

TCVESSA Annual Award Guidelines for 2009

Each year TCVESSA awards certificates of recognition to club members' Springers that complete degrees, titles, or championships during the previous calendar year. The club also awards a number of plaques and revolving trophies to the highest achieving Springers in several categories during the previous year. The awards are handed out at the annual club banquet. Club members are responsible for keeping track of their wins, which should be submitted to the awards chairperson by the deadline on the Annual Awards Form in the VOX Newsletter.

All trophies must be returned to the Awards Chairperson at least thirty days prior to the banquet so that necessary cleaning and engraving can be done for the new winners. It is the responsibility of the previous year's winner to return the trophy to the Awards Chairperson. Trophies may be personally delivered to the Awards Chairperson or shipped, at the previous winner's expense, to the Awards Chairperson via any insured carrier (USPS, UPS, Fed EX or bonded delivery company). Trophies must be insured for their replacement cost for shipping. \$150.00 is recommended.

2008 AWARD WINNERS SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO RETURN THEIR TROPHIES BY FEBRUARY 15, 2010, TO:

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763-560-7374, extension 230 (office and voice mail phone number)

NOTE: My new office is in New Hope in the western 'burbs. It may be a closer drop-off point, and it's conveniently close to Viking Trophies. E-mail me and we'll make arrangements to meet at the International Wolf Center office if this is the most convenient.

TCVESSA Trophies do not leave the state of Minnesota, even if the member winning the award resides outside the state.

For the following special awards, individuals must have been club members for the entire calendar year (2009) of the awards period. Individuals are considered to be members from the date of receipt of their written membership application.

Special Awards

Redcrest's Barron Memorial Award (Linda Hirte, award donor)

Best Total or Average Qualifying Obedience Scores

- Submit the best total or average of three qualifying scores earned during the course of the calendar year 2009. Scores do not have to be earned from the same class. They may be earned at any AKC licensed obedience competition, from any regular class, under at least two different judges.

Obtaining an additional score from each owner will break ties. If one owner does not have an additional score, a tie will be declared and both names will be inscribed. However, a fourth score cannot be withheld if it has been earned.

Ch. Chinoe's Eminent Judge Award (In memory of "The Judge," presented by Francie Nelson)

Best of Breed Springer of the Year (Note: "Chinoe" is pronounced CHIN-oh-way)

- The award is based on the total number of Springers entered and present for competition at all-breed AKC licensed

events and specialty shows. The award year is calendar year 2009.

- One point is awarded for each English Springer entered and present. AKC Show Results are used to verify owner records.

Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Ch. Winward's Gadabout Award (In memory of "Bardo," presented by Mary and Bud Davis)

Best of Opposite Springer of the Year

- A Best of Opposite Sex winner at an AKC licensed event or specialty will receive one point for each Springer of its own sex – both class dogs and specials – entered and present. Best of Breed wins count towards this award –one point for each Springer entered and present. Points are verified through Show Results. The award period is the calendar year 2009.
- Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Ch. Salilyn's Prophet Award (In memory of "Moses," presented by Julie and Brion Roberts)

Owner Handled Springer of the Year

- The qualifying dog must be owned by, and handled to all eligible wins by, a club member or a member of the immediate family who is also a club member. The owner of the qualifying dog must have been a club member at the time all qualifying wins occurred and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet. The award period is calendar year 2009.
- The winning dog will be determined through points earned, according to the following schedule. The owner should keep track of wins and submit them to the awards committee. Points are verified through Show Results.
- Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Point System: Ch. Salilyn's Prophet Award

Best in Show:	150
Group I:	100
Group II:	75
Group III:	50
Group IV:	50
Best of Breed:	Number of Springers entered and present
Best of Opposite:	Number of Springers in that sex entered and present
Best of Winners:	50
Winners:	25
Futurity/Sweeps Best:	75
Futurity/Sweeps Opp:	50

TCVESSA Directors' Award for Versatility (Presented by the Board of Directors)

- The recipient owner or co-owner must have been a club member at the time all qualifying scores were earned, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- To qualify, the dog must complete the following:

1. One championship title - AKC CH, MACH, OTCH, FC, NFC or CT titles
2. ESSFTA (parent club) WD or WDX OR one of the AKC hunting titles (JH, SH, MH)

An Obedience title OR Tracking title OR Agility title

The dog's titles must be in two different areas in addition to the hunting or working title. For example if the dog has a MACH title, it must also have a hunting title and an obedience or tracking title. Since the dog's championship is in agility, the dog's other agility titles cannot be used to qualify for the award.

- The dog must be handled to at least one of these titles by the owner or co-owner or a member of either's immediate family.
- The award will be given to the owner or co-owner who handled the dog to the majority of its titles. The Board will make the final determination in case of question.
- Verification of the titles is the responsibility of the owner, who should submit information to the annual awards committee.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- Should two or more dogs qualify in the same year, the names of all qualifiers will be inscribed and the award will be shared.

Any individual dog may be honored only once, and will not re-qualify in subsequent years by obtaining additional degrees or titles.

TCVESSA Agility Award (Presented by VineHill Springers)

- The qualifying dog must be owned/co-owned by, and handled to all eligible points by a club member or a member of the immediate family who is also a club member. The owner/co-owner of the qualifying dog must have been a club member at the time all qualifying points occurred, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- Points accumulate as follows: 10 points for each clean qualifying round, 5 points for non-clean qualifying rounds, then 4 points for 1st placement, 3 points for 2nd placement, 2 points for 3rd placement, and 1 point for 4th placement.
- Only AKC standard and AKC Jumpers With Weaves will be considered in the point system.
- The owner should keep track of points and submit them to the awards committee. Points are verified through Show Results.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- The awards period is the calendar year preceding the banquet. In case of a close contest, the TCVESSA Board may decide to delay presentation of the trophy until all wins are verified through Show Results.

Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Note: Immediate family refers to parent/child; husband/wife; brother/sister.

TCVESSA Rally Springer of the Year Award

Best total or average qualifying rally obedience scores

- The recipient owner or co-owner must be a club member at the time all qualifying scores were earned, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- The best total or average of three qualifying scores earned during the course of the calendar year (preceding the awards banquet) will be used. Scores do not have to be earned from the same class. They may be earned at any AKC licensed rally obedience competition, from any regular class, under at least two different judges.
- Scores should be submitted to the awards committee and will be verified through Show Results.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- The awards period is the calendar year preceding the banquet. In case of a close contest, the TCVESSA Board may decide to delay presentation of the trophy until all scores are verified through show results.

Obtaining an additional score from each owner will break ties. If one owner does not have an additional score, a tie will be declared and both names will be inscribed. However, a fourth score cannot be withheld if it has been earned.

TCVESSA Ambassador Award

This award is given for outstanding community service by a dog/handler team. Documentation of community service must be provided. Final determination will be based on number of occurrences of community service activities. For example, a signed log of community service visits to hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc. must be provided.

T.O.P. (TCVESSA Outstanding Performance) Award

This award is for the dog achieving the most AKC or parent club titles in one year.

Performance Championship Awards

These awards are given to the dog/handler teams who complete any of the following titles: MACH, OTCH, FTCH, AFTCH

The following conditions apply to the awards indicated below – the additional obedience awards, the additional rally obedience awards and the additional agility awards:

- The recipient owner or co-owner must have been a club member at the time all qualifying scores were earned, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- Scores should be submitted to the awards committee and will be verified through Show Results.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- The awards period is the calendar year preceding the banquet. In case of a close contest, the TCVESSA Board may decide to delay presentation of the trophy until all scores are verified through show results.

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Additional Obedience Awards

CD SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title legs will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

CDX SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the award year will be counted. Scores can come from the Open A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes.

UD SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the award year will be counted. Scores may come from the A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes.

UDX SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of any UDX legs earned during the award year will be counted.

Additional Rally Obedience Awards

RN SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally novice class for the award year will be counted.

RA SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally advanced class for the award year will be counted.

RE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally excellent class for the award year will be counted.

RAE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of any RAE legs earned during the award year will be counted.

Additional Agility Awards

NOVICE AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores in any AKC novice agility class will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

OPEN AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores in any AKC open agility class will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

EXCELLENT A AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores in any AKC excellent A agility class will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

EXCELLENT B AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of any AKC excellent B agility legs will count for this award.

If there is a tie for any of the additional agility awards, the winner will be the dog with the most yards per second for its qualifying scores.