

## DANCING WITH DOGS DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD

### RULES:

- The accrual period will be from competitions conducted 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October inclusive.
- Any qualifications gained after 31<sup>st</sup> October will be considered in the next accrual period.
- Applications with supporting documentation must be lodged by 10<sup>th</sup> November
- To be eligible, applicants must be financial members of NSDTC & must have trained regularly at NSDTC in DWD during the accrual period. Applicants must consider NSDTC to be their primary training club for DWD.
- Presentation will be made at the NSDTC Awards night to be held in January.
- It is the individual Club member's responsibility to apply for the award directly with the DWD Coordinator, by providing a copy of their dog's updated pedigree / title certificate. Except in the case of a DWD Championship, applicants must also provide copies of their qualifying certificates. The DWD Coordinator will ensure the documentation is made available in the Dog of the Year folder in the Clubhouse office.
- Winners of the DWD DOTY Award will have their details engraved on the perpetual trophy (to be retained in the NSDTC clubhouse) and will also receive an individual memento.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The two separate divisions of Dancing With Dogs are Freestyle (FS) & Heelwork to Music (HTM). For the purposes of this award, titles in each of these divisions are considered equal.
- The Dances With Dogs Dog of the Year will be the dog with the highest title awarded within the accrual period. Titles within this discipline, in descending order, are as follows:

Championship (either FS.CH or HTM.CH)

Advanced (FS.A or HTM.A)

Intermediate (FS.I or HTM.I)

Novice (FS.N or HTM.N)

Starters (FS.S or HTM.S)

- A dog attaining a double DWD title (both FS and HTM) at the highest level within the accrual period will automatically be declared the winner of the DOTY Award, over a dog who has gained a single DWD title (either FS or HTM) at that same level.
- If two or more dogs achieve a DWD Championship within the accrual period, they will be awarded DOTY jointly, except in the case where one or more has achieved a double Championship.
- Except in the case of Championships, if two or more dogs achieve the same level title, then the dog with the highest aggregate scores, gained over their 3 competitions in attaining that title, will be declared the DOTY winner.