



## Working Dog Annual Award Rules

The Award Year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Applications may be made via the online Performance Disciplines Dog of the Year form. Members must log in to the GRCV website to access this form. Qualifying certificates must be uploaded to allow the form to be submitted. Retrieving scores may be added to the form in the absence of Qualifying certificates.

- 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 Discipline Dog of the Year awards.
- Eligible Qualifying Certificates and Place Cards must be dated within the award period.
- The club reserves the right to view original documentation.

### Obedience Dog of the Year

- Members will submit three Qualifying Certificates gained throughout the Award year.
- 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.

### Rally Dog of the Year

- Members will submit three Qualifying Certificates gained throughout the Award year.
- The allocated points will be the aggregate score of the three highest Qualifying Certificates.
- Eligible Qualifying Certificates are from these Titles:
  - Rally Novice (RN)
  - Rally Advanced (RA)
  - Rally Excellent (RE)
  - Rally Master (RM)
  - Rally Champion (RCh)
- The dog with the highest number of points in the award period will be awarded the "Rally 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 all Tracking Qualifying Certificates gained throughout the Award year.
- 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

- Eligible Qualifying Certificates are from these Titles:
  - Tracking Dog (TD)
  - Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)
  - Tracking Champion (T 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 the score is still tied then Very Good gradings will be counted, should a tie still remain both dogs will be declared equal winners

## Track & Search Dog of the Year

- Members will submit all Track & Search Qualifying Certificates gained throughout the Award year.
- As Tracking Qualifying Certificates do not have points awarded, the following points will be allocated.

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

- Eligible Qualifying Certificates are from these Titles:  
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 "Track & Search Dog of the Year" Award.
- In the event of a tied score, a count back on the number of Excellent gradings will occur, if the score is still tied 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 gained throughout the Award year.
- 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 & Field Trial 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 gained throughout the Award year.
- 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.

## Retrieving Dog of the Year

Winner	Second	Third	QC	CM	DM	Completed
4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	4 points	4 points	1 point

- Eligible Stakes are:
  - Beginners
  - Novice
  - Restricted
  - All Age
  - Championship Retrieving Trial
  
  - Novice Field Trial
  - Open Field Trial
  - Championship Field Trial
- The dog with the highest number of points in the award period will be awarded the “Retrieving 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.