

Admiral Halsey Teamwork HOT Dog Award (HOT: Handled, Owned, Trained)

This award is dedicated to the memory of MHR Westharbour's Admiral Halsey AKC/CKC MH, CDX, CKC CD, WCI, and the teamwork he demonstrated with his trainer/owner/handler, Nancy White. Halsey was one of the mighty dogs in the Toller world. Before his untimely passing at 5 years, Halsey earned a NAHRA Master Hunter title by 2 1/2 years of age, and subsequently repeated his success by adding a CKC MH and an AKC MH to his accomplishments, making Halsey the only triple Master Hunter Toller to date. In honor of Halsey's outstanding achievements and willingness to work as a team player with his owner/trainer/handler throughout his career, Dominique and Mike Jolley (Redrock Tollers) and Kim and Terry Simons (Flying Dog Agility) wish to honor Halsey's memory through the NSDTRC (USA) by offering a special award recognizing those Tollers that are owner trained and handled to any of the various AKC field titles.

The first teamwork award is presented to MHR Westharbour's Admiral Halsey AKC/CKC MH, CDX, CKC CD, WCI and Nancy White at the 2004 Annual Awards Banquet. Eligible Tollers and their owners receiving field titles on or after July 1, 2004 are recognized in subsequent years.

Each year the Admiral Halsey HOT Dog Teamwork Award will be given to each team of Toller and Owner(s) who have completed all their training and hunt tests or field trials together and achieved any level of an AKC field title: Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter, Master Hunter, Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion. Owner(s) refers to all co-owners of the dog. The co-owners can share the training and handling of the dog. Owner-trained and handled is defined as any Toller owner(s) who participates in all facets of the field training with the dog. The owner(s) may work, take lessons, and practice with amateur or professional trainers; however the work must be done by the owner(s). As such whenever a dog is left with an amateur or professional trainer for the purpose of field training while the owner(s) is not present, the team will not qualify for this special team award. A toller trained by a person other than the owner(s) for any period of time will never qualify for this award. Additionally, the owner(s) must handle the dog for all legs/stakes required for the title.

The Club's title year is July 1 through June 30, and dogs and owners that complete the requirements during this time frame will receive the Award at the next Annual Awards Banquet. All legs/points for each title do not have to be earned during the Club year; the Award will be given following the year the title is completed. Regardless of the number of owners who participate in the training and titling of the dog, only one award will be awarded.

The award given is a Certificate and a pin that can be added to if the dog and owner(s) complete more than one field title. The pin will be a metallic gold colored duck, and below the duck will be rings that will hold metallic gold colored rectangular plates identifying the title earned. For instance, if the dog and owner(s) earn both an AKC JH and SH, the team will receive the duck pin, plus two plates; one inscribed with JH and the other inscribed with SH.

The awards for the previous year will be given out at each year's National Specialty Annual Awards Banquet by the NSDTRC (USA) National Trophy Chair or designee.

For a Toller to be eligible for this teamwork award, the owner(s) must be a voting member in good standing, as defined in the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) Constitution and Bylaws. Each team eligible for the award will submit an application to the NSDTRC (USA) National Trophy Chair for approval. This application asks for documentation of AKC field title(s) earned, plus training background information and certification. Applications are due each year by August 25 to include titles earned during the previous club title year: July 1 through June 30.

The rules and regulations of the Admiral Halsey Teamwork HOT Dog Award are the sole responsibility of Mike and Dominique Jolley (Redrock Tollers) and Kim and Terry Simons (Flying Dog Agility) and as such the pins will be paid in their entirety by the donors. In the event of death or written disinterest of the Jolleys or Simons, the rules and regulations, and the awarding of the pins will either become the responsibility of the NSDTRC (USA) or the Award will be eliminated.