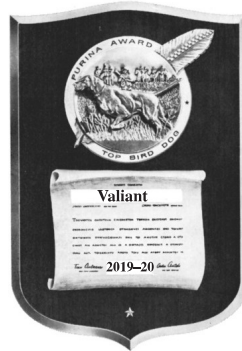


# ANNOUNCING THE 59TH ANNUAL PURINA AWARD FOR THE TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG

The Purina Award was initiated in 1963. It was an immediate winner in field trial and bird dog circles, as the sporting dog fraternity recognized the significance and importance of performances in Top Award stakes. The Award quickly became a much sought-after honor and Purina is pleased to play a role in helping to promote better trials, better sportsmanship and better bird dogs through such a medium.

In essence, the program is based on dog performance in carefully selected Open All-Age events. Scoring is determined by the number of dogs officially drawn and final placements in each of the events listed on this page. Points are awarded as follows: 10 points for first for each dog drawn; 5 for second for each dog drawn; and 3 for third for each dog drawn. Bonus points are awarded to winners in certain stakes. All dogs earning Purina Points in a given season must be DNA certified.

The Awards Committee which administers and certifies the Top Field Trial Bird Dog procedures is made up of prominent field trial personalities—Sean Derrig, Chicago, IL; Tom Griffin, Watsonville, CA; Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA; Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL; Tim Ruff, Irmo, SC; Dwight Smith, Norwood, NC; and Rick Stallings, Mathews, AL.



Owner of the dog emerging as the season's Top Field Trial Bird Dog will be awarded an original oil painting of his dog. Handler of the winning dog will receive a cash purse of \$2,500, which will be doubled if the handler is an active Purina Pro Club® member, redeeming within the previous six months.

Those who chose to enter and compete in Purina Awards stakes agree to do so under the policies and rules established by the Awards Committee, American Field and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet "Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance".

Purina PetCare Company, maker of high-quality dog foods, including Pro Plan® brand Dog and Puppy Food, Purina® Dog Chow brand Dog Food, and Purina® Puppy Chow brand Puppy Food, pays tribute to outstanding bird dog performances each field trial season by means of the Top Field Trial Dog Award, at the same time offering incentive and encouragement to participants for the betterment of the sport. Participation in this program does not constