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 outlined 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.

2019 Shery Allgood 2008 Anita Rice Gentry 2010 David MacLeod 2002 Patricia J. Rubin
2019 MELINDA B. ANDRIC 2008 Laura Gilbert 1993 Terry Madden 1975 BARBARA SALBERG-RICHMAN
2015 JOHN T. ANTONIUS 1963 TEGG, LTD. 2004 Nancy P. Sanders
2019 Annabelle Cambier 1999 Mary Hunter 1989 PATTY NALUTY 1997 Mary Tabert
2019 Hildegarde Buschman 2005 Aileen Hornak 2007 Mary P. Murphy 2005 KATHY S. DUVEN, DVM
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2019 Margaret Clarke 2006 Nick Jones 2000 Virginia W. Norman (2016 recipient) 1975 LYNN VANN DUYNE
2006 CHERRY M. CORSON 2006 SUNJA L. OSTRUM 1979 CHARLIE C. VINCENT
2019 Nancy M. Edmonds 1980 LISA LEFFINGWELL 1996 Katharine Richardson
2019 JULIA E. FICHELLER 1985 JEANNE WEBER RINGE 1986 HEIKE WERTH
2019 Marias L. Foul 2007 Marion Lloyd 2002 Kathy Graham Roberts
2019 GREG LLOYD-THOMPSON 1996 MEGAN LLOYD-THOMPSON 1996 LINDA ROSEBY
2017 Bruce Freedman 2009 MILO K. LOONEY 2002 Freya L. Robinson