

# West Highland White Terrier Club of America

## Annual Awards Rules

The West Highland White Terrier Club of America presents annual awards recognizing the top West Highland White Terriers in Conformation and Performance. All owners of the winning dog must be WHWTCA members.

### Rules Concerning All Annual Awards:

1. All WHWTCA members' dogs are eligible to compete. Points toward all awards will be calculated from the date an applicant's dues are recorded by the Treasurer.
2. The competition period encompasses those American Kennel Club licensed shows/trials held between January 1 and December 31, inclusive, of any given year. Those results published in the American Kennel Club Awards will be the sole authority used in tabulation.
3. Points will be credited to those dogs registered in the name of each member as set forth on the Club's rolls unless the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee is notified in writing to the contrary. Example: A married woman whose membership is recorded under her husband's given name but whose dogs are registered under her given name must send notification that she - Mrs. Thomas A. Smith - is also Susan B. Smith.
4. Where dogs are registered in co-ownership, all owners must be members of the Club for credit to be awarded. Under no condition will any credit be awarded to only one of the owners.
5. Where dogs are owned by a kennel, credit will be given only if all owners of the kennel are Club members. Further, it is the responsibility of the owners to notify the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee, in writing, of the identities of the kennel owners.
6. (a) No credits shall be retroactive in application.  
(b) Should a lapsed membership be reinstated, wins achieved during the period that the membership was considered lapsed will not be credited.  
(c) Should any additional party to a co-ownership join the Club, wins for the dogs co-owned will be tabulated from the date of membership forward.
7. It is the members' responsibility to notify the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee of errors occurring in published show results as well as to notify the Show Records Department of AKC, requesting that a correction be printed. The records of the Evaluation Committee will be corrected only upon such publication. In the case of errors in the name of either the owner or the dog, the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee alone shall be notified.
8. In the event the committee has an unresolved interpretation of the rules, authority to make a decision will revert to the Board.
9. The top 3 placing dogs in each category will be listed in the "Westie Imprint."
10. This statement of policy, as revised, is effective beginning with the 2009 competition year.

# Annual Conformation Awards

## For most dogs defeated in:

These awards will be calculated using show results from a spreadsheet received directly from the AKC.

1. Puppy Classes, Dogs
2. Puppy Classes, Bitches
3. 12-18 Months Classes, Dogs
4. 12-18 Months Classes, Bitches
5. Bred By Exhibitor Classes, Dogs
6. Bred By Exhibitor Classes, Bitches
7. American Bred Classes, Dogs
8. American Bred Classes, Bitches
9. Winners Classes, Dogs
10. Winners Classes, Bitches
11. Best of Opposite Sex Classes, Dogs and/or Bitches

Awards will be given for the following, based on the Top-Ten Lists published by *Canine Chronicle* which gets their statistics directly from AKC.

- Best of Breed Dog – Largest number defeated in Breed Competition
- Best of Breed Bitch – Largest number defeated in Breed Competition
- Best of Breed Dog All-Breed – Largest number defeated in All-Breed Competition
- Best of Breed Bitch All-Breed – Largest number defeated in All-Breed Competition
- Best of Breed Dog Owner-Handled – Largest number defeated in National Owner-Handler Competition
- Best of Breed Bitch Owner-Handled – Largest number defeated in National Owner-Handler Competition

For every other dog or bitch in the Top-Ten Categories listed above, the owner will receive a Certificate of Congratulations recognizing their Excellent Achievement.

## Points are awarded as follows:

1. To qualify for awards in all categories, a minimum of three (3) wins must be recorded within the competition period.
2. Competition is required for categories 1 through 10. In determining competition, all dogs and/or bitches must defeat another within its own sex which is owned by some other person(s).
3. Categories 1-8: (a) 1 point will be awarded for each dog defeated in the class (Examples: 2 dogs in class - 1 point; 3 dogs in class - 2 points; 6 dogs in class – 5 points) (b) If the 1st place class dog or bitch is awarded Winners the points will be the total # of dogs or bitches in same sex class competition minus 1 (c) or Reserve Winners the points will be the total # of dogs or bitches in same sex class competition minus 2. (d) No additional points will be awarded for the category of Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex, unless the Winner takes Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex with a specials entry being defeated.
4. Categories 9-10: (a) 1 point will be awarded for each dog defeated in the Winners class. (b) No additional points will be awarded for Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex, unless the Winner takes Best of Breed or Best opposite Sex with a specials entry being defeated.
5. Category 13: the dog or bitch must be entered in Best of Breed competition or defeat a specials entry. One point will be awarded for each dog defeated.

## Junior Showmanship Award

Presented to that Junior Handler who achieves the most number of wins while handling a West Highland White Terrier during any given competition period. It is not necessary for either the Junior Handler or a member of his/her family to be a member of the Club.

