Awards Committee Description

Objective
The Awards Committee will promote and support the awards program of the German Pinscher Club of America.

Promote
Ensure the members know the necessary steps and deadlines for participating in the GPCA Awards Program.

Send information on applying for Special Awards for the March Pinscher Press.
Publish information via the Online Newsletter.
Ensure necessary forms and information are on the GPCA website.
Provide Committee report for the Annual Board and General Membership meetings.
Determine the deadline for applications, allowing ample time for members to submit documentation. (two months prior to that year’s National Specialty weekend)

Rules for New Titlists Awards
Rules required for a member to obtain an award for new AKC titlists.
New AKC titlists for the award year will automatically receive a certificate. They do not need to apply. New title certificates will be mailed monthly based on the current award year (i.e., titles earned in January 2014 will be mailed in January 2015).
In order to receive a medallion, proof of health testing must be presented to the awards committee by the published deadline.

Rules for Special Awards
GPCA members must apply to the Awards Committee by the published deadline to compete for Special Awards.
Winners meeting the criteria will receive a certificate.
Winners submitting proof of health testing will receive a plaque in addition to a certificate.

Health Requirements
The chairman will collect (by the published deadline) and verify the proof of health testing from the members.
Hips evaluation OFA number or proof from Veterinary Hospital of x-ray can be pending CERF/OFA-ECR number or proof of test from Veterinary Hospital.
vWD test result or copies of parent’s vWD test results.

Verify Winners of Special Awards
Special Award Forms and Charts presented by the members must be verified to determine the winners.
Evaluate application form against member’s AKC report to ensure accuracy.
Special Award winners need not submit health information. The winners without health information will receive certificates and the title. They only need to submit health information to receive a plaque.
Compare the application form for each award to determine the winner: Conformation Dog of the Year, Conformation Dog of the Year Opposite Sex, Brood Bitch of the Year, Stud Dog of the Year, Obedience Dog of the Year, Rally Dog of the Year, Agility Dog of the Year, Tracking Dog of the Year and Junior Handler of the Year.
Verify applications for other Special Awards (e.g., Versatile Companion Dog).
Results are subject to review if the Board so decides.

Documentation
The Awards rules are available on the GPCA website. They will be mailed to a member upon request if they do not have internet access. Overall award rules can be found on the Awards Rules page of the GPCA website. Rules for each Special Award can be found on the Awards Rules page of the GPCA website. Application for a medallion can be found on the Awards Rules page of the GPCA website.

**Presenting Awards**

Special Awards and Hall of Fame Producers awards will be presented at the Annual National Specialty Banquet. Ensure the plaques, medallions, certificates, and a list of those receiving awards are at the Banquet. New title certificates will be mailed monthly based on the current award year (i.e., titles earned in January 2014 will be mailed in January 2015). Mail the certificates, medallions, and plaques to those who could not attend the Specialty.

**Leading Producers**

Leading Producers do not receive an award. Instead, their names and a list of their titled progeny will be printed in the Pinscher Press once a year. Once a leading producer achieves the criteria for Hall of Fame Producer, the Awards Committee will be notified and the dog/bitch will receive a plaque/award at the Annual Banquet. Evaluate applications for Leading Producers. Evaluate the Application presented by the member for correctness. Progeny need not belong to GPCA members. Health information must be provided for the stud or dam. Once the title Leading Producer has been achieved, the History Committee will maintain a list of those dogs and their champion/performance titlists. The GPCA History Committee will keep the tally for leading producers. Once a leading producer achieves the criteria for Hall of Fame Producer, the Awards Committee will be notified and the dog/bitch will receive a plaque/award at the Annual Banquet. The awards chairman will notify the Pinscher Press of all Hall of Fame Producers. The awards chairman will notify the webmaster of all Hall of Fame Producers.

Committee chairs must submit a quarterly report each quarter for publication in the Pinscher Press. If there is no committee action that has occurred during a quarter, that should also be reported. The yearly report required for the annual membership meeting will count as one of the quarterly reports.

Intellectual Property: All written materials - articles, forms, disclaimers, brochures, photos, artwork, but not limited to these, prepared, authored, received, during the work of this committee by committee members is done with the understanding that the work is done by GPCA representatives, and that all material prepared and received is Intellectual Property of the GPCA. Exceptions by individual contract between member and GPCA may be allowed.

By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.

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