles D. Goddard | 1987 | JANICE MANUEL | 2002 | Kayla Marie Savory |
| 1971 | RUTH M. AVILA | | 1999 | Betty Pat Goddard (2012 recipie | 2003 | Peggy Marchesi | 1996 | R. Eric Schantz |
| 1994 | Rachelle Bailey-Austin | | 2007 | Lori Goldstrom | 1968 | KURT MARTI | 1986 | SARAH E. SCOTT |
| 1993 | Laurie Bandy | | 1986 | LAURIE GRAICHEN | 1991 | Sheila Martin | 2009 | Karen Scott |
| 1995 | Jocelyn M. Barker | | 2006 | Kathy Greenwood | 1980 | CHARLENE MASCUCH | 1983 | M. SANDRA SHAW |
| 1980 | PATRICIA M. BARRETT | | 2010 | Cara Greger | 1972 | DALENE A. MASDEN | 1972 | JILL T. SHERER |
| 1989 | ERNESTINE (TINA) BAYER | | 1975 | CAROLYN S. HACKNEY | 2007 | Anna McArtor | 1997 | Richard N. Skinner |
| 2003 | Karen Beall | | 1980 | KAYE HALL | 1976 | LINDA M. McCARTY | 1995 | Pamela T. Smith |
| 2003 | Jana L. Behm | | 2010 | Katherine (Kitty) Halton-Berns | 1997 | Rebecca L. McCorry | 1996 | Brenda K. Smith |
| 2003 | Tori Behm | | 2009 | Suzanne Handler | 1969 | ELEANOR S. MCDONALD | 1996 | Michael J. Smith |
| 1995 | Timothy J. Beihoff | | 1978 | JANICE HANDLERS | 1989 | RITVA MCGOWAN | 1984 | PATRICIA J. SNOW |
| 1981 | LAURA BELLOWS | | 1998 | Sherry L. Hanley (2014 recipient) | 1994 | Robert McGowan | 1987 | BARBARA FETTY SOLDERS |
| 1981 | WAYNE H. BELLOWS | | 2000 | Barbara J. Harrill | 2006 | Andy McGregor | 1993 | Wendy J. Sommer |
| 2010 | Robert C. Berry | | 2000 | Spencer J. Harrill | 2003 | Valerie McKagen | 1979 | LYNN SOUTH |
| 2001 | Lynn M. Black | | 1961 | ELAINE HAVENS | 2000 | Margot R. McKereghan | 1973 | MARCY SPALDING |
| 2010 | Ginger Blossom | | 1993 | Marion Heise | 1978 | ANITA MEEKS-CHAMBERS | 1982 | MICHELE A. SPECTOR, DVM |
| 1985 | LINDA BRADY (2015 recipient) | | 1963 | TERRY HENDRICKS | 1973 | JILL A. MILLER | 1976 | SUSAN M. SPINHIRNE (2010 recipier |
| 1986 | MARGIT BRAND | | 1969 | JAMES HERMAN | 1978 | LORRA ACORD MILLER | 1997 | Karla J. Spriggs |
| 1969 | ESTELLE BREINES | | 1969 | KATHLEEN HERMAN | 1992 | Peggy L. Miller | 2010 | Marion Stark |
| 1969 | IRA BREINES | | 1999 | Cindy Herman | 1999 | Susan L. Miller | 1987 | ELAINE P. STAVELEY |
| 1990 | Sharon L. Brewer | | 1995 | Patricia Hess | 2010 | LeAnn Miller | 1990 | Joan E. Steimel |
| 1983 | LARRY BRICE | | 1982 | KAREN HODGES | 2009 | Donald Miller | 2009 | Mary Stephens (2019 recipient) |
| 1987 | CHERYL A. BRICE | | 2007 | Elizabeth Hodges | 1978 | LINDA MIZRAHI | 2009 | Zindell Stephens |
| 2003 | Shelly Brosnan (2009 recipient) | | 1992 | Susan Hoffman | 1996 | Charlene S. Mode | 1997 | Susan Sterngold |
| 1966 | HELENA BROWN | | 1997 | Magdalene Holland | 1990 | Kevin Moeller | 1996 | Thomas A. Stevens |
| 1971 | JEANI A. BROWN | | 2010 | Tamara Holloway | 1990 | Melinda Moeller | 1995 | Jeanne L. Stevens-Solman |
| 1973 | MILLARD F. BROWN | | 1995 | Joan F. Hoos | 1984 | CARILEE MORAN | 1989 | GREG STORMS |
| 2007 | Mary Grace Buckwalter | | 2010 | Lorie A. Hopp | 1987 | CAROL R. MORRIS | 1997 | Laverne M. Stout |
| 2006 | Hildegard Buschman | | 2010 | Aileen Horwath | 1997 | Carole P. Murphy | 2005 | Kathy Y. Sutton, DVM |
| 1990 | Judy B. Butcher | | 1987 | CAROL HUDSON | 2005 | Sylvia Myer | 2003 | Sherri Wilmoth Swabb |
| 2001 | Dottie Butler | | 2000 | Karen A. Huey | 1998 | Lynne Narez | 1974 | BARBARA E. SWISHER (2007 recipi |
| 1998 | Annabelle Cambier | | 1999 | Mary Hunter | 1989 | PATTY NAULTY | 1997 | Mary Tabert |
| 1998 | Jean-Luc Cambier | | 2001 | Thomas A. Iona | 1988 | SHAWN L. NELSON | 1998 | Carol Tacquard |
| 1994 | Julie A. Cantrell | | 2010 | Bob Jakovina | 2010 | Lesley Newman | 1985 | KATHRYN C. TAILER |
