## RALLY 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 Rally Obedience during the accrual period. Applicants must consider NSDTC to be their <u>primary</u> training club for Rally 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 Rally Coordinator, by providing a copy of their dog's updated pedigree / title certificate. Except in the case of a Rally Obedience Championship, applicants must also provide copies of their qualifying certificates. The Rally Coordinator will ensure the documentation is made available in the Dog of the Year folder in the Clubhouse office.
- Winners of the Rally 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 a Rally Obedience Championship within the accrual period will automatically be declared the winner of the DOTY Award.
- If two or more dogs achieve a RO CH within the accrual period, they will be awarded DOTY jointly.
- If no RO CH is achieved within the accrual period, then the dog with the highest score, gained over their 7 trials in attaining a Rally Master title, will be declared the DOTY winner.
- If no RO CH or Rally Master title is achieved within the accrual period, then the dog with the highest score, gained over their 5 trials in attaining a Rally Excellent title, will be declared the DOTY winner.
- If no dog achieves a RO CH, Rally Master or Rally Excellent title within the accrual period, the award will not be presented.