

ABdFC OBEDIENCE OWNER - HANDLER AWARD – “MAX” AWARD

Introduction

Obedience training is the foundation upon which all canine activities are based, whether conformation, agility, tracking, herding, search and rescue, service dogs, etc.

In 1933, when American Kennel Club Obedience competition began, the concept behind obedience training was to develop a very close working relationship between human beings and dogs, while demonstrating the usefulness and enthusiasm of dogs. This concept remains as important today as it was when the program was developed.

The Bouviers' history in AKC obedience began with Astra-Yerta in 1954. This was the first of our breed to earn an AKC obedience title. Since that time, many Bouviers have had exceptional careers in the obedience ring, earning titles at all three levels of competition.

In an effort to recognize those exhibitors that excel in the foundation sport of obedience, an annual Obedience Owner-Handler award will be offered by the Club. Our hope is that this award will encourage further training of Bouviers and draw attention to the working background and intelligence of our breed.

The Obedience Owner-Handler Award will be named the "Max Award" in honor of the first Bouvier to earn an Obedience Trial Champion title; Ch OTCH Susant's Emperor Maximillian UDX, TDX, HT, TT,CGC, SchH AD, Sch H BH

A special award/recognition will be given to any exhibitor that earns an OTCH, whether they apply for the Obedience Owner-Handler Award or not.

Criteria

* See attached point schedule and guidelines.

NOTE: The handler must submit the documentation for this award. Proof may be from AKC awards reports, copies of title certificates or copies of pages from the AKC Awards issues. The application/tally sheet and documentation are to be submitted to the Obedience Chair for review and Tally. The Obedience Chair will then send the documentation to the Awards Chair for final review. A full report of applicants will be given to the Board.

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ABdFC Obedience Sub-Committee

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