

TCVESSA ANNUAL AWARD GUIDELINES

Each year TCVESSA awards recognizes the achievements of its members and their Springer(s). Certificates, mementos, and trophies are handed out and recognition given at the annual awards banquet. All titles, championships and awards must be earned or completed where applicable, 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 who must have been members in good standing for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet. **This is the award period or award year.** Individuals are considered to be members from the date of receipt of their written membership application. Disputes pertaining to award criteria, ties, and memberships, 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 or ties are settled.

Club members are responsible for keeping track of their own dog(s) wins, titles, points, legs or other criteria required for each of the awards. It is also the responsibility of each member to carefully read the requirements of each award and contact the Awards Chairperson if they have questions. Appropriate forms for the various awards and venues are found at the club website TCVESSA.org. All forms must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson by the annual award application deadline. **The annual award application deadline is January 31st prior to the Annual Award Banquet.** Applicants who do not have their documentation to the Awards Chairperson by the award deadline will still receive recognition at the awards banquet but will not receive actual plaques, awards 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. TCVESSA Trophies do not leave the state of Minnesota, even if the member winning the award resides outside of the state. In the event that the club, TCVESSA dissolves, each award is to be returned to the donor if possible.

All trophies must be returned to the Awards Chairperson by the end of January proceeding the next awards 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 via any insured carrier (USPS, UPS, Fed EX or bonded delivery company). Trophies must be insured for their replacement cost. \$150.00 is recommended.

ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31ST PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET.

TITLES RECOGNIZED BY TCVESSA

TCVESSA recognizes all titles recognized by the AKC. 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 and search for "AKC Titles." (www.akc.org/events/titles). If you have questions, please contact the Awards Chairperson.

TCVESSA also recognizes all titles that are recognized by the AKC that are part of the AKC Title Recognition Program. These are titles earned in which and 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 search the AKC website for AKC Title Recognition Program. Again, please direct questions to the Awards Chairperson form more help

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

TCVESSA SPECIAL ANNUAL AWARDS

(These are awards for which a trophy or traveling trophy is presented. Plaques are inscribed when a trophy nameplate is full.)

Redcrest's Barron Memorial Award (Linda Hirte, award donor) Obedience Springer of the Year

This award is for the Springer with the best total or average qualifying obedience scores. Members must submit the best total or average of three qualifying scores earned during the award year. 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 (Francie Nelson, award donor) Best of Breed Springer of the Year

This award is for the Springer who is Best of Breed in conformation. It is given in the memory of "The Judge." 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 for the award year. Dogs who win Best of Breed will receive one point for each English Springer entered and present.

Ch. Winward's Gadabout Award (Mary & Bud Davis, award donors) Best of Opposite Springer of the Year

This award is for the Springer who is the Best of Opposite Sex in conformation to the Springer who is Best of Breed for the Award Year. It is given in memory of "Bardo." A Best of Opposite Sex winner will receive one point for each Springer of its own sex, both class dogs and specials, entered and present. Also, dogs that win Best of Breed will receive one point for each Springer entered and present.

**CH GCH Deltlyl's Aspen Full Reflection Award (Chris and Liz Pike, award donors)
Best Conformation Grand Champion Springer of the Year**

This award is for dogs that compete in Best of Breed competition at all-breed and specialty dog shows for the calendar year. Dogs winning Best of Breed will receive one point for every Springer entered and present. Dogs winning Best of Opposite Sex will receive one point for every Springer of their own sex entered and present. Dogs winning Select Dog/Bitch will receive points for every dog of their own sex entered and present *minus one point*. You can count yourself however either Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex has already defeated you. These points include specials and class dogs. Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and owners will possess the trophy for six-months.

**Ch. Salilyn's Prophet Award (Julie and Brion Roberts, award donors)
Best Owner Handled Springer of the Year**

This award is for the top owner handled Springer in conformation. It is given in the memory of "Moses." The handler must be both an owner and the handler. Points may be counted from all-breed and specialty show AND from AKC National Owner Handler Competition (NOHS). Dogs who win placements in the regular **and or** NOHS count points. Points from BOTH if earned at the SAME competition may be counted.

Point System for Ch. Salilyn's Prophet Award:

	All-Breed Show	Specialty Show	NOHS Competition
Best in Show	200		200
Reserve Best in Show	150		150
Group I	95		95
Group II	90		90
Group III	85		85
Group IV	80		80
Best of Breed	75	150	75
Best Opposite Sex	50	100	50
Select Dog/Bitch	25	50	25
Award of Merit		25	
Winners Dog/Bitch*	25	50	
Futurity/Sweeps Best		50	
Futurity/Sweeps Opp		50	

*Add 10 points for Best of Winners

TCVESSA Agility Springer of the Year (Jack and B.A. Breese, award donors)

The qualifying dog must be owned/co-owned by, and handled for all eligible points by a club member or a member of the immediate family who is also a club member at the time all qualifying points occurred and a club member for the entire award year. Immediate family refers to parent/child; husband/wife; brother/sister.

- Only AKC Standard and AKC Jumpers with Weaves will be considered in the point system.

- Points accumulate as follow: 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.

**BISS A/C Sprucehaven Under Time CD RA NA NAJ NJP “Charlie” Award
(B. A. Breese, award donor)
Preferred Agility Springer of the Year**

The qualifying dog must be owned/co-owned by, and handled for all eligible points by a club member or a member of the immediate family who is also a club member at the time all qualifying points occurred and a club member for the entire award year. Immediate family refers to parent/child; husband/wife; brother/sister.

- Only AKC Preferred Standard and AKC Preferred Jumpers with Weaves will be considered in the point system.
- Points accumulate as follow: 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.

TCVESSA Rally Springer of the Year

This award is for the Springer with the best total or average qualifying rally obedience scores. The best total or average of three qualifying scores earned during the award year will be used. Scores do not have to be earned from the same class. They must be earned at an AKC licensed rally 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.

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

This award is given to a dog that has earned titles that are a championship title plus a hunting title and a performance title. It shows great versatility for the Springer Spaniel. To qualify, the dog must complete the following:

1. One championship tie – AKC CH MACH, PACH, OTCH FC, NFC or CT Titles
2. ESSFTA (parent club) WD or WDX or one of the AKC hunting titles (JH, SH, MH)
3. An Obedience title or Tracking title or Agility title

Versatility Award Continued

- 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 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 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.

- The dog must be handled to a 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.
- 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.

ADDITIONAL TCVESSA ANNUAL AWARDS

(These achievements receive an award, memento and or certificate)

The following additional TCVESSA Awards include the TCVESSA Ambassador Recognition Award, the T.O.P. Award and Obedience, Rally and Agility Awards. Forms for submitting scores are found at the TCVESSA website, TCVESSA.org. In case of a tie for performance awards, an additional score from each owner will be obtained. If one owner does not have an additional score, a tie will be declared. However, a fourth score cannot be withheld if it has been earned. In case of a close contest the TCVESSA Board may decide to delay presentation of a trophy until all scores are verified through show results.

TCVESSA Ambassador Recognition

Recognition is given for outstanding community service by dog/handler teams. One handler may count time for each dog for which they volunteer service *however* it is the handler hours that count. 30 hours of volunteer service is required for an Ambassador Recognition Award. Those earning less than 30 hours will be recognized at the banquet. Ambassador Recognition Award forms are found at the website.

T.O.P. (TCVESSA Outstanding Performance) Award (Presented by the Board of Directors)

This award is for the dog achieving the most AKC and or ESSFTA (parent club) titles in the award calendar year. This includes awards for which certificates of title have been received as well as titles recognized by the AKC in the AKC Title Recognition Program. Please refer to the Title Recognition Guidelines for an explanation of these titles. Copies of all titles both regular and those in the Title Recognition Program for which titles were acquired *or* an official AKC Record of Awards must be sent to the Award Chairperson for this award.

Additional Obedience Awards

CD SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The total of the three title legs will be counted for this award. Scores can come from Novice A or B Classes.

CDX SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The total of the three title leg score 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 total of the three title leg scores 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 the top three UDX legs earned during the award year will be counted.

Additional Rally Obedience Awards**RN SPRINGER OF THE YEAR**

The total of the three title leg scores from the rally novice class will be counted. Scores can come from the Novice A or B Classes. There must be at least 2 different judges.

RA SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally advanced class will be counted. Scores can come from the Advanced A or B Classes or from a combination of scores from both classes. There must be at least 2 different judges.

RE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally excellent classes will be counted. Scores can come from the Excellent A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes. At least 2 judges required.

RAE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

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

Additional Agility Awards

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.

NOVICE AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

This award is based on the average of the first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Novice Standard *and the* first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Novice Jumpers with Weaves Titles. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the title is completed.

OPEN AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

This award is based on the average of the first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Open Standard *and the* first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Open Jumpers with Weaves Titles. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the title is completed.

EXCELLENT AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

This award is based on the average of the first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Excellent Standard *and the* AKC Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Titles. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the title is completed.