

Judy Colan

This year we have just one recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award and this person truly demonstrates what this award is about. The LAA program is not about individual accomplishments but about what a person gives to the breed, not in a breeding program but in their time, knowledge and talent. While this person is a very successful breeder we will not be listing any of her individual breeding accomplishments. Her gifts to the Weimaraner and the Weimaraner Club of America beyond those of her individual breeding program are so numerous that we do not have enough space to list all of them. This year's recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award is Judy Colan.

Judy has been involved in the Weimaraner world for almost 50 years. Her initial involvement was as a member of the Yankee Weimaraner Club where she served as Field Trial Secretary and organized rating tests. She remains the club treasurer and has been a force behind keeping the club going through thick and thin. This early involvement led to Judy's taking on the WCA's American Kennel Club Delegate position which she has held for 21 years. She was instrumental in developing and getting the AKC to approve back to back Specialties on the same day for Specialty clubs which has been essential to allow small Specialty clubs to make a profit and continue to exist. She attends the Delegate meetings at her own expense.

Judy also serves on the AKC Delegate Health Committee and manages Greenwich Valley Veterinary Clinic. She worked to obtain grant funds for Dr. John Angles to study Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy. During this study and in conjunction with Dr. Angles, she instituted a program which included seven litters of puppies that were vaccinated with C4. Titers were performed to check efficacy of vaccine protocol.

Judy was the Blue Ribbon co-editor with Dorothy Derr and served as Chairman of the Health Committee, she is currently a member of the Health Committee.

Judy has served as Chairman of the National Show Committee for 9 years, during that tenure, she and the NSC generated over \$85,000 in profit for the WCA. In this position she is responsible for overseeing all of the National Specialty activities. These efforts include seeking Sponsor Clubs for the National and host clubs for the regional Futurity/Maturity events; coordinating with the Trophy Chairman to obtain donations, ordering ribbons and trophies as well as judges gifts; organizing the Top 20 Invitational and all other activities that take place during National week and chairing the Winter Specialty in Ardmore. Judy also worked with Al Patunoff to set up a computer program enabling the NSC to self superintend the National allowing the WCA to keep proceeds that would normally have been paid to a show superintendent.

In addition to her love of the Weimaraner, Judy also is an active member of her local all-breed club and serves on the Board of Directors of the New England Sporting Group Club. She was recognized as the American Kennel Club Sporting Group Breeder of the Year in 2006.

Judy is an incredible asset to the WCA and the Weimaraner.