

PAWSCARS 2023 NOMINATIONS CRITERIA

WHO WOULD you like to see picking up one of the prestigious PAWSCARS awards next year?

It's time for us to seek nominations from the wider pedigree dog community. This is your chance to have a say in who will pick up an award at the PAWSCARS gala dinner on the eve of Crufts 2023.

Between now and the middle of November you have the chance to nominate in one or more categories. The committee will then produce a shortlist in each category. They will take into account not just the number of nominations each individual or organisation receives but also the quality of the nomination itself – so make sure you fully explain why you think your nominee is deserving of an award.

Here is a full breakdown of the criteria you should consider in each of the PAWSCARS categories.

Training Class Of The Year Criteria

To actively help newcomers into the sport and to host regular training classes / matches and activities encouraging newcomers and junior handlers to progress and learn. To be a training class for any dog competing at any level.

Breed Of The Year Criteria

A breed where the representative breed club(s) work together to achieve and embrace progress towards the betterment of the breed. Areas such as health, breed rescue, breed events, judges education and varied disciplines are promoted widely are a focus.

Media Award

Open to any type of media; photographer (professional or amateur), columnist or breed note writer for example. Someone who contributes original and quality media engaged with the dog showing community. A writer who provides original and insightful content or a photographer who knows how to get 'That Shot' and who goes over and above to do so.

Steward Of The Year Criteria

A Steward who knows correct procedure and KC rules and who actively supports the education of less experienced stewards. A Steward who has good control of the ring; is unobtrusive, helpful and polite to all judges and exhibitors and who at no point becomes centre of attention when in the ring.

Open Show Of The Year Criteria

To have offered a well organised and well run show which is exhibitor friendly. To provide exhibitors a varied schedule of classification and activities with recognition for prize-winners and demonstrating value for money for exhibitors and visitors. To be forward thinking to exceed exhibitor expectations. To promote a good mix of breed judges and all-rounders' and to schedule a representative blend of breeds. To try to generate as big an entry as possible and promote this level of show to its maximum potential.

Junior Of The Year Criteria

A junior (under the age of 18 yrs as of 31st Dec) who above all handles their dogs correctly, calmly and in a breed specific manner. A junior handler who demonstrates good sportsmanship in the ring with all exhibitors, judges and officials and who accepts their placements respectfully. A junior handler who shows genuine interest in learning more about dogs. A handler who shows dogs in junior handling competition and breed classes with achievements in both.

Breeder Of The Year Criteria

A breeder who continually produces top quality dogs within the breed(s) they are involved in. A breeder who makes their mark on a breed by encouraging and supporting newcomers and who produces quality dogs for others who have also achieved success. A breeder who demonstrates a passion for health and who openly conducts relevant health tests and who considers 'fit for function'. A breeder who demonstrates good sportsmanship and is polite to fellow breeders, exhibitors and judges and accepts their awards with grace and help promote their breed(s) to new levels.

Exhibitor Of The Year Criteria

An exhibitor who above all handles their dog(s) in a kind and gentle manner to get the most out of them. An exhibitor who presents themselves and their dog(s) to the very highest standards. An exhibitor who is courteous and respectful to judges, officials and other competitors and who demonstrates good sportsmanship.