

As stated in the constitution/Bylaws, this committee shall always be subject to the final authority of the GPCA Board of Directors. A majority of the Board can appoint new members to the committee, appoint the chairman, and approve members wishing to join this committee.

## **GERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Awards Committee consists of up to five members.

### **Program and Rules**

Rules and Eligibility Requirements for GP of the Year and GP of the Year Opposite Sex, Versatile Companion Dog, Agility GP of the Year, Obedience GP of the Year, Tracking GP of the Year, Rally GP of the Year, Brood Bitch of the Year, Stud Dog of the Year, Junior Handler of the Year, Leading Producer and Hall of Fame Producer follows.

### **CONFORMATION CHAMPION and COMPANION DOG AWARDS**

Apart from the Special Awards, the GPCA honors all new AKC conformation champions and companion event titlists with a certificate automatically.

Only dogs that completed AKC titles and are owned by a GPCA member are eligible. Co-owned dogs must reside with the GPCA member during the majority of the year in order to be eligible.

New title certificates will be mailed monthly. The dog's name, owner's name, and title achieved will be read during the GPCA annual banquet.

The GPCA award year runs from January 1 through December 31.

The owner may wish to receive a medallion in addition to their certificate. To receive a medallion, they should submit the application (below) with the required health testing documentation on or before the awards deadline for each particular year. (Health testing explained in item 11 below)

### **Medallion Application Form**

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Is Health Documentation Included? \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY designated deadline.

### **RULES FOR SPECIAL AWARDS**

1. Special Awards, including the Hall of Fame Producers will be given at the National Specialty Banquet
2. All Special Award winners will be honored with an award - either certificate,

or plaque (see item 11 below).

3. GPCA members must apply for the Special Awards to be considered. Easy to use application forms can be found on the website or obtained from the chairman.
4. The awards chairman, or designated committee member will receive the applications and ascertain the winners.
5. These rules were approved by the membership and are part of the GPCA's standing rules.
6. These rules are subject to change as the number of GPs in AKC performance grows.
7. A sample Application Form is available.
8. Owners applying for Special Awards must purchase the report from the AKC applicable to the dog and award being applied for, and include with your application. Exceptions to this would be any Tracking title and any Versatile Companion Dog title. For either of these, a copy of the title certificate from AKC will suffice.
9. The GPCA Board has stipulated that only certificates be given to Special Award winners unless the owner has included proof of health testing (EYE, OFA Hips or PennHip, and Vwd), which match the testing requirements of CHIC.
10. Special Award winners who have been health tested are eligible for a plaque, provided the health testing documentation is submitted with the Award application. Titlists who have submitted health testing results are eligible for a medallion.
11. Specific health tests as approved by the membership are: - All dogs/bitches in order to be eligible for plaques/medallions given by GPCA must have:
  - A) Current EYE certification, up to the age of six, except for breeding awards in which case the dog/bitch must have current EYE certification for the years that they are applying for.
  - B) Hip certification (if over 2 years of age), and
  - C) Vwd tested via DNA or clear by parentage.The exception to #11 above is any dog/bitch that is spayed/neutered and has not produced any get does not need to provide the required health certifications, but must include certification of neutering from their vet with the award application.
12. Applicants for the Stud Dog of the Year and Brood Bitch of the Year MUST provide health test documentation to be eligible for these Special Awards.
15. Any dog/bitch achieving the Hall of Fame status, must provide current CERF certification valid for the time the mating took place that produced the youngest offspring claimed on their list of titled get.

**German Pinscher Club of America Special Awards Program Rules**

The German Pinscher Club of America Annual Awards Application and Rules for individual awards may be obtained from the Awards Committee Chairman or the GPCA website. Certificates will be awarded to the dogs meeting the awards criteria. Additionally, a plaque or medallion will be awarded if a Health certification (OFA or Penn Hip, EYE, and Vwd) is provided with the application. Special Annual Awards are offered by the GPCA. Use the application forms provided for each award. The Special Awards are:

GPCA German Pinscher of the Year  
GPCA German Pinscher of the Year - (Opposite Sex)  
GPCA Stud Dog of the Year  
GPCA Brood Bitch of the Year  
GPCA Versatile Companion Dog  
GPCA Obedience German Pinscher of the Year  
GPCA Agility German Pinscher of the Year  
GPCA Tracking German Pinscher of the Year  
GPCA Rally German Pinscher of the Year  
GPCA Junior Handler of the Year

### **GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR AND GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR, OPPOSITE SEX**

In the interest of better member participation, the Awards Committee will use the final rankings tabulated by the Canine Chronicle as the basis for determining the Conformation Dog of the Year and Dog of the Year Opposite Sex. (Top twenty available online at [www.caninechronicle.com](http://www.caninechronicle.com).) These would be the Breed Standings (GPs defeated in Best of Breed competition), not the All-Breed Standings (all dogs defeated in Breed, Group and Best in Show competition). Should the Canine Chronicle rankings be unavailable, the Awards Committee will look to replace it with a comparable rating system.

