



DOGS VICTORIA TOP OBEDIENCE DOGS OF THE YEAR 2017

Selection for the awards will be made on the following basis:

There will be a First place award for each class for Community Companion Dog, Novice, Open, Utility and Utility Dog Excellent, with further awards for second and third place in each class.

The awards will consist of: Gold Dumbbell pin for First place, Silver dumbbell pin for second place and a Bronze Dumbbell pin for third place.

For all five classes **Three (3)** qualifying results are required.

Competitors will nominate qualifying scores gained between 1st June 2016 and 31st May 2017.

- Scores will be submitted to a person nominated by the Obedience Tracking and Endurance Committee, (OTEC). The OTEC will select the top finalists in each class based on the highest average scores.
- Closing date for submissions will be 30th June 2017.
- Photocopies of original score cards must be submitted, plus a completed entry form
- Qualifying scores may be included, subject to the following restrictions:
 - No more than 2 scores awarded by any one judge may be included
 - All scores must be gained in Victoria
- Competitors must reside in Victoria, be a financial member of Dogs Victoria, and the dog must be registered with an ANKC member body.

Presentation of the awards will take place at the Dogs Victoria, State Obedience Trial 2017

Qualifiers will be notified that they are eligible for an award, but the final award will not be announced until the Presentation.

In the event of a tied score in any class:

Step 1 – Places will be decided by a comparison of the two highest individual scores. The Competitor with the highest two scores will be declared the winner.

Step 2 - In the event of a tie still remaining, joint winners will be declared for that class, and no second or third placing will be awarded depending on which placing is tied.

Step 3 – In the event of a tie still resulting, it will be left to the discretion of the OTEC to count back any score.

Note: No more than three (3) placings per class level will be awarded.

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