

## Rising Star Award

This award is dedicated to the memory of Sydney Jones bitch, CH RedDog's Rising Star. Starry was a true rising star in the Toller world. At the age of 19 months Starry earned the first AKC NSDTR Best in Breed. Ms. Jones would like her memory to live on through recognition for the NSDTRC (USA)'s top producing brood bitch each year.

Each year Ms. Jones will award the Rising Star Award to the owner of the brood bitch that produced the most AKC champions in the previous calendar year. The award would be based on AKC and Pedigree statistics, over the course of a calendar year of January through December, which would be calculated by the NSDTRC (USA) statistician.

In the event of a tie, the tie would be broken by a point system as follows, with points given for all titles earned by all offspring of each specific bitch.

AKC Champions:	3 points
Field Titles:	
AKC MH or WCX	3.5 points
AKC SH or WCI	3 points
AKC JH or WC	2 point
Obedience or Agility titles:	
AKC UD/VER (or higher)	2 points
AKC CDX/GO or AX/AXJ	1.5 points
AKC BN/CD/GN or NA/OA/NAJ/OAJ	1 point

Each title will have to be earned in the same calendar year as the AKC Championship. The highest number of points for all offspring will determine the winning bitch.

Starry's dam, Beacon Hill Lennoxlove M'ggie, was the 2003 Pedigree Brood Bitch of the Year (NSDTR), and the Juckett's would like to honor Maggie as well by giving her the award for 2003. Maggie produced three NSDTR Champions in 2003, two of which also earned obedience titles and one which earned a field title over the course of 2003.

The award given will be a glass trophy, hand etched with the faces of a Toller bitch and pup. The award would be in the shape of a star rising out of a wood base. The base would have space for brass plaques that would be inscribed with the registered name of each year's winning bitch and the year awarded. The winner of the trophy will be responsible with etching the name plates appropriately. 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 Ms. Jones.

The award for the previous year will be given out at each year's National Specialty Annual Awards Banquet by either Sydney Jones, if she is in attendance, or the NSDTRC (USA) National Trophy Chair. It will be the responsibility of each year's winner to ensure that the trophy is safely transported to either the next year's Specialty, or to the NSDTRC National Trophy Chairperson one month prior to the next Specialty.

A keeper trophy, also made available from Ms. Jones, will be given to each year's winner as well.

Individuals eligible for this award must be NSDTRC (USA) members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. The eligible recipient must be the owner or co-owner of the dog. The period of eligibility for titles earned by offspring of each bitch will be the calendar year of January through December.

The rules and regulations of the Rising Star Award are the sole responsibility of Ms. Jones. In the event of death or written disinterest of Ms. Jones, the rules and regulations, and the giving of the keeper plaque will become the responsibility of the NSDTRC (USA).