

Working Dog Annual Award Rules

For the period: 1 January to 31 December

- Refer to the Golden Retriever Club of Victoria Award Regulations for eligibility for awards.
- Members must be current financial members of The Golden Retriever Club of Victoria when points are earned.
- Only DOGS Victoria sanctioned events held in Victoria are eligible for The Golden Retriever Club of Vic awards.
- Eligible Qualifying Certificates and Place Cards must be dated within the award period.
- The closing date for submission of results is the 31 December of each year.
- Results must be submitted to the Working Dog Awards Officer either on the Obedience Tracking Agility Retrieving and Field Dog of the Year form or by submitting a copy of the Qualifying Certificate.
- Copies of Qualifying Certificates or Place Cards must be attached to the Obedience Tracking Agility Retrieving and Field Dog of the Year form (with the exception of Retrieving Trial Qualifying Certificates and Place Cards).
- Results may be photocopied and sent by post or scanned and forwarded by email.
- The club reserves the right to view original documentation.

Obedience Dog of the Year

- Members will submit three Qualifying Certificates for consideration by the 31 December using the Obedience Tracking Agility Retrieving and Field Dog of the Year form.
- The allocated points will be the aggregate score of the three highest Qualifying Certificates.
- Eligible Qualifying Certificates are from these Titles:
 - Companion Dog (CD)
 - Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)
 - Utility Dog (UD)
 - Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)
 - Obedience Champion (O Ch)
 - Obedience Grand Champion (O Grand Ch)
- The dog with the highest number of points in the award period will be awarded the “Obedience Dog of the Year” Award.
- In the event of a tied score, the dog with the highest individual qualifying score will be the winner. Should a tie still remain both dogs will be declared equal winners.

Tracking Dog of the Year

- Members will submit Qualifying Certificates for consideration by the 31 December using the Obedience Tracking Agility Retrieving and Field Dog of the Year form.
- As Tracking Qualifying Certificates do not have points awarded, the following points will be allocated.

Tracking Grading	Points Allocated
Pass	1 point
Good	2 points
Very Good	3 points
Excellent	4 points

Track & Search Grading	Points Allocated
Pass	1 points
Good	2 points
Very Good	3 points
Excellent	4 points

- Eligible Qualifying Certificates are from these Titles:
 - Tracking Dog (TD)
 - Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)
 - Tracking Champion (T Ch)
 - Track & Search Dog (TSD)
 - Track & Search Dog Excellent (TSDX)
 - Track & Search Champion (TS Ch)
 - Track & Search Grand Champion (TS Grand Ch)
- The dog with the highest number of points in the award period will be awarded the “Tracking Dog of the Year” Award.
- In the event of a tied score, a count back on the number of Excellent gradings will occur, if still a tie then Very Good gradings will be counted, should a tie still remain both dogs will be declared equal winners.

Agility Dog of the Year

- Members will submit a maximum of seven Qualifying Certificates for consideration by the 31 December using the Obedience Tracking Agility Retrieving and Field Dog of the Year form.
- The allocated points will be for the submitted seven scores according to the table below.
- The seven submitted Qualification Certificates will contain a maximum of four certificates from the same discipline. (A maximum of four Agility certificates or a maximum of four Jumping certificates can be submitted.)
- Dogs must obtain a pass in order to gain points toward an award.

Points are awarded as follows:

	Novice	Excellent	Masters	Open
Pass	4 points	5 points	7 points	6 points

If a place is gained at an agility trial, then the following additional points are also awarded:

	Novice	Excellent	Masters	Open
First Place	3 points	4 points	6 points	5 points
Second Place	2 points	3 points	5 points	4 points
Third Place	1 point	2 points	4 points	3 points

- Eligible Qualifying Certificates are from these Titles:
 - Agility Dog (AD)
 - Agility Dog Excellent (ADX)
 - Agility Dog Masters (ADM)
 - Agility Dog Open (ADO)
 - Jumping Dog (JD)
 - Jumping Dog Excellent (JDX)
 - Jumping Dog Masters (JDM)
 - Jumping Dog Open (JDO)
 - Agility Champion (Ag Ch)
- The dog with the highest number of points in the award period will be awarded the "Agility Dog of the Year" Award.
- In the event of a tied score, the dog with the highest accumulated place points will be the winner. Should a tie still remain both dogs will be declared equal winners.

Retrieving and Field Awards

- The RT Ch Atawhai Tangaroa CD Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the highest combined score from both Field and Retrieving, however you must have points in both disciplines.**
- Members will submit results and/or Qualifying Certificates for consideration by 15 January using the Obedience Tracking Agility Retrieving and Field Dog of the Year form.
- If more than one Stake is entered on the day, any points gained from a Stake are counted towards a club award.
- Dogs that successfully complete 3 runs in a Retrieving Trial (two runs in a Beginners Test) receive one additional point.
- Dogs that compete in a Field Trial receive one point.
- Dogs must earn at least two points to be eligible for the Field Trial Award.

Retrieving Dog of the Year

Stake	Winner	Second	Third	QC	CM	DM	Completed
Championship	12 points	11 points	10 points			5 points	1 point
All Age	9 points	8 points	7 points		4 points		1 point
Restricted	6 points	5 points	4 points	1 point			1 point
Novice	3 points	2 points	1 point	1 point			1 point
Beginners	2 points	1 point	1 point				1 point

- Eligible Stakes are:
 - Beginners
 - Novice
 - Restricted
 - All Age
 - Championship
- The dog with the highest number of points in the award period will be awarded the "Retrieving Dog of the Year" Award.

Field Dog of the Year

Stake	Winner	Second	QC	CM	DM	Compete
Championship	12 points	11 points		4 points	5 points	1 point
Open	9 points	8 points		4 points		1 point
Novice	3 point	2 points	1 point			1 point

- The dog with the highest number of points in the award period will be awarded the "Field Dog of the Year" Award.

Titles

Dogs who earn Titles recognised by DOGS Victoria during the award period will be entitled to a club presentation.