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25th Anniversary Awards & Gala Celebration



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To be held at

**Stoneleigh Park Exhibition and Conference Centre,
Stoneleigh, Warwickshire**

On

Saturday, 16th February, 2008

Your Invitation to Nominate...

2008 marks the 25th Anniversary of The Agility Club. It is also the 30th Anniversary of our beloved sport. The Agility Club is hosting this event to celebrate and to honour those who have made an outstanding contribution to agility during the past quarter century.



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Winners selected by Public Vote

Whilst only Agility Club Members may submit nominations, voting for the finalists is welcomed by anyone with an interest in agility.



Sponsored by Pedigree **Best Show**

What is it that makes a truly great show? Is there one that sticks in your mind as a vintage year? Is there a club that consistently puts on shows of the highest standard? It could be a Final, an invitation, an independent, a qualifier... Size doesn't matter; it could be small, large or in between. It might be a current show or one from years ago, but nominations should set the standards that others should aspire to. Please include a full justification with your nomination.



Sponsored by Premier Show Jumps **Best Trainer**

Do you think your trainer is the best in the country? Then make sure you nominate him or her for this Award. Nominees may be independent or club trainers, groups or individuals. They may run clubs, agility sections, or simply training days. They might be the author of a book, or have presented their skills on other media. They could be specialists, or good all-rounders. Whose advice have you found invaluable? Please include a full justification with your nomination.

Best Judge

Without judges we'd have no shows, so we are eternally grateful to everyone who gives up their time and the opportunity of running their own dogs to judge. But who stands out above the rest? Is there a judge who always sets great courses? Who is still smiling after the 400th dog? Who is fair and knowledgeable? What do you think makes the best judge, and who best fits that criteria? Please include a full justification with your nomination.



Sponsored by Norton Rosettes **Agility Personality**

Who sums up agility for you? Who do you admire, respect, recognise, enjoy talking to, always have to watch, listen to, take notice of what they say... there are a million and one reasons to nominate in this category. Nominees do not even have to be human! Maybe there is a dog you feel this Award should go to? Please include a full justification with your nomination.



Sponsored by iShowServices **Unsung Hero of Agility**

There are many people who have put a lot into agility over the years but never got the recognition they deserve. Some do not even run dogs themselves! It may be by helping at shows, by running a club, or any input above and beyond the call of duty. Agility just wouldn't be the same without them. If you know someone who is selflessly contributing to our sport when everyone else is already at the barbecue, they deserve to be nominated for this award! Please include a full justification with your nomination.



Sponsored by Genesis **Future of Agility**

If agility is going to last for another 30 years, and go from strength to strength in that time, then we need to nurture the young handlers of the future. Who stands out as the one to watch? It need not be purely on results, but on their contribution to their own club, shows, personality and, of course, their relationship with dogs. If there is a youngster under the age of 18 who you think is an exciting prospect for the future, send us your nomination now. Please include a full justification with your nomination.

Winners Selected by Judges Panel

This panel will be made up of sponsors and prominent members of the agility community. Panel members will be named in the Voice and on the Agility Club website.

Best Ever Agility Dog

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Agility is such a different sport now than it was 10, 20 or even 30 years ago, and it is still constantly changing and evolving. But in every phase, some dogs have stood out head and shoulders above the rest. Which dogs did/do you dread having to compete against? Or loved to watch in full flight? Which current dogs are inspirational in their work and achievements? Your nominee might have had a significant impact on agility pedigrees, or may have overcome adversity to achieve against the odds. They might simply be a phenomenal dog in every way. Please include a full justification with your nomination.



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Agility Innovation

In 30 years, agility has changed almost beyond recognition. In that time, many new ideas have absorbed into the norm, and some we just can't live without now. Nominations in this category could include rule changes, equipment, businesses, individual ideas and many, many more. Nominees should have made a positive impact on agility in some form. Please include a full justification with your nomination.

All-time Handler

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Who sums up what it takes to be a truly great handler?

Who deserves a place in Agility history for knowing what the sport is all about? The length of time they have been competing is less relevant than approach, skill and teamwork with their dog(s). Maybe one thing marks them out as head and shoulders above the rest, or have you someone in mind who always turns out dogs to the highest level? The winner of this award will be the epitome of all that is great about agility. Please include a full justification with your nomination.



Contribution to Agility

Agility is now one of the most popular, fastest growing dog sports. It brings together all ages and types of people, different skill levels and abilities. It is a hugely inclusive sport, and we owe that to the people who have contributed and helped build it into what we have today. This award will recognise the invaluable contribution of a club, group, organisation or company without whom agility simply would not be where it is now. Nominees may have contributed in a multitude of ways, whether financially, by organisation, involvement, setting standards, establishing events, support for the sport in general or any aspect of it, providing services and products that enable agility to run smoothly – the possibilities are endless. Please include a full justification with your nomination.

Lifetime Contribution to Agility

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This award is for an individual whose contribution, commitment, and dedication to agility has enabled all us to enjoy our hobby. They may have been there at the formative stages, or may be a relative newcomer, but what is most important is that without this person and their involvement, agility as we know it today would simply not be the same. This is a special award at the behest of The Agility Club, so nominations will not be required.



GENERAL RULES

1. Nominations may only be made by Agility Club members, by post to Editor, Agility Voice Magazine, 6 Fane Way, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 2TL, or email editor@agilityclub.co.uk. Nominations will be accepted with Membership applications. See www.agilityclub.co.uk for Membership rates and application form. Nomination forms will be sent with the August Agility Voice magazine and will be available for download from the club's website.
2. The awards are designed to be representative of agility throughout its 30 years, and so entries are welcomed for individuals, clubs, businesses and organisations with an association to agility in any form. Clubs, judges, and shows nominated may be independent or KC registered.
3. All entries must include a reason for nomination. For public vote categories, this should be kept reasonably brief (maximum 500 words). Other categories may require a fuller presentation (to the maximum of one side of A4), and may include photographs, testimonials, and any other records that contribute to the nomination. These will be duplicated and distributed to the judging panel for consideration. However, remember that the quality of your entry is far more important than the quantity.
4. Presentations may be supplied in hard copy or digitally on disc or by email. Email files are strictly limited to 5Mb – anything large should be sent by disc.
5. Any of the material submitted may be used by the Agility Club in promotional materials, in print and on line at any stage during or after the Awards competition. In entering you are agreeing to material being used in this way. Please ensure that you own copyright for any material submitted and where permissions are required, these have been sought prior to entry.
6. All nominations must be received by 12th October 2007.
7. Winners will be selected either by panel of representatives of different aspects of agility, or by public vote.
8. Public categories may receive votes (not nominations) from anyone, and you may vote multiple times. The winners will be those receiving the most votes in that category.
9. All awards will be presented at the Agility Club Silver Anniversary Gala Awards Event.
10. This is a non-profit making event. All profits will go to charities nominated during the Gala Awards Event.

VOTING

Voting will be by telephone or online, from 1st November 2007 - 12th January 2008. Full details of how to vote will be announced, along with the finalists for the public categories, in the October Agility Voice Magazine.

TICKET SALES FOR GALA AWARDS DINNER

You will be able to buy tickets online or by post. Full details will appear in the September Agility Voice magazine.

Non-Agility Club Members may purchase a copy of the Agility Voice magazine by sending a SAE (60p) and a cheque for £3.50 to Editor, Agility Voice Magazine, 6 Fane Way, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 2TL.

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