

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RULES

PURPOSE - The purpose of the Weimaraner Club of America Lifetime Achievement Award shall be to bring recognition and honor to those persons who have been long time members of the Weimaraner Club of America who have made outstanding contributions to the welfare and advancement of the Weimaraner above the ordinary or self-interest.

REQUIREMENTS - Nominees must be members of the Weimaraner Club of America and must have made an outstanding contribution or contributions to the welfare and advancement of the Weimaraner and the Weimaraner Club of America above the ordinary and beyond personal benefit. Many people have selflessly worked toward the betterment of the breed through specific jobs or individual acts but only those persons who have made clearly documented achievements that have had an everlasting effect on the betterment of the breed shall be considered.

The qualifications for this award must transcend the mere ownership of an outstanding dog, numerous victories in competition or engaging personalities that have made individuals highly recognizable. In short, the candidates chosen will be those individuals that have made it happen through their sustained efforts and personal sacrifice of time and labor. Their contributions must be of the magnitude that they would be recognized as the architects of the foundation on which the foundation of the Weimaraner of today and tomorrow stands.

This qualification is purposely broad to include individuals who have made significant contributions but do not necessarily fall into some specific category. At the same time, it is extremely narrow in definition so as to limit access to only those persons who stand out clearly as having made some contribution above and beyond all others. The individuals honored shall have earned their awards through personal merit rather than popularity and their efforts must have caused actions of everlasting value.

Priority will be given for the following types of accomplishments;

1. Individuals who have helped form, guide, structure, and administer The Weimaraner Club of America through their individual actions that have resulted in a strong organization that protects the breed and serves its constituency.

The mere holding of office or committee position is not a qualifying act in itself. What did the individual do beyond the expected performance, and what effects did that activity have on the well being of the breed?

2. Persons whose pioneering efforts helped establish the breed in the USA. through importation and/or distribution and promotion of Weimaraners. An accumulation of efforts of an individual which resulted in improvement of the breed beyond personal gain should be considered.

3. Persons who have improved the breed through creation of events for proper evaluation of performance and conformation, or have helped solve problems affecting the club's performance should be considered.

These are major examples of contributions that elevate an individual above all others as being worthy of consideration for nomination into The Hall of Fame for Individuals. Most nominations

will fit into these categories, but there may be individuals with qualifications of equal value in other areas who should be considered.

PROCEDURES FOR LETTERS OF NOMINATION

1. Nominations may be made by any member in good standing of the Weimaraner Club of America (Forms may be obtained from the National Office or from the Committee Chairperson).
2. The Committee members or Chairperson may nominate individuals.
3. All letters of nomination are to be sent to the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee Chairperson.
4. Letters may arrive during the months of January through December. The individual does not need to be deceased.
5. Nominations must be received by the Committee Chairperson on or before the 1st of the month, four months prior to the date of the National Specialty (e.g. if the National Specialty is to be held on April 15, the deadline would be Dec 1) to be considered for that year. Nominations arriving after that date will be considered for the next year.
6. Failure of a nominee to receive approval by the Committee shall cancel the nomination for that year. The nomination will be retained for one more voting year, after which it may be submitted again following the prescribed procedure in any succeeding year.
7. Letters of nomination should include a summary of the individual's accomplishments and contributions with specific dates if possible.

COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Nominations received at the deadline date and the subsequent results of the Committee vote must be presented in report form to the Board of Directors of the Weimaraner Club of America within two weeks of the final Committee vote.
2. Committee members must be longtime members of the WCA.
3. The Committee must discuss the nominees by telephone conference prior to voting.

See the LAA Committee Charter for additional responsibilities.