| 1997 | Linda S. Carlsgaard | | 2010 | Harriet E. Jakovina | 1993 | Kristy Lantz Newport | 2009 | Catherine (Kate) Taylor |
| 1976 | CAROL A. CHAMBERLAIN | | 1965 | ELAINE JAYE | 2010 | Susan C. Nielsen | 1988 | LYNN TEXTER-KNAPP |
| 1995 | Kathleen A. Champagne | | 1985 | JUDY JOHNSTONE | 2006 | January Niemeck | 1995 | Cathy L. Toma |
| 2010 | Joseph F. Cherichella | | 2004 | Beth Jones | 2006 | Samantha Niemeck | 1976 | CLAIRE M. TRETHERWEY |
| 1978 | JANET CIESLAK | | 2006 | Ann M. Jones | 1998 | Peri D. Norman | 1984 | BARBARA L. TREZZA |
| 2005 | Margaret Clarke | | 2006 | Nicki Jones | 2000 | Virginia W. Norman (2016 recipi | 1975 | LYNN VAN DUYN |
| 1978 | CHRISTINE CLAUSSEN | | 2003 | Gail Kenny | 1995 | Nancy Kesterky O'Connell | 1986 | GARY L. VAN SCYOC |
| 1994 | Julie Coddling | | 2006 | Colleen Kent | 1994 | Gina O'Garra | 1994 | Paula K. Vanden Boom |
| 1982 | KAREN CONNELL | | 1971 | GERALDINE KIMBALL | 1983 | LOIS OLSON | 1997 | Karen M. VanderBurg |
| 1971 | JANET CONSTABLE | | 1975 | SANDRA KING | 1989 | Gail N. O'NEIL | 1990 | Cathy Vella |
| 1982 | CAROLYN M. COOPER | | 2004 | Penny King | 1987 | PETER K. OSTLUND | 2002 | Bernadette Verhoski |
| 1986 | CHERYL M. CORSON | | 2006 | Sunny Kohn | 1987 | SONJA J. OSTROM | 1979 | CHARLENE T. VINCENT |
| 1996 | Debby Courtier | | 1994 | Peggy L. Koller | 1997 | Patricia Paese | 2002 | Terry W. Vitt |
| 2001 | Christopher Curran | | 1986 | ANN M. KOZEL | 1989 | JO PASCOE | 1981 | TERRI ANN VOTAVA |
| 1980 | CYNTHIA H. CZECH | | 1985 | RAMONA C. KRAFT | 1968 | LAURA PATTON | 1996 | Lisa A. Wainio |
| 2010 | Barbara Daniels | | 2003 | Dr. Mary Kraus | 1989 | LAUREN PAUL | 1997 | Angela Walsh |
| 1980 | JOHN L. DANIELSON | | 2003 | Thomas Kraus | 1996 | Sharon K. Phillips | 2002 | Robin Watson |
| 1998 | Vicki L. Daugherty | | 1987 | STANLEY KRIEDER | 1972 | PAT PORTER | 2002 | Alda Weaver |
| 1986 | PHYLLIS J. DAVIS | | 2003 | Bonnie Kreider | 1983 | JOHN D. POWERS | 2010 | Heike Wehrle |
| 1984 | KAREN SUE DAVITO | | 1998 | Diana W. Kruglick | 1992 | Janice Powers | 2003 | Carleen Wiles |
| 2009 | Suzanne DeBlois | | 2007 | Marie L. Kutsch | 1974 | MADELINE PRAGNELL | 2001 | Lucian C. Williams |
| 2004 | Dr. Greta KM Dixon | | 2007 | LizBeth Lachnitt | 1978 | STEPHANIE PRICE | 1995 | Mary F. Williamson |
| 2009 | Jamie Dixon | | 2010 | Linda P. Laffler | 1995 | Janet Pulliam | 1988 | KIM WILSON |
| 1986 | WILLIAM K. DOYLE | | 1973 | SHARON A. LAFUSE | 2006 | Mary Ann Ralston | 2003 | Michelle Wilson |
| 1996 | Viola Dyer | | 1990 | Kathy J. Lang | 1995 | Wendy Reese | 2004 | Suzanne Wood |
| 1972 | JOHN EATON | | 2006 | Cathie Lang | 2002 | James M. Reise (2018 recipient) | 2000 | Lou Wooldridge |
| 1988 | KATHLEEN ECKINGER | | 1991 | Terry Lattanzio | 2010 | Melanie Reiswig | 1988 | TAMI WORLEY |
| 2009 | Isaac Edid | | 1973 | DOTTIE C. LEE | 1995 | Michele A. Ricci | 2001 | Ron Worley |
| 1991 | Nancy M. Edmonds | | 1980 | LISA LEFFINGWELL | 1996 | Katharine Richardson | | |
| 2001 | Mary G. Falcone | | 1987 | BONNIE LEONARD | 1980 | PEGGY RICHTER | | |
| 1981 | JULIA E. FIECHTER | | 1975 | BRENDA LEVINE | 1986 | JEANNE WEBER RINGE | | |
| 1991 | Maureen F. Foley | | 1995 | Alissa H. Levine | 1998 | Marcille P. Ripperton | | |
| 1991 | Mara Lusic Foy | | 2007 | Marion Lloyd | 2002 | Kathy Graham Roberts | | |
| 1988 | SUE SIVESS FRANKS | | 1988 | MEGAN LLOYD-THOMPSON | 1980 | LINDA ROBEY | | |
| 2007 | Bruce Freedman | | 2009 | Mike Looney | 2002 | Freya L. Robison | | |