The highest-ranked GP of each sex owned by GPCA members will be named Dog of the Year and Dog of the Year Opposite Sex. The Awards Committee will notify the owners of record requesting that they submit health documentation if they wish to receive a plaque in addition to the paper certificate.

In the event that the top twenty does not include GPs of a particular sex owned by club members, the Awards Committee will notify the membership and solicit applications for that sex. Dog of the Year Opposite Sex would then be awarded to the GP of that sex with the most breed points whose owner submits an application.

### **GPCA OBEDIENCE GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR**

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Obedience German Pinscher of the Year" to the GP with the highest average score in obedience competition as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

2. The average score will be determined from the dog's three (3) highest scores in obedience competition in any of the obedience classes: Novice, Open, Utility, Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Graduate Novice, Pre-Open, Graduate Open, Pre-Utility and Versatility.

Each of the three scores must be a qualifying score. For those working towards

their

UDX and OTCH titles, the three (3) highest scores may come from either the open or utility class. Extra weight will be given to those showing in Novice, Open and Utility as

follows:

CD: Add 2 points to the average score

CDX: Add 3 points to the average score

UD: Add 4 points to the average score

3. The award will be based on competition during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

4. Only scores at official AKC point shows and obedience trials will be allowed. The final score counted must be earned during the year for which the award is to be given. (Example: Those earning two scores in 2004 and one score in 2005 can only apply for the 2005 award.)

5. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. If an owner becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only scores made after membership are allowed. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.

6. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those scores made while owned by a GPCA member will be allowed. Awards given to GPCA members in good standing only.

7. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

### **GPCA RALLY GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR**

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Rally German Pinscher of the Year" to the GP with the highest average score in rally competition as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

2. The average score will be determined from the dog's three (3) highest scores in rally competition in any of the rally classes: Novice, Advanced, or Excellent. Each of

the three scores must be a qualifying score. For those working towards their Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title, the three (3) highest scores may come from either the Advanced or the Excellent class. Extra weight will be given to those showing in Advanced and Excellent as follows:

Rally Advanced (RA): Add 3 points once to the average score.

Rally Excellent (RE): Add 4 points once to the average score.

3. In case of a tie, applicants will be asked to provide an additional score.

4. The award will be based on competition during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

5. Only scores at official AKC point shows and obedience trials will be allowed. The final score counted must be earned during the year for which the award is to be given. (Example: Those earning two scores in 2005 and one score in 2006 can only

apply for the 2006 award.).

6. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete for or receive awards. If an owner becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only scores made after membership are allowed. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.

7. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those scores made while owned by a GPCA member will be allowed. Awards given to GPCA member in good standing only.

8. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

### **GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER STUD DOG OF THE YEAR AND GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER BROOD BITCH OF THE YEAR**

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA German Pinscher Stud Dog of the Year" to the German Pinscher with the highest number of AKC Champions finished during the calendar year as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

2. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA German Pinscher Brood Bitch of the Year" to the German Pinscher with the highest number of AKC Champions finished during the calendar year as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

3. The award will be determined by the highest number of offspring finishing their Championship during the calendar year: January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

4. More than one award will be given when more than one stud dog or brood bitch have the same number of Champions. There will be no tie-breakers.

5. Offspring do not have to belong to GPCA members.

6. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.

7. Application for award must be made by the owner(s) of the dog to the Awards Committee on the GPCA official form, giving the offspring's name and date where the Championship may be verified. An AKC Progeny Report can be used to show this data.

8. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

9. Only dogs and bitches with health test documentation (eyes, hips, vWD) will be eligible to compete for and receive Stud Dog or Brood Bitch awards.

### **GPCA AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR**

The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Agility Dog of the Year" to the dog ranked as the top German Pinscher in agility by the AKC agility rankings.

