

# ASDCA/AKC OUSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

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## **Committee Objective/Purpose:**

To recognize an ASDCA member (s) who has demonstrated extraordinary acts of good sportsmanship. The American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award celebrates our constituents who deserve special recognition for having made a difference in the Sport of Purebred Dogs, and who embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship while being an active and valued member of an AKC Member Club. The ASDCA is permitted to recognize up to one person annually for acts of sportsmanship and stewarding the sport of purebred dogs into the future.

## **Committee Membership:**

The responsibility of reviewing nominees and selecting recipients will fall on the entirety of the ASDCA BOD. A separate committee will not be required.

## **Duties:**

Unless otherwise noted to and by the BOD, it will be the responsibility to notify the AKC annually of the ASDCA's participation in the program and receive the medallion. The Secretary will also be responsible for receiving any nominations annually and distributing them to the BOD for review.

## **Award Nominations Guidelines:**

1. The ASDCA BOD shall only bestow the award on an individual(s) when that person(s) is deemed truly worthy of the distinguished honor.
2. The OUSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD shall not be considered an annual award. It will only be presented when a qualified ASDCA member is identified.
3. The nominee(s) has been a full member in good standing with the ASDCA and the AKC.
4. Award Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the ASDCA by a July 1 deadline. The Secretary will immediately forward all nomination letters to

the ASDCA BOD allowing the BOD Members ample time to review and properly evaluate nomination letters.

5. Award Nomination letters can be submitted by any member of the ASDCA in good standing.
  - a. The nomination letter will not exceed 1000 words.
  - b. The nomination letter will articulate that the nominee meets the stated requirements.
  - c. The nomination letter will provide a description of the acts deemed to exemplify the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.
6. Individual actions to consider when determining the qualifications (merit) of the Outstanding Sportsmanship award nominee(s) should be identified directly in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship (see below). These actions should be detailed in the nomination letter. The specific act(s) should be provided.

### **AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

**PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of 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. 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 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.**

### **Presentation of the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award**

1. The Outstanding Sportsmanship Award will be presented during the Annual Awards Banquet which is held in conjunction with the National Specialty.
2. When the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award is presented, the Secretary will Coordinate with the Editor of the Anatolian Times to ensure a picture of the Award recipient and his/her accomplishments (award citation) are published In the National Specialty issue of the Anatolian Times.

### **Budget:**

The medallion is provided by AKC to all participating clubs at no cost.

### **Other:**

None.