

GERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA AWARDS

Program and Rules

Rules and Eligibility Requirements for GP of the Year and GP of the Year Opposite Sex, Versatile Companion Dog, Agility GP of the Year, Obedience GP of the Year, Tracking GP of the Year, Rally GP of the Year, Brood Bitch of the Year, Stud Dog of the Year, Junior Handler of the Year, and Hall of Fame Producer. The Awards Committee consists of Terry Pfaff, chm., Betsy Spilis, and Debbie Kaminski. The Award Policy follow:

- 1. Awards will be given at the National Specialty Banquet with New AKC Titlists and Special Award winners being recognized by recipient's name and dog's name.**
- 2. All AKC titlists for the year will be given a certificate.**
- 3. All Special Award winners will be honored with an award - either certificate, medallion, or plaque (see item 11 below).**
- 4. GPCA members must apply for the Special Awards to be considered. Easy to use application forms can be found on the website or obtained from the chairman.**
- 5. The awards chairman will receive the applications and ascertain the winners. A Tally Committee will double check the results for accuracy. The Tally Committee will be appointed by the Board.**
- 6. The AKC Awards Magazine will be the final authority for point accumulation.**
- 7. Hall of Fame Producers will be honored at the Banquet.**
- 8. These rules were approved by the membership and are part of the GPCA's standing rules.**
- 9. These rules are subject to change as the number of GPs in AKC performance grows.**
- 10. A sample Application Form is available.**
- 11. You can include an AKC report in place of the Award/Month and page from the AKC Awards Magazine. Otherwise insert the AKC Awards Magazine month and page where the information was printed.**
- 12. The GPCA Board has stipulated that only certificates be given to Special Award winners unless the owner has included proof of health testing (CERF, OFA or PennHip, and Thyroid). Special Award winners who have been health tested are eligible for either a medallion or a plaque.**
- 13. Board specified health requirements for Special Awards - All dogs/bitches in order to be eligible for plaques/medallions given by GPCA must have:**
 - 1) Current CERF certification, up to the age of six,**
 - 2) Hip certification (if over 2 years of age), and**
 - 3) Current thyroid test results - vet certified.**

The exception to #1 above is any dog/bitch that is spayed/neutered and has not produced any get does not need to provide the required health certifications, but must include certification of neutering from their vet with the award application.

**German Pinscher Club of America
Special Awards Program Rules**

GPCA AWARDS

The German Pinscher Club of America Annual Awards Application and Rules for compiling points will be available from Terry Pfaff or on the GPCA website. You may request an application form and rules from Terry Pfaff by calling him at (443) 889-4836. For points reported in the AKC Awards Magazine, contact Debra Kaminski at (410) 691-2733. Certificates will be awarded to the dogs meeting the awards criteria. Additionally, a plaque or medallion will be awarded if a Health certification (OFA or Penn Hip, CERF, and Thyroid) is provided with the application. Special Annual Awards are offered by the GPCA. Use the application forms provided for each award. The Special Awards are:

GPCA German Pinscher of the Year

GPCA German Pinscher of the Year - (Opposite Sex)

GPCA Stud Dog of the Year

GPCA Brood Bitch of the Year

GPCA Versatile Companion Dog

GPCA Obedience German Pinscher of the Year

GPCA Agility German Pinscher of the Year

GPCA Tracking German Pinscher of the Year

GPCA Rally German Pinscher of the Year

GPCA Junior Handler of the Year

CHAMPION & PERFORMANCE DOG AWARDS

Apart from the Special Awards, the GPCA honors all new AKC champions and performance title winners with a certificate. Those dogs that completed AKC titles and are owned by a GPCA member are eligible. Remember, though, only those who were members during the month when their dog finished its title are eligible to receive a certificate. Co-owned dogs must reside with the GPCA member during the majority of the year in order to be eligible. The GPCA award year runs from January 1 through December 31. Complete and detach the form at the bottom of this page and send it to Terry Pfaff, 4939 Roundhill Rd., Ellicott City MD 21043 to receive your award or a medallion. Certificates for AKC titles are automatic for GPCA members.

Award Application Form

Owner's Name _____

Phone _____

Address

Dog's Registered Name

Title Earned

Owner's Signature

Is Health Documentation Included?

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31.

*** You can include an AKC report in place of the Award/Month and page from the AKC Awards Magazine.**

Otherwise insert the AKC Awards Magazine month and page where the information was printed.

**GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR AND
GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR, OPPOSITE SEX**

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA German Pinscher of the Year" to the German Pinscher accumulating the greatest number of points according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

2. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA German Pinscher of the Year, Opposite Sex" to the German Pinscher of the opposite sex to the German Pinscher of the Year who accumulated the greatest number of points according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

3. Points will be accumulated according to the following point schedule:

HIGHEST AWARD* POINTS**

Reserve 1 point for each GP defeated

Winner 2 points for each GP defeated

Best of Winners 3 points for each GP defeated

BOS 4 points for each GP defeated***

BOB 4 points for each GP defeated

Award of Merit 50 points****

Group 4 40 points, plus BOB points

Group 3 60 points, plus BOB points

Group 2 80 points, plus BOB points

Group 1 100 points, plus BOB points

Best in Show 200 points, plus BOB points

***Points are computed only for the highest award received.**

****For counting points, your own dog does not count.**

*****In determining the number of champions defeated by the BOS winner, count one champion defeated for each champion of the same sex competing.**

******Awarded at GPCA National Specialty.**

EXAMPLE 1: The BOS winner is a bitch and so is the BOW. The BOS winner gets 4 points for each class dog and class bitch shown plus the points allowed for the defeated bitch champions.

EXAMPLE 2: The BOS winner is a bitch and the BOW is a dog. The BOS winner gets 4 points for each class bitch shown (and only for the class bitches) plus the points allowed for defeated bitch champions.

4. The awards will be determined by points accumulated during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

5. Only points accumulated at AKC point shows and verified by publication in the AKC Awards Magazine will be allowed.

6. Only dogs whose owner/owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive the awards. If an owner becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only points accumulated after membership are allowed. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.

7. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those points accumulated while owned by a GPCA member are allowed. Awards are given the GPCA member in good standing only.

8. Application for award must be made by the owner(s) of the dog to the Awards Committee on the Club's official form giving the point accumulation and the date and page of the AKC Awards Magazine where each win may be verified.

9. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

10. The AKC Awards Magazine will be the final authority for point accumulation. Application for the award must be made by the end of the month in which the final December shows are listed in the AKC Awards Magazine. (This will usually be February). You can include an AKC report in place of the Award/Month and page from the AKC Awards Magazine. Otherwise insert the AKC Awards Magazine month and page where the information was printed.

GPCA OBEDIENCE GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Obedience German Pinscher of the Year" to the GP with the highest average score in obedience competition as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

2. The average score will be determined from the dog's three (3) highest scores in obedience competition in any of the obedience classes: Novice, Open, or Utility. Each of the three scores must be a qualifying score. For those working towards their UDX and OTCH titles, the three (3) highest scores may come from either the open or utility class. Extra weight will be given to those showing in Open and Utility as follows:

CDX: Add 3 points to the average score

UD: Add 4 points to the average score

3. The award will be based on competition during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31 inclusive.

4. Only scores at official AKC point shows and obedience trials and verified by publication in the AKC Awards Magazine will be allowed. The final score counted must be earned during the year for which the award is to be given. (Example: Those earning two scores in 2004 and one score in 2005 can only apply for the 2005 award.)

5. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. If an owner becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only scores made after membership are allowed. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.

6. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those scores made while owned by a GPCA member will be allowed. Awards given to GPCA member in good standing only.

7. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

8. The scores as listed in the AKC Awards Magazine will be the final authority. Applications for the award must be made by the end of the month in which the final December shows appear in the AKC

Awards Magazine. You can include an AKC report in place of the Award/Month and page from the AKC Awards Magazine. Otherwise insert the AKC Awards Magazine month and page where the information was printed.

GPCA RALLY GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Rally German Pinscher of the Year" to the GP with the highest average score in rally competition as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below..

2. The average score will be determined from the dog's three (3) highest scores in rally competition in any of the rally classes: Novice, Advanced, or Excellent. Each of the three scores must be a qualifying score. For those working towards their Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title, the three (3) highest scores

may come from either the Advanced or the Excellent class. Extra weight will be given to those showing in Advanced and Excellent as follows:

Rally Advanced (RA): Add 3 points to the average score

Rally Excellent (RE): Add 4 points to the average score

- 3. In case of a tie, applicants will be asked to provide an additional score.**
- 4. The award will be based on competition during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31 inclusive.**
- 5. Only scores at official AKC point shows and obedience trials and verified by publication in the AKC Awards Magazine will be allowed. The final score counted must be earned during the year for which the award is to be given. (Example: Those earning two scores in 2005 and one score in 2006 can only apply for the 2006 award.)**
- 6. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. If an owner becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only scores made after membership are allowed. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.**
- 7. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those scores made while owned by a GPCA member will be allowed. Awards given to GPCA member in good standing only.**
- 8. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.**
- 9. The scores as listed in the AKC Awards Magazine will be the final authority. You can include an AKC report in place of the Award/Month and page from the AKC Awards Magazine. Otherwise insert the AKC Awards Magazine month and page where the information was printed. Applications for the award must be made by May 15 of each year.**

GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER STUD DOG OF THE YEAR AND

GPCA GERMAN PINSCHER BROOD BITCH OF THE YEAR

- 1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA German Pinscher Stud Dog of the Year" to the German Pinscher with the most number of AKC Champions finished during the calendar year as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.**
- 2. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA German Pinscher Brood Bitch of the Year" to the German Pinscher with the most number of AKC Champions finished during the calendar year as determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.**
- 3. The award will be determined by the highest number of offspring finishing their Championship during the calendar year: January 1 to December 31, inclusive.**
- 4. More than one award will be given when more than one stud dog or brood bitch have the same number of Champions. There will be no tie-breakers.**
- 5. Offspring do not have to belong to GPCA members.**
- 6. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.**
- 7. Application for award must be made by the owner(s) of the dog, to the Awards Committee on the GPCA official form, giving offspring's name and date and page of the AKC Awards Magazine where the Championship may be verified.**
- 8. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.**
- 9. The AKC Awards Magazine will be the final authority for determining all awards. Applications for the award must be made as determined by the GPCA.**

GPCA AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR

The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Agility Dog of the Year" to the dog accumulating the most

"award qualifying runs" within the award year.

1. For the purpose of this award, "award qualifying runs" are defined as:
Novice- Scores of 95 Open - Scores of 90 or better Excellent - Scores of 85 or better
2. Scores submitted may come from any AKC Novice, Open or Excellent Standard class including the Preferred Standard classes and/or from any AKC Novice, Open or Excellent Jumpers with Weaves class including the Preferred Jumpers with Weaves classes.
3. Tie breaker, the GP with the most number of AKC qualifying runs for year.
4. A maximum of three (3) scores defined as "award qualifying" in item # 2 above may be submitted from the Novice Standard classes and a maximum of three (3) scores defined as "award qualifying" may be submitted from the Novice Jumpers with Weaves classes. A maximum of three (3) scores defined as "award qualifying" above may be submitted from the Open Standard classes and a maximum of three (3) scores from the Open Jumpers with Weaves classes. This maximum is established to ensure that award applicants will advance to the next level of competition once a title is earned. There is no maximum in the Excellent level classes.
5. The award will be based on competition during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31 inclusive.
6. Only scores from official AKC Agility Trials and verified by publication in the AKC Awards Magazine will be allowed.
7. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. If an owner becomes a member of GPCA during the year, only scores earned after membership are valid. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.
8. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those scores earned while owned by same GPCA member are valid. Awards given to GPCA member in good standing only.
9. The awards committee reserves the right to alter these agility rules when the number of German Pinschers in agility competition warrant rule revisions. GPCA membership will be given advance notice should any revisions become necessary.

GPCA TRACKING GERMAN PINSCHER OF THE YEAR

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Tracking German Pinscher of the Year" to the GP who has earned the highest level AKC tracking title within the calendar year January 1 to December 31, inclusive, determined according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.

Title levels are as follows:

- a. Any GP earning a CT (Champion Tracker - has all three titles of TD, TDX, VST)
 - b. Any GP earning a VST (Variable Surface Tracking)
 - c. Any GP earning a TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent)
 - d. Any GP earning a TD (Tracking Dog)
2. More than one award will be given when there are GP's having earned tracking titles of the same level within the calendar year. There will be no tie breakers if the tracking titles earned are all of the same level.

3. Only dogs verified by AKC will be allowed.
4. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to receive awards. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing. If an owner becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only titles earned after membership are allowed.
5. If a dog is sold to a GPCA member during the year, only those that qualify while owned by a GPCA member will be allowed. Awards are given to GPCA members in good standing only.
6. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.
7. The listings and date qualifying in the AKC Awards Magazine will be the final authority. Applications for the award must be made by the deadline established by the awards committee, which shall be after the final December events appear in the AKC Awards Magazine. You can include an AKC report in place of the Award/Month and page from the AKC Awards Magazine. Otherwise insert the AKC Awards Magazine month and page where the information was printed.

GPCA VERSATILE COMPANION DOG

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Versatile Companion Dog" to any GP earning a VCD title for that year. The VCD requires titles in obedience, agility AND tracking, as follows:
VCD1 for earning the titles CD, NA, NAJ, TD or CD, NAP, NJP, TD
VCD2 for earning the titles CDX, OA, OAJ, TD or CDX, OAP, OJP, TD
VCD3 for earning the titles UD, AX, AXJ, TDX or UD, AXP, AJP, TDX
VCD4 for earning the titles UDX, MX, MXJ, VST or UDX, MXP, MJP, VST
2. Applicant must apply for the award for the year in which the VCD title was finished. Dogs do not need to earn all titles necessary for the VCD within the calendar year.
3. As multiple titles are required to qualify for the VCD title, applicant will furnish a copy of the VCD title certificate from AKC to the Awards committee when applying for this GPCA Special award.
4. Only dogs whose owner or owners are in good standing with AKC and members of GPCA are eligible to receive this award. Co-owned dogs must reside in the home of a GPCA member in good standing.

GPCA JUNIOR HANDLER OF THE YEAR

1. The GPCA will award the title "GPCA Junior Handler of the Year" to the Junior Handler accumulating the greatest number of points while showing a German Pinscher according to the rules and eligibility requirements described below.
2. The GPCA will award Rosettes to all Junior Handlers who have accumulated points and are competing for the GPCA Junior Handler of the year.
3. Points will be accumulated for placements (1 through 4) in the 4 classes (Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Senior) and Best Junior according to the following point schedule :
HIGHEST AWARD* POINTS**
Fourth Place 1 point for each Junior Handler defeated
Third Place 2 points for each Junior Handler defeated
Second Place 3 points for each Junior Handler defeated
First Place 4 points for each Junior Handler defeated
Best Junior 4 point for each Junior Handler showing in all classes**
*Points are computed only for the highest award received.
**For counting points, the competing Junior Handler counts as one defeated.

*****In determining the number of Junior Handlers defeated, count 1 for each participant in Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, and Open Senior.**
EXAMPLE 1: When the GPCA Junior Handler is FIRST in Open Junior and there were 4 participating in Open Junior including the GPCA Junior Handler, the GPCA Junior Handler gets 4 points for each of the 4 handlers for a total of 16 points.

EXAMPLE 2: When the GPCA Junior Handler get Best Junior and there were 2 in Novice Junior, 2 in Novice Senior, 3 in Open Junior and 4 in Open senior, then the GPCA Junior Handler has defeated 11 Junior Handlers for a total of 44 points. He must remember to count himself as one defeated.

4. The awards will be determined by points accumulated during the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

5. Only points accumulated at AKC point shows and verified by publication in the AKC Awards Magazine will be allowed.

6. Only Junior Handlers who are in good standing with the AKC and have a family member with a membership in the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive the awards. If a family member becomes a member of the GPCA during the year, only points accumulated after membership are allowed.

7. Only points for wins with a German Pinscher are counted.

8. Application for award must be made by the Junior Handler to the Awards Committee on the Club's official form giving the point accumulation and the date and page of the AKC Awards Magazine where each win may be verified.

9. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of their entries.

10. The AKC Awards Magazine will be the final authority for point accumulation. Application for the award must be made by the end of the month in which the final December shows are listed in the AKC Gazette. You can include an AKC report in place of the Award/Month and page from the AKC Awards Magazine. Otherwise insert the AKC Awards Magazine month and page where the information was printed.

GERMAN PINSCHER LEADING PRODUCERS

1. The GPCA will award the title Leading Producer to the German Pinscher Stud dog who has produced 8 AKC champion offspring and 2 AKC performance titlists and to the German Pinscher Brood bitch who has produced 4 AKC champion offspring and 1 AKC performance titlists. The dog/bitch may have produced these titlists over several years.

2. The members whose Dogs/bitches who have achieved Leading Producer status will need to submit health certifications (Hips, CERF, Thyroid) for the leading Producer to the Awards Committee who will then send the information to the History Committee to be considered for future Hall of Fame Awards.

3. Leading producers will not be awarded an annual award. Instead, their names and a list of their titled progeny will be printed in the Pinscher Press once a year.

4. Once the title Leading Producer has been achieved, the History Committee will maintain a list of those dogs and their champion/performance titlists.

5. Offspring do not have to belong to a GPCA members.

6. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. Leading Producers must live with a GPCA member.

GERMAN PINSCHER HALL OF FAME PRODUCERS

1. The GPCA will award the title "Hall of Fame Producer" to those German Pinscher stud dogs and brood bitches who have produced, during their producing years, the following:

Stud dogs must have produced 15 AKC champion offspring and 5 AKC performance Titlists from 3 different brood bitches, or Brood bitches must have produced 8 AKC champion offspring and 2 AKC performance Titlists from 2 different stud dogs, or Stud dogs must have produced 10 AKC champion offspring and 10 AKC performance Titlists from 3 different brood bitches, or Brood bitches must have produced 5 AKC champion offspring and 5 AKC performance Titlists from 2 different stud dogs

2. The GPCA History Committee will keep the tally for leading producers. Once a dog achieves the criteria for Hall of Fame Producer, the Awards Committee will be notified and the dog/bitch will receive an award at the Annual Banquet.

3. Offspring may be counted only once for either a championship or performance title. Offspring do not have to belong to a GPCA members.

4. Only dogs whose owner or owners (if co-owned) are in good standing with the AKC and members of the GPCA are eligible to compete or receive awards. Co-owned dogs need not live with the GPCA member to be a Hall of Fame Producer. These dogs may have been retired and placed in a pet home.

5. Application for award will be made by the History Committee.

NOTE: The members whose Dogs/bitches have achieved Leading Producer status will have submitted health certifications (Hips, CERF, Thyroid) for the leading Producer to the Awards Committee who will then send the information to the History Committee. Thus, Hall Of Fame Producers will have been health tested.