



## **2018 SENC ANNUAL AWARDS CRITERIA**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION-ELIGIBILITY**

The awards year extends from January 1-December 31, 2018. Documentation is due by February 28, 2019. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

General and Life Members are eligible to receive one Award for each dog titled (see NCA/AKC Title Categories below for titles awarded). Associates are eligible for an Award if they volunteered or sat on a committee at one SENC event during the awards year. A separate award will be given to those receiving Special, Special Achievement, and/or Competitive Awards.

Complete and email to the Awards Committee (email being the ONLY accepted method of receipt):

1. One MSWord document Awards Registration Form for EACH DOG (form attached).
2. AKC/NCA link for each dog (or scan and email documents) for supporting documentation of titles earned. Email other appropriate/accepted documentation (Canine Chronicle, AKC Juniors, etc.) for non-title award documentation.
3. One high-resolution .jpg picture of each dog. More pictures will be requested if needed.
4. Breeders: Please complete one Awards Registration Form (Page 3) for submission of Top Breeder Awards (use email if you run out of room). If a dog does not already have an Awards Registration Form sent in, please send its NCA/AKC link for documentation.

### **1. NCA/AKC TITLE CATEGORIES**

All NCA titles and requalifications will be recognized. AKC Titles: AKC Championship, Grand Championship (not GCH Color Achievement Levels), therapy, Rally, and Trick Dog.

Regular Class obedience, agility, tracking, and scent work titles will be recognized.

The original Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title will be recognized separately.

### **2. NCA SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

SENC Newfoundlands earning these prestigious awards during the awards year will be honored by our Club. Owners must present acceptable documentation that the award criteria have been met.

Versatile Newfoundland (VN): Presented by the NCA to Newfoundlands who epitomize the beauty and versatility of our breed. Recipients must have earned their AKC Championship (CH), AKC Companion Dog (CD), NCA Water Rescue Dog (WRD), and NCA Draft Dog (DD) titles.

Working Achievement (WA): Presented by the NCA to dogs and their handlers who excel in dog sports that highlight the intelligence and versatility of our breed. Dogs must have earned a minimum of their AKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX), NCA Water Rescue Dog (WRD), and NCA Draft Dog (DD) titles, as well as a combination of three additional AKC or NCA working titles as defined in NCA WA criteria (see NCA website for details.)

Registry of Merit (ROM): Presented by the NCA to Newfoundlands producing large number of exceptional quality offspring who earn AKC Championships and NCA working dog titles (one point for each Championship and Working title). Dogs must have sired a minimum of 10 AKC Champions and earn a total of 12 points, while Bitches must have produced a minimum of 5 AKC Champions and total of 6 points.

### **3. SPECIAL AWARDS**

#### **Distinguished Member/Honorary Lifetime Membership:**

This award is neither to be given lightly nor to be used on a routine basis. It is to be presented to an SENC member who is extremely deserving and who has worked very hard (not necessarily visibly, possibly “behind the scenes”) for SENC.

**Member of The Year:** This award will be selected by the SENC President.

**Patti Sutherland Community Service Award:** This award is presented to the SENC member and their Newfoundland(s) who perform exceptional Community Service. *This award is not necessarily awarded annually.* Members must apply for this award by listing all community service activities performed and approximate number of hours invested in therapy work or other community service. This award was established by the SENC Board in recognition of Patti Sutherland and her implementation of the Hudson Ambassador Program at Owen High School in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Five Newfoundlands logged over 27,000 hours of therapy with students and the community.

**SENC Living Legend:** Any dog or bitch 10 years of age or older.

**Best In Show:** This award will be given to any Newfoundland going Best In Show, Owner Handler Best In Show, Puppy Best In Show, or Best in Specialty Show at the NCA Newfoundland National or an NCA Newfoundland Regional (not Supported Entry).

**Finished Undefeated:** This award will be given to any Newfoundland that finishes undefeated in class competition in its own sex.

**Junior Handler Showmanship:** This award is presented to any junior handler who finishes a Dog or Bitch owned by him/her or their family.

The Awards Committee may award additional Special Awards as it deems appropriate.

### **4. COMPETITIVE AWARDS**

**TOP STUD DOG:** Member-owned Dog that produces the greatest number of confirmed AKC Champions during the awards period. Minimum of two (2).

**TOP PRODUCING DAM:** Member-owned Bitch that produces the greatest number of confirmed AKC Champions during the awards period. Minimum of two (2).

**TOP NEWFOUNDLAND:** Dog or Bitch defeating the most Newfoundlands (Dogs or Bitches) by going Best of Breed in AKC Dog Show Competition. Entrants for this category should provide copies of AKC Awards results, or results from a reputable website to confirm the count of dogs defeated.

**TOP NEWFOUNDLAND OF OPPOSITE SEX:** Dog or Bitch defeating the most Newfoundlands (Dogs or Bitches) by going Best of Breed in AKC Dog Show Competition. Entrants for this category should provide copies of AKC Awards results, or results from a reputable website to confirm the count of dogs defeated.

**Best in Show Award (vs. Best in Show Award under Special Awards):** Member owned Dog or Bitch earning the greatest number of All Breed points in AKC Group Placements. Entrants for this category should provide copies of AKC All Breed Standings from a reputable website such as Canine Chronicle’s Year End Statistics.

**TOP JUNIOR HANDLER:** Divided into two age groups: ages 14-17 and ages 9-13. Points given for placement earned in AKC Junior Showmanship or regular class competition. Junior Handler Point Computation: Best Junior Handler=5 points. First Place=4 points. Second Place=3 points. Third Place=2 points. Fourth Place=1 point.

**TOP OBEDIENCE DOG:** Dog or Bitch with highest average of three qualifying scores in the same class division at AKC Obedience trials (Regular, Preferred, or Optional classes). This Award will be given to the dog with the highest average score at the highest class level.

**TOP RALLY DOG:** Dog or Bitch with highest average of three qualifying scores in the same class division at AKC Rally trials. This Award will be given to the dog with the highest average score at the highest class level.

**TOP BREEDER CONFORMATION:** Breeder whose Dogs or Bitches earn the largest number of AKC Championships and Grand Championships during the award year. AKC Grand Champion Color Achievement Levels will not be counted. Minimum of two (2) required.

TOP BREEDER OBEDIENCE/RALLY: Breeder whose Dogs or Bitches earn the largest number of AKC Obedience (Regular, Preferred, and Optional class) titles and AKC Rally titles during the award year. Minimum of two (2) required.

TOP WORKING DOG BREEDER: Breeder whose Dogs or Bitches earn the most NCA working titles and requalifications during the award year. Minimum of two (2) required.

SENC BREEDER OF THE YEAR: Awarded to the breeder of Dogs/Bitches earning the largest number of AKC titles and NCA working dog titles. Titles included are those encompassing the NCA Versatile Newfoundland Award (or its higher titles), NCA Working Achievement titles (WA titles limited to the core titles *plus* the AKC Rally Excellent title, AKC Open or higher Agility titles, and all AKC tracking titles), NCA requalifications, AKC Grand Championships, and AKC therapy dog titles (one therapy title per dog per year). A minimum of two (2) titles are required with at least one (1) being an AKC Conformation Championship, AND one (1) being an AKC *regular* obedience title OR an NCA working title. Therapy titles do not count as a minimum requirement.

AWARDS DINNER: Awards will be presented following SENC's Draft Test in Seneca, SC on March 30<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming.

SENC ANNUAL TITLIST LIST: Please email the Awards Committee all of your dog's awards, certifications, and titles (regardless of issuing organization) for the 2018 Awards Year. Only send in information that hasn't been sent in for the above Awards. The List will be placed on the website and in the newsletter.

**All information should be emailed to Margaret Rancourt, [mcrancourt@yahoo.com](mailto:mcrancourt@yahoo.com).**

Revised 01/2019