

## **TRAVELING TROPHY AWARDS APPLICATION**

These are competitive obedience and conformation awards open to all current WDC members in good standing with the club who have attended at least two WDC meetings in the past year or worked at two WDC functions in the past year, and meet the criteria as outlined for each award. The dog named on the application must be owned by the member applying, or by a member of his/her immediate family. **New members** can only count the show wins that occurred after their membership was approved. All wins will be verified by the trophy committee using AKC show records.

Wins that are eligible are limited to AKC Obedience Trials and AKC Conformation Shows held between **January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025**. All conformation wins must be against competition to qualify. All obedience scores submitted must be qualifying scores. An application is limited to the wins of one dog, but you can submit an application for as many dogs as you own. (Note: In the contents of this article, the word dog refers to a male or female dog.)

**MARY STRANGE AWARD:** A conformation award for the novice handler who handles his/her own dog. A novice handler has never finished a dog to its Championship title. The only exception is if the Championship was earned on the dog listed on the award application and it occurred during the year the application is for. Dog must receive Winners Dog/Winners Bitch, or better, to qualify. You can only win the Mary Strange Award once.

**JUDY FALCK MEMORIAL TRAVELING OBEDIENCE AWARD:** Two qualifying AKC obedience trial scores are required and dog must be owner handled. Only regular A & B Novice, Open, and Utility classes are eligible.

**WDC TRAVELING CONFORMATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Dog must be owner-handled by a member of Winnegamie Dog Club for all wins submitted or the wins do not count for this award. Win must be Winners Dog/Winners Bitch or better to qualify.

**PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD:** An obedience award for a dog who has a Conformation Champion title on the day of, or before the date of the obedience trial. One qualifying obedience score is required. Preference will be given to a qualifying Utility score even if it is lower than other class scores submitted. If no Utility score, then the highest Open class score, even if it is lower than a Novice class score. Novice score is eligible if there are no Utility or Open class scores submitted. Only regular A & B Novice, Open, and Utility classes are eligible.

**WDC HIGH SCORING CONFORMATION AWARD:** Win must be Winners Dog/Winners Bitch or better to qualify. No limit on who handles the dog.

**LOWELL TRACY RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD:** A conformation award for the elite show dog. No limit on who handles the dog. Win must be a Group placement or better to qualify. This also includes a Best of Breed at an AKC Breed Specialty Show.

### **Checklist of information that is needed to apply for above awards. Please submit the following:**

- \* Name of award being applied for
- \* Registered name of dog
- \* Breed of dog
- \* Name of dog's owner
- \* Name of person applying for the award
- \* Name and date and location of AKC shows being used toward winning an award
- \* For conformation – include placement won at show
- \* For obedience – include name of class entered and score received
- \* Name of handler (only needed for awards requiring dog be owner handled)

Submit applications to Laura Steidl by mail: N7122 32<sup>nd</sup> Ct, Weyauwega, WI 54983. **Postmark deadline 05/01/26** or by email: [blsteidl@centurylink.net](mailto:blsteidl@centurylink.net) **before midnight 05/05/26**.

## WDC OWNER-HANDLED DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is for dogs who compete at AKC dog shows in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series competition. This award is open to all current WDC members in good standing who have attended at least 2 WDC meetings in the year or worked at 2 WDC functions during the year. AKC wins from **January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025** will be used to determine the WDC Owner-Handled Dog of the Year.

At an individual show a dog earns the cumulative number of AKC National Owner-Handled Series points associated with the following placements. No other placements are eligible for this award and these placements are not eligible for any other Traveling Trophy award.

Owner-Handled Best of Breed	5 pts
Owner-Handled Group 4	10 pts
Owner-Handled Group 3	15 pts
Owner Handled Group 2	20 pts
Owner Handled Group 1	30 pts
Owner-Handled Reserve Best in Show	75 pts
Owner-Handled Best in Show	100 pts

Applicants are required to submit the registered name of the dog; breed of dog; name of dog's owner-handler; name, date and location of AKC show(s) and placement received.

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## **Hank Performance Versatility Award** -- *Sponsored by Becky & Steve Heiner*

This is an award for outstanding performance in AKC recognized dog sports. Conformation and CGC titles are not eligible for this award.

Applicants must send copies of the dog's AKC title certificates to Laura Steidl, N7122 32nd Ct, Weyauwega, WI 54983. First class mail **postmark deadline is 05/01/26. Emails accepted until midnight 05/05/26** to [blsteidl@centurylink.net](mailto:blsteidl@centurylink.net)

Include name of award you are applying for, registered name of dog, breed of dog, name of dog's owner and name of handler.

The dog's owner must be a current WDC member and be the person who handles the dog. If the dog is co-owned, the dog must live with the WDC member who handles the dog for at least 11 months during the qualifying period.

The dog must have titles in at least six different AKC recognized performance events and one of the six titles must be the highest-level suffix title (short of a championship) in that event.

Example: Masters level in agility or Utility Dog Excellent in obedience. Titles can be from the preferred or regular classes.

In the event of a tie, the dog with a Championship in a performance event wins the award. If no dog has a performance championship in an event, then the tie will be broken by the dog with the highest agility title. If no dogs have agility titles, then the dog with the highest Obedience, then Rally, then Barn Hunt title, in that order, wins.

Not all titles submitted need to be earned in the year of the award application, but at least **one** of the titles submitted must have been **earned between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025**. All titles submitted must have been earned while the owner/handler was a member of Winnegamie Dog Club and the member's name must be listed as owner of the dog on each title certificate.

For sports that are recognized, but not sponsored by AKC (such as Flyball, Dock Diving, Search and Rescue (SAR) and Barn Hunt), applicants must send in a Recognized Event Form to AKC and pay the fees for AKC to process a certificate. This must be done early enough so that the certificate is received before the application deadline expires.

The eligible performance events recognized or sponsored by AKC are:

Agility, Obedience, Rally, Hunt tests, Herding tests, Tracking, Therapy Dog, Coursing, Lure Coursing, Earthdog, Scent Work, Barn Hunt, Farm Dog, Flyball, Dock Diving, Tricks and SAR. Refer to the American Kennel Club website for updates on additional eligible events recognized by the AKC.

Questions? Phone Laura at 920-867-4245 or email: [blsteidl@centurylink.net](mailto:blsteidl@centurylink.net)

## WDC AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR

WDC Agility Dog of the Year will be determined by the three best AKC Excellent/Masters/Premier runs in both standard and jumpers (6 runs total) from **January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**. The winner will be determined by total points plus average time under Standard Course Time. One trophy will be awarded for regular classes and one will be awarded for preferred classes.

This award is open to all current WDC members in good standing who have attended at least 2 WDC meetings in the past year (or worked 2 WDC functions) and meet the criteria stated above. The dog named on the application must be owned by the member applying or a member of his/her immediate family. New members may only count qualifying scores earned after their membership was approved.

All runs listed will be verified with AKC website showing your dog's qualifying scores during the time frame listed above.

Please complete the form below.

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered name of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Date of Trial</u>	<u>Name of Host Club</u>	<u>Run Type</u>	<u>Run Class Entered</u>
_____	_____	STD	_____
_____	_____	STD	_____
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**NOTICE:** The Traveling Trophy Committee will record your points, the SCT, dog's time and seconds under the standard course time (to 2 decimals) for you so please make sure you include the actual name of the club hosting the agility trial and the date the event was held. Thank you.

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