

## OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD

### RULES:

- The accrual period will be from trials 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 7<sup>th</sup> November
- To be eligible, applicants must be financial members of NSDTC & must have trained regularly at NSDTC in obedience during the accrual period. Applicants must consider NSDTC to be their primary training club for obedience.
- Presentation will be made at the NSDTC Christmas Party.
- It is the individual Club member's responsibility to apply for the award directly with the Chief Instructor (Obedience), by providing a copy of their dog's updated pedigree / title certificate. Except in the case of an Obedience Championship or Grand Championship, applicants must also provide copies of their qualifying certificates. The Chief Instructor (Obedience) will ensure the documentation is made available in the Dog of the Year folder in the Clubhouse office.
- Winners of the Obedience 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:

- A dog attaining an Obedience Championship or Grand Championship within the accrual period will automatically be declared the winner of the DOTY Award.
- If two or more dogs achieve an O.CH or O.GR.CH within the accrual period, they will be awarded DOTY jointly.
- If no O.CH or O.GR.CH is achieved within the accrual period, then the dog with the highest Obedience title will be declared the DOTY winner – Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) > Utility Dog (UD) > Open (CDX)
- Except in the case of Championships, if two or more dogs achieve the same level title, then the dog with the highest scores, gained over their 3 trials in attaining that title, will be declared the DOTY winner.
- If no dog achieves an O.CH, O.GR.CH, UDX, UD, or Open title within the accrual period, the award will not be presented.