

Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc.



Dear IWCA Members,

Once again we are asking all members in good standing to select someone you think qualifies for the annual Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, which consists of a medallion offered by the AKC. This gives our club the opportunity to honor one of our own members.

The AKC has established this award to honor individuals who deserve special recognition, who have

- 1) made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs,
- 2) embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship,
- 3) and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

The qualifying individual with the most letters of recommendation will be awarded the Outstanding Sportsmanship medallion at the 2014 National Specialty. This individual is chosen strictly on the number of letters received endorsing them. So show your support of someone you think embodies the spirit of true sportsmanship by sending in your recommendation.

Please send your letters by December 31, 2013 to:

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The following individuals have received the medallion in previous years: Mariellen Dentino, Patricia Reilley, Lois Thomasson, Rosemary Wortman, Jackie Carswell & Linda Souza.

Thank you,

Bev Stobart
Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Chairperson
Glynis Littlewood
Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Co-Chairperson

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions of behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
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- Sportsmen exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
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- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed on them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.