

STRUAN AWARD

DONORS: Eric and Joan Johnson

PURPOSE: This is a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the NSDTRC (USA) member-handler of the oldest dog of either sex to earn a Working Certificate Intermediate at the NSDTRC (USA) National Specialty Hunt* Test. To qualify, a dog must be six (6) years old or older on the day of the test and not have earned a title in any field testing program at a level that involves a double marked retrieve. The qualifications are such that the award may not be made every year.

DESCRIPTION: The Struan Award will be a plaque of finished wood. There is a hand carved duck decoy that has been inset into the plaque in bas relief. Under the decoy will be an area for mounting bronze, numbered duck and goose bands. The call name and year of each successive winner will be inscribed on each duck/goose band in numerical order. The plaque is trimmed on the edges to give it depth so as to protect the carved decoy and the engraved bands. In the event that any year's winner does not get the trophy engraved with their dog's name, the National Trophy Chair will be responsible for having it engraved at the expense of the NSDTRC (USA).

A keeper trophy of a matching bronze duck/goose band will also be made available by the Johnsons, and will be given to each year's winner as well. These keeper bands will also be numbered, and will match the numbers of the bands mounted on the trophy.

FIRST AWARD: 2006 National Specialty. The donors prefer that all presentations take place immediately at the conclusion of the Specialty test. Prior to the test, the trophy will be displayed at the check-in table. Special mention of the winning dog will be made at the following year's Specialty Banquet.

REASON: This award is presented to honor NSDTRC Ch/HR/WRCh Lennoxlove's Run With Wolves JH, WCX, Canadian WCI. Cheyenne became our first working Toller. Cheyenne very much enjoys field work above all else in life. When a tick-borne disease cut short her field career, the pain of not working was probably as difficult for her as the pain of the arthritis. Despite the pain, she has never refused to try the retrieve and has shown us just how much the Toller is a heart on four legs.

We present this trophy to memorialize Cheyenne and her love of retrieving and to encourage Toller owners to make the commitment to train their dog to the next level of skills beyond basic retrieving. Our hopes are that in striving for the Struan Award, owners will realize that they can in fact continue even beyond the WCI.

ELIGIBILITY:

Individuals eligible for this award must be NSDTRC (USA) members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. It will be the responsibility of each winner to ensure that the trophy is safely transported to either the next Specialty or to the NSDTRC (USA) Trophy Chairperson one month prior to the next Specialty.

For each Specialty Hunt Test, entrants will be notified and/or reminded of the availability of this trophy through information provided in the Test Premium. Owners with eligible dogs will be asked to fill out a form documenting the age of their dog and the fact that they do not have another hunt test organization title that requires double retrieves, and submit it with their entry. The form will be available either from the National Trophy Chair or on the NSDTRC (USA) website. Completed forms will be collected by the National Trophy Chair, who will bring them to the National Specialty Hunt* Test (or they will be provided to the Test Chairperson if the Trophy Chair cannot be present). Once the test results are in, information on the passing dogs will be given to the National Trophy Chair or Test Chair for final verification and presentation of the award. If, at the Hunt* Test, an owner with an eligible dog becomes aware of the trophy but has not filled out or submitted a form, they must complete the form before the test is begun and submit it to the National Trophy Chair or Test Chairperson.

This trophy is offered on a three-time win basis, and for permanent possession this trophy must be won three times at three different Specialty Shows by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog. In the event that the trophy is not won three times by any owner/person, once all the plaques with the names of the winning dogs are filled, the trophy will become the possession of the NSDTRC (USA) for their determination on offering a new trophy.

*National Specialty Hunt Test refers to the NSDTRC (USA) Club Field Test program.