1. The #1 ranked GP in the regular classes would automatically win. To receive a plaque the health test documentation must be submitted or proof of spay/neuter.
2. If there is no GP ranked in the regular classes, then the #1 ranked GP in the Preferred classes would win the award.
3. If there are no GP's ranked from either the regular Masters classes or the Preferred Masters classes then the criteria is as follows.
  - a. 3 qualifying scores from Novice Standard and 3 qualifying scores from Novice Jumpers classes may be submitted.
  - b. 3 qualifying scores from Open Standard and 3 qualifying scores from Open Jumpers classes may be submitted.
  - c. 3 qualifying scores from Excellent Standard and 3 qualifying scores from Excellent Jumpers may be submitted.
  - d. Scores submitted from the Open classes will receive a weight factor of 3 points added only once to the average score.
  - e. Scores submitted from the Excellent classes will receive a weight factor of 5 points added only once to the average score.
4. The award will be based on competition during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31 inclusive.
5. Only scores from official AKC Agility Trials will be allowed.
6. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of GPCA are eligible to compete for and receive awards. If an owner becomes a member of GPCA during the year, only scores earned after membership are valid. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.
7. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those scores earned while owned by same GPCA member are valid. Awards are given to GPCA member in good standing only.
8. The awards committee reserves the right to alter these agility rules when the number of German Pinschers in agility competition warrant rule revisions. GPCA membership will be given advance notice should any revisions become necessary.

### **GPCA TRACKING GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR**

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Tracking German Pinscher of the Year" to the GP who has earned the highest level AKC tracking title within the calendar year January 1 to December 31, inclusive, determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.  
Title levels are as follows:
  - a. Any GP earning a CT (Champion Tracker - has all three titles of TD, TDX, VST)
  - b. Any GP earning a VST (Variable Surface Tracking)
  - c. Any GP earning a TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent)
  - d. Any GP earning a TD (Tracking Dog)
2. More than one award will be given when there are GP's having earned tracking titles of the same level within the calendar year. There will be no tie breakers if the

tracking titles earned are all of the same level.

3. Only dogs verified by AKC will be allowed.

4. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to receive awards. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing. If an owner becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only titles earned after membership are allowed.

5. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those that qualify while owned by a GPCA member will be allowed. Awards are given to GPCA members in good standing only.

6. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

7. A copy of the AKC tracking dog title certificate along with health test documentation must be submitted with the awards application by the established deadline. If the dog/bitch is altered, then vet proof of altering will be submitted in place of health test documentation.

### **GPCA VERSATILE COMPANION DOG**

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Versatile Companion Dog" to any GP earning a VCD title for that year. The VCD requires titles in obedience, agility AND tracking, as follows:  
VCD1 for earning the titles CD, NA, NAJ, TD or CD, NAP, NJP, TD  
VCD2 for earning the titles CDX, OA, OAJ, TD or CDX, OAP, OJP, TD  
VCD3 for earning the titles UD, AX, AXJ, TDX or UD, AXP, AJP, TDX  
VCD4 for earning the titles UDX, MX, MXJ, VST or UDX, MXP, MJP, VST

2. Applicant must apply for the award for the year in which the VCD title was finished. Dogs do not need to earn all titles necessary for the VCD within the calendar year.

3. As multiple titles are required to qualify for the VCD title, applicant will furnish a copy of the VCD title certificate from AKC to the Awards committee when applying for this GPCA Special award. Health test documentation must be included with the application unless the dog/bitch is altered in which case vet proof of altering must be submitted.

4. Only dogs whose owner or owners are in good standing with AKC and members of GPCA are eligible to receive this award. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.

### **GPCA JUNIOR HANDLER OF THE YEAR**

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Junior Handler of the Year" to the Junior Handler accumulating the greatest number of points while showing a German Pinscher according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

2. The GPCA will award Rosettes to all Junior Handlers who have accumulated points and are competing for the GPCA Junior Handler of the Year.

3. Points will be accumulated for placements (1 through 4) in the 4 classes (Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Senior) and Best Junior according to the following point schedule:

**HIGHEST AWARD\* POINTS\*\***

Fourth Place 1 point for each Junior Handler defeated

Third Place 2 points for each Junior Handler defeated

Second Place 3 points for each Junior Handler defeated

First Place 4 points for each Junior Handler defeated

Best Junior 4 point for each Junior Handler showing in all classes\*\* \*Points are computed only for the highest award received.

\*\*For counting points, the competing Junior Handler counts as one defeated.

\*\*\*In determining the number of Junior Handlers defeated, count 1 for each participant in Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, and Open Senior.

EXAMPLE 1: When the GPCA Junior Handler is FIRST in Open Junior and there were 4 participating in Open Junior including the GPCA Junior Handler, the GPCA Junior Handler gets 4 points for each of the 4 handlers for a total of 16 points.

EXAMPLE 2: When the GPCA Junior Handler get Best Junior and there were 2 in Novice Junior, 2 in Novice Senior, 3 in Open Junior and 4 in Open senior, then the GPCA Junior Handler has defeated 11 Junior Handlers for a total of 44 points. He must remember to count himself as one defeated.

4. The awards will be determined by points accumulated during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

5. Only points accumulated at AKC point shows will be allowed.

6. Only Junior Handlers who are in good standing with the AKC and have a family member with a membership in the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive the awards. If a family member becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only points accumulated after membership are allowed.

7. Only points for wins with a German Pinscher are counted.

8. Application for award must be made by the Junior Handler to the Awards Committee on the Club's official form giving the point accumulation and the date and AKC show by name where each win may be verified.

9. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

10. Applicants should include an AKC report to verify their points earned.

**GERMAN PINSCHER LEADING PRODUCERS**

1. The GPCA will award the title Leading Producer to the German Pinscher Stud dog who has produced 8 AKC champion offspring and 2 AKC performance titlists and to the German Pinscher Brood bitch who has produced 4 AKC champion offspring and 1 AKC performance titlists. The dog/bitch may have produced these titlists over several years.

2. Performance titlists are defined as offspring who have earned an AKC title in agility, obedience, tracking, or rally. Previous AKC certificate programs such as



CGC, Star Puppy and Therapy dog are ineligible.

3. To be eligible for this award, the members whose dog or bitch have achieved Leading Producer criteria must submit health certifications (Hips, Eyes, Vwd) with application for the Leading Producer to the Awards Committee, who will then send the information to the Webmaster for inclusion on the GPCA website. An AKC progeny Report may be used to validate the offspring.

4. Leading producers will not be awarded an annual award. Instead, their names and a list of their titled progeny will be printed in the Pinscher Press once a year.

5. Offspring do not have to belong to a GPCA member.

6. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete for and receive awards. Leading Producers must live with a GPCA member.

7. Offspring that have multiple titles may be counted only once for *either* champion title *or* performance title in determining that requisite titled offspring has been met. Offspring do not have to belong to a GPCA member.

### **GERMAN PINSCHER HALL OF FAME PRODUCERS**

1. The GPCA will award the title "Hall of Fame Producer" to those German Pinscher stud dogs and brood bitches who have produced the following:

- a. Stud dogs must have produced 15 AKC champion offspring and 5 AKC performance titlists from 3 different brood bitches.
- b. Brood bitches must have produced 8 AKC champion offspring and 2 AKC performance titlists from 2 different stud dogs.
- c. Stud dogs must have produced 10 AKC champion offspring and 10 AKC performance titlists from 3 different brood bitches.
- d. Brood bitches must have produced 5 AKC champion offspring and 5 AKC performance titlists from 2 different stud dogs.

2. Performance titles are defined as coming from the AKC companion events and include agility, obedience, rally, and tracking. Previous AKC certificate programs such as CGC, Star Puppy and Therapy dog are ineligible.

3. Once a dog or bitch achieves the criteria for Hall of Fame Producer, application will be sent to the Awards Committee by the owner of record. An AKC Progeny Report may be used to validate offspring produced. The dog/bitch will be placed on the web site page, and receive an award at the Annual Banquet.

4. Offspring that have multiple titles may be counted only once for *either* champion title *or* performance title in determining that requisite titled offspring has been met. Offspring do not have to belong to a GPCA member.

5. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete for and receive awards. Co-owned dogs need not live with the GPCA member to be a Hall of Fame Producer.

These dogs may have been retired and placed in a pet home.

6. Application for this award will be made by the dog or bitch's owner of record.

7. The members who's Dogs/bitches have achieved Leading Producer status will have submitted health certifications (Hips, Eyes, Vwd) for the leading Producer to the Awards Committee. However, these dogs or bitches may have had mating's done after achieving LP status. Therefore, to be eligible for the HOF award, proof of current eye certification must be included with the HOF application. Eye certification must be valid for the year the youngest titled offspring was born.

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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