

DOGS VICTORIA TOP OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR 2016

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

1. Competitors will nominate 6 qualifying scores gained between 1st June 2015 and 31st May 2016.
2. Scores will be submitted to a person nominated by the Obedience Tracking and Endurance Committee, (OTEC). The OTEC who will select the top 10 finalists plus 2 reserves based on the highest average scores. Closing date for submissions will be 30th June 2016. Photocopies of original score cards must be submitted, plus a completed entry form
3. Scores from any combination of Novice, Open, Utility and Utility Dog Excellent may be included, subject to the following restrictions:
 - (a) No more than 2 Novice scores may be included
 - (b) No more than 2 scores awarded by any one judge may be included
 - (c) Maximum of 2 scores from interstate
4. Competitors must reside in Victoria, be a financial member of Dogs Victoria and the dog must be registered with an ANKC member body.

Judging of this award will take place at the Dogs Victoria, State Obedience Trial 2016 where finalists will compete in a Special Class which will include the following exercises:

SEEK BACK; HEEL FREE; OPEN DROP ON RECALL; UDX GROUP EXAMINATION;
OPEN 3 MINUTE SIT STAY

(The Heel Free exercise will consist of a pattern featuring any aspect of Heeling in the ANKC Obedience Rule Book and which must include a Figure of Eight and must conclude with the Change of Position part of the Utility Signal Exercise. Handlers may use voice or signal commands during the exercise, but not both together.)

Order of judging shall be decided by ballot within 14 days of close of submissions. Qualifiers will be notified of result of ballot.

Two judges nominated by the OTEC will officiate at the final, assisted by a Steward who will give the commands. The judges will mark the exercises independently. The winner will be the dog with the highest aggregate score

In the event of a tied score:

Step 1 – A count back will be decided by the sum of the scores of both judges for the Seek Back and Heel Free exercises.

Step 2 – In the event of a tie still resulting, a run-off shall be conducted between the tied competitors, where each dog will be required to complete the Heel Free Exercise individually.

Please Note: If a run-off is required, it shall be completed immediately after the judging of the special class.

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