# Annual Performance Awards

The purpose of the four awards in each category is to encourage West Highland White Terrier participation and excellence in performance events. The four awards distinguish between the dog that is campaigned (All Scores) and the dog that primarily participates in the "classes," where "Safety" legs do not count toward these awards.

All members' dogs competing in agility, obedience and rally are automatically included in the competition. Owners no longer need to submit their dog(s)' records to the Performance Committee for consideration.

## Obedience Awards

1. Novice: Dog earning the greatest number of points while qualifying for the CD title.
2. Open: Dog earning the greatest number of points while qualifying for the CDX title.
3. Utility: Dog earning the greatest number of points while qualifying for the UD title.
4. Top Obedience West Highland White Terrier: Dog earning the greatest number of points (all regular classes) in a calendar year without restriction on whether these qualifying legs count toward any title.

### Points are awarded as follows:

Annual Obedience Award points are calculated by subtracting 170 from each AKC qualifying score. A perfect obedience score is 200, with 170 qualifying (as long as more than half the available points were earned in each exercise). Subtract 170 from the qualifying score to produce a fair point system for comparing members' level of participation and level of excellence.

## Rally Awards

1. Novice: Dog earning the greatest number of points while qualifying for the RN title.
2. Advanced: Dog earning the greatest number of points while qualifying for the RA title.
3. Excellent: Dog earning the greatest number of points while qualifying for the RE title.
4. Top Rally West Highland White Terrier: Dog earning the greatest number of points (all regular classes) in a calendar year without restriction on whether these qualifying legs count toward any title.

### Points are awarded as follows:

Annual Rally Award points are calculated by subtracting 70 from each AKC qualifying score. A perfect Rally score is 100, with 70 qualifying. Subtract 70 from the qualifying score to produce a fair point system for comparing members' level of participation and level of excellence.

## Agility Awards

Annual Agility Awards will be offered for Novice, Open, Excellent, Master Regular and Preferred classes based on the following point system for the calendar year:

- 1 point for Qualifying in Novice, Open or Excellent; or for earning 0-4 MACH/PACH points in a Master class
- 2 points for Placing 2-4 in Novice, Open or Excellent; or by earning 5-9 MACH/ PACH points in a Master class.
- 3 points for 1st place in Novice, Open or Excellent; or by earning 10 or more MACH or PACH points in a Masterclass.

Awards and their restrictions are:

**Novice Agility Award** is awarded to the member's dog that earns the greatest number of points in the calendar year while qualifying for the NA, NAJ, and NF or NAP, NJP and NFP titles. Only legs to qualify for these titles in either regular or preferred classes, whichever class title is earned first, count toward this award (but NOT BOTH regular and preferred classes of the same title); and legs in A and B count equally. If qualifying scores are earned in both regular and preferred classes in the calendar year, but neither title is achieved, the qualifying scores in the class which earn the greatest number of points will be considered for award calculations.

**Open Agility Award** is awarded to the member's dog that earns the greatest number of points in the calendar year while qualifying for the OA, OAJ, and OF or OAP, OJP and OFP titles. Only legs to qualify for these titles in either regular or preferred classes, whichever class title is earned first, count toward this award (but NOT BOTH regular and preferred classes of the same title); and legs in A and B count equally. If qualifying scores are earned in both regular and preferred classes in the calendar year, but neither title is achieved, the qualifying scores in the class which earn the greatest number of points will be considered for award calculations.

**Agility Excellent Award** is awarded to the member's dog that earns the greatest number of points in the calendar year while qualifying for the AX, AXJ, and XF or AXP, AJP and XFP titles. Only legs to qualify for these titles in either regular or preferred classes, whichever class title is earned first, count toward this award (but NOT BOTH regular and preferred classes of the same title); and legs in A and B count equally. If qualifying scores are earned in both regular and preferred classes in the calendar year, but neither title is achieved, the qualifying scores in the class which earn the greatest number of points will be considered for award calculations.

**Master Regular Agility Award** is awarded to the member's dog that earns the greatest number of points while qualifying in the Regular Standard, Jumpers With Weaves and FAST. All qualifying legs count in Master Excellent B (Regular Standard, Jumpers with Weaves and FAST without restriction on whether these qualifying legs count toward any title.

**Master Preferred Agility Award** is awarded to the member's dog that earns the greatest number of points while qualifying in the Preferred Standard, Jumpers With Weaves and FAST Excellent B classes. All qualifying legs count in Preferred Standard, Jumpers with Weaves and FAST) without restriction on whether these qualifying legs count toward any title.

Points toward these awards can be accumulated for either Regular or Preferred classes, but not both. The first title earned determines eligibility for the award. For example, if a dog has earned his NA title and later competes in the Novice Preferred class, legs earned toward his NAP will not count toward the Novice award in any year.

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