

Attachment "A"

LTDTTC Awards Program

Award Committee Proposed Changes

November 7, 2018



LET'S RECAP...

LTDTTC Award Program Guiding Principles

MISSION



Sportsmanship
It Does Matter



Guiding Principals/ Club Objectives

Award Program Guiding Principles:

- To be in alignment with the Club's overall mission and objectives
- To recognize the outstanding achievement of member/dog teams
- To foster good sportsmanship
- To encourage participation in dog sports

Section 2. Objectives

This Club is a non-profit corporation. It is organized as a private, social and recreational club for the purpose of:

- a) Training dogs in performance events such as obedience, agility, tracking and rally.
- b) Encouraging and fostering among its members: recreational; social; service; outreach events and exhibitions for the furtherance of a mutual interest in dogs and their training; and from time to time making contributions to such charitable or civic organizations as approved by the Board of Directors.
- c) Promoting cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.
- d) Conducting under American Kennel Club rules various types of performance events, including (but not limited to) an Obedience Trial, an Agility Trial, Rally Trial and Tracking Test.

Where we started



- Reviewed current LTDTTC overall award program
- Reviewed current titles recognized by AKC: 390 titles
- Compared LTDTTC award program to other dog clubs

How the AKC categorizes titles

390 Titles reviewed

AKC Sanctioned Titles

- Agility
- Canine Good Citizen
- Conformation
- Coonhound
- Coursing Ability Test
- Earthdog
- Farm Dog
- Fast CAT
- Field
- Herding
- Hunting
- Lure Coursing
- **Obedience**
- Rally
- Scent Work
- Search and Rescue
- ***Therapy Dog**
- Tracking
- Trick Dog

Other Recognized Club Titles

- *North American Flyball Association (NAFA)
- *Barn Hunt Association (BHA)
- *North America Diving Dogs (NADD)

Parent Club Title Recognition

- *American Bloodhound Club
- *Dalmatian Club of America
- *Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club
- *Siberian Husky Club of America

*Requires owner to submit an application and fee to AKC for title to be recorded on dog's AKC record.

Crossing the Finish Line

To recognize LTDTC members' achievements, the award program will remain focused on the following areas as sanctioned by the AKC*:

- Agility
- Obedience
- Rally
- Therapy Dog
- Tracking

The new LTDTC award program will:

- Continue to recognize title achievements with award plaques and plates
- Recognize above & beyond titles as defined in the new award program beyond a plate
- Recognize and award multi-title achievement of handler/dog team within each core discipline
- Recognize and award a dog for lifetime performance achievement
- Implement criteria for LTDTC Lifetime membership



Award program requirements*

- Brag book must be updated by handler
- Member must be in good standing
- A handler must be a member and train a minimum of sixteen (16) weeks within a twelve (12) month period with the Club to be eligible for a Club award.

* These are the same requirements that are in place today, with the exception of proposed By Laws language changes regarding instructors)

Requirements



The New Top Performance Awards



How the Top Performance Awards are Determined

Disciplines for top Performance: Agility, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking

Process:

- Point Values are assigned to each title
- Handler records each title (Brag book)
- Designated Award Recorder tracks points
- For each discipline, top point achiever receives Award
- In case of ties, all (discipline) top point earners receive award

Example for top Dog- Rally

Title	Title Name	Sport	LTDTC-Pts Proposed	Basic or Special
RN	RALLY NOVICE	Rally	2	Basic
RI	RALLY INTERMEDIATE	Rally	5	Basic
RA	RALLY ADVANCED	Rally	10	Basic
RE	RALLY EXCELLENT	Rally	20	Basic
RAE	RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT	Rally	25	Special
RM	RALLY MASTER	Rally	75	Special
RACH	RALLY CHAMPION	Rally	100	Special
RNC	RALLY NATIONAL CHAMPION	Rally	200	Special

How the Top Performance Awards are Recognized

- Each Top Performance Award recipient* will be offered either a \$50 gift certificate with a printed paper award certificate **OR** a wood or glass plaque approved by the board.

*If there is more than one handler with the same number of points within a given discipline, then each handler will receive the Top Award for that discipline.



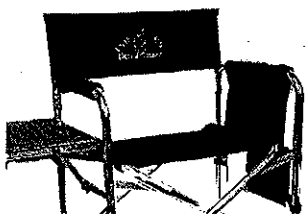
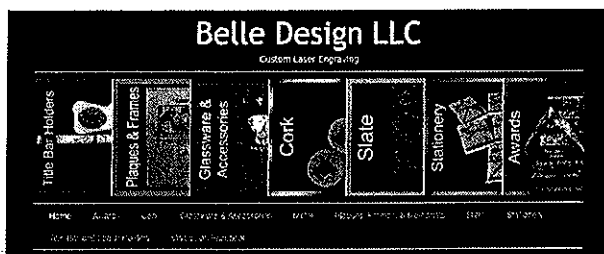
What are Above & Beyond Titles and How are they Determined?



How Above & Beyond Titles are Determined

Title	Title Name	Sport	LDTCRL Proposed	Basic/Special	Honorable Acknowledgement	Additional Recognition	Tier
RN	RALLY NOVICE	Rally	2	Basic			
RI	RALLY INTERMEDIATE	Rally	5	Basic			
RA	RALLY ADVANCED	Rally	10	Basic			
RE	RALLY EXCELLENT	Rally	20	Basic			
RAE	RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT	Rally	25	Special		Added Recog	1
RM	RALLY MASTER	Rally	75	Special		Added Recog	2
RACH	RALLY CHAMPION	Rally	100	Special		Added Recog	3
RNC	RALLY NATIONAL CHAMPION	Rally	200	Special		Added Recog	3

How Above & Beyond Titles are Recognized



LTDTC Proposed By-Law Changes (Awards)

Section 1. Awards

Any member of the Club, in good standing, may earn Club sponsored achievement awards in Obedience, Agility, Rally, Tracking and Therapy. A handler must be a member, train and/or instruct a minimum of sixteen (16) weeks within a twelve (12) month period with the Club to be eligible for a Club award.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to:

- (a) Approve all awards given.
- (b) Withhold any award.
- (c) Designate additional awards.
- (d) Make final decision should a question arise as to eligibility for an award.

Generally, awards earned during the preceding year will be given at the annual awards dinner. ~~Instructional Staff are not held to these requirements due to their training responsibilities which may interfere with their ability to attend regularly scheduled classes~~

*Proposed additions are in Red Bold type. Language to be removed has a strikethrough.

Lifetime Achievement Performance Dog Award



Lifetime Membership

- Nominated by any LTDTC member in good standing
- Length of time active in club (minimum 20 years)
- Has headed a committee, chaired an event, or served on the Board.
- Significantly advanced the objectives of LTDTC
- Approved by LTDTC Board of Directors



LTDTTC Proposed By-Law Changes (Life Membership)

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Membership

Section 1. Application for Membership

Application for Membership may be filed with the Membership Chairperson after the applicant has registered and completed three, 8-week training class sessions (24 weeks), within an 18-month period. Application form, accompanied by dues payment and training fees, if applicable, for the current year, shall be submitted to the Membership Chairperson, who will present it to the Board for approval:

- (a) The date the application is approved is the date the membership is activated. Training discounts apply for the session following membership approval.
- (b) Persons applying for membership and paying training fees and dues are eligible to train during the interim period between application and approval of the Board.
- (c) Full refund of monies will be made if, for some reason, the person is not approved for membership.
- (d) Membership that has lapsed for more than 1 year may be reinstated upon completion of two 8-week training class sessions (16 weeks) by reapplying as above.
- (e) **Life Membership can be given to a current member meeting the following requirements:**
 - Nominated by any LTDTTC member in good standing
 - Length of time active in club (minimum 20 years)
 - Has headed a committee
 - Significantly advanced the objectives of LTDTTC
 - Approved by LTDTTC Board of Directors

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What's next

- Vote and Approval by the Board
- Inform the membership of the changes
- Implement new award program for the 2018 award year (banquet in 2019)

