**DANCES WITH DOGS CLUB QUEENSLAND INC**

**CONDITIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS**

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1. **Eligibility – all awards**

To be eligible for any of the awards covered by these conditions, other than the ‘Ann & Indianajones’ title trophies, a handler must have -

(a) been a financial member of the Club for a period of at least 6 months within the relevant calendar year; and

(b) contributed to the Club in some capacity, eg as a judge, steward, committee member or attendee, contributor to instructing, demonstrations, fund-raising or organisational or other aspects of the Club and its activities. This condition does not apply to interstate members or to members resident north of Gympie or west of Toowoomba.

1. **Title trophies**

**2.1 ‘Ann & Indianajones’ title trophies**

‘Ann & Indianajones’ title trophies are sponsored by Ann Shannon whose generosity is recognised by naming on the title trophy.

* 1. **Eligibility**

A title trophy will be available to any eligible handler whose dog attains an ANKC DWD title (in Heelwork to Music or Freestyle) for which the title certificate bears a date that falls within the relevant calendar year.

* 1. **Multiple titles**

Where a dog gains more than one DWD title in the relevant calendar year, the ‘Ann & Indianajones’ trophy will be a single trophy with the relevant titles inscribed.

* 1. **Championship titles**

In addition to a DWDCQ title trophy, Championship titles will be recognised by presentation of a trophy donated by Coral Pethers and Trevor Telford.

1. **Other special awards**

The Dogs Queensland Dog Sports Committee also provides trophies for the RNA (Brisbane Royal/Ekka) DWD competitions.

1. **DWD Dog of the Year awards**

4.1 The Club will award one Dog of the Year award in each of Heelwork to Music and Freestyle Divisions.

* 1. The Dog of the Year award in each ANKC DWD Division will be awarded to the handler and dog that achieve the highest aggregate across three submitted qualifying certificates achieved during the calendar year in the relevant Division, irrespective of the class level at which the qualifying score was achieved.

1. **New Handler award**

In addition to any other Club award, the Club will award a New Handler award for competition among eligible members who have not at any time previously competed with any dog in either Division of DWD. The award will be made to the eligible handler and dog that achieve the highest aggregate across three submitted qualifying scores achieved during the calendar year and may include scores in either or both of Heelwork to Music and/or Freestyle.

1. **Application for award**

A handler wishing to be considered for any of the above awards (title trophies, Dog of the Year or New Handler awards) must submit a copy of the relevant ANKC title certificate (for title trophies) or qualifying certificates (for Dog of the Year or New Handler awards) to the Secretary by **no later than one week after the final DWD competition in Queensland in the relevant year**. If the final qualifying certificate for a title has been obtained but the title certificate has not been issued by that date, the handler may submit copies of the three relevant qualifying certificates.

1. **Presentation of trophies**

Trophies will be presented at a Club event determined by the Committee in the relevant year.

The Dances with Dogs Dog of the Year Awards will also be presented at the Queensland Dog Sports Committee’s annual presentation function.