

TCVESSA GENERAL ANNUAL AWARD GUIDELINES

Each year TCVESSA recognizes the achievements of its members and their Springers. Certificates, mementos, and trophies are awarded and recognition given at the annual awards banquet. All titles, championships and awards must be earned or completed during the previous calendar year prior to the awards banquet. TCVESSA recognizes only AKC Titles, ESSFTA Parent Club Titles and titles that are a part of the AKC Titling Program.

Award recipients for all awards are club members are members in good standing for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet. New members count their membership from the date of receipt of their written membership application. This must be before July first. Six months of membership is required for awards for new members. Membership applications received after July first may not apply for awards that year.

Any disputes pertaining to award criteria, ties and eligibility will be addressed by the board. Decisions determined by the board of directors are final. The board reserves the right to delay award presentation until disputes are settled.

Club members are responsible for keeping track of their own dog's wins, titles, points, legs, show or trial dates or other criteria required for each of the awards. It is also the responsibility for each member to carefully read the requirements for each award and contact the Awards Chairperson with any questions.

Appropriate forms for awards are posted on the TCVESSA.org website. All forms must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson by the annual award application deadline. **The annual award application deadline is January 31st for prior year awards.**

Applicants who do not have their documentation to the Awards Chairperson by the award deadline may still receive recognition at the awards banquet but will not receive actual plaques, awards, mementos or trophies. All wins, points, scores, times, and appropriate statistics submitted will be verified by official AKC results. In the event of a tie for an award, both recipients will have their names engraved and each will have possession of the award for one-half of the year after the awards banquet.

In the event that the club dissolves, each award should be returned to the donor if possible.

All trophies must be returned to the Awards Chairperson. It is the responsibility of the previous year's winner to arrange for returning the trophy with the Awards Chairperson at the beginning of the following year.

TITLES RECOGNIZED BY TCVESSA

TCVESSA recognizes all AKC titles. This includes prefix titles (titles that come before a dog's registered name) and suffix titles (titles that follow a dog's registered name).

These are titles for which each owner receives an official AKC Certificate of Title. For an up-to-date list of all prefix and suffix titles, go to the AKC website at AKC.org

TCVESSA also recognizes titles that are part of the AKC Title Recognition Program. These are titles earned in which an AKC Certificate of Title is not automatically issued. These titles **may not** officially be listed with a dog's registered name unless an application process is completed and submitted to the AKC. The AKC then issues a certificate and will allow official use of the titles with a dog's registered name. This applies to all AKC registered purebred Springers and all PAL registered Springers (formerly called ILP). Titles included in the AKC Title Recognition Program are from Canine Good Citizenship, Title of the Barn Hunt Association (all levels above instinct), Titles from the North America Dock Diving as well as Search and Rescue. Three titles from the North American Flyball Association are recognized and AKC recognizes Therapy Dog Titles. For further information, refer to the AKC website for AKC Title Recognition Program.

TCVESSA also recognizes titles from the parent organization, ESSFTA. These include the Working Dog Title (WD) and the Working Dog Excellent Title (WDX).

Contact the TCVESSA Awards Chairperson with any questions regarding these guidelines.