

CRITERIA FOR ABC PERFORMANCE AWARDS

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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AWARDS, THE OWNER OF THAT DOG MUST BE A MEMBER OF ABC OR AN ABC MEMBER CLUB.

Top Agility Boxer of the Year

Goal: To award the boxer that has consistently attained the fastest (Score) and most consistent (Double Q's) performance in AKC masters agility class (Highest class).

Dog will be selected from AKC records of the dog with the highest score for the calendar year in Masters Class.

Scores will be sorted and ranked highest to lowest by the Score (Double Q's x 10) + MACH points.

Top Obedience Boxer

Goal: To award the boxer that has attained the highest level of skill, training and consistency needed to execute the AKC obedience classes.

Dog must attain a minimum of three (3) qualifying scores in the calendar year per AKC records in the regular obedience classes (Novice, Open and Utility).

A formula has been derived that averages scores and weights the advanced classes like Utility over Novice. Therefore a dog with a score of 198 in Utility is weighted higher than a dog with 198 in Novice, awarding highest level of training and consistency in obedience.

Top Performance Boxer

Goal: To award the boxer that performs at the highest levels of the multi venues of AKC recognized performance sports. This is designed as a lifetime award rather than as a yearly award.

- Nominations of dogs must be handed in on the form provided annually on the ABC website.
- Dog must have earned titles in at least two (2) of the core sports: Agility (STD and JWW), Obedience, Herding and Tracking.
- A point scale has been derived for each of the sports and is updated annually as more titles and sports are recognized by AKC. The points are awarded for titles earned; the more difficult the title, the more points the dog receives. The award will be given to the dog with the highest scores who also meets all the criteria.
- The owner must have significantly trained and handled the dog to its titles (this does not include conformation titles and will give consideration for handler injury and/or physical impairment). Dog must have one at least one of its titles in the year it is nominated.
- Since this is a lifetime award, the dog is retired after winning and is not eligible to compete in subsequent years.