

Do you know anyone worthy of the: The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award?

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.

There is a rigorous procedure for nomination. Does you have a nominee who meets these criteria?

- 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 judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
 - 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.
- Nominees must have abided by the AKC Sportsman Code of Ethics in all cases.
- Nominations will be received from any member in good standing of the ATCA and AKC and can be received for any member in good standing of the ATCA and AKC.
- Nominations will be received in writing. **Nominators are encouraged to write a brief blurb on why they feel their nominee should win**

Nominations for the award should be forwarded to Elaine Strid elaine_strid@hotmail.com

Past recipients

2010 – Teresa Schreeder

2011 – Ida Ellen Weinstock

2012 – Marilyn Harban

2013 – Sue Bachman

2014 – Darlene Evans

2015 – Jane Tenor

2016 – Barbera Curtis

2017 – Kerrie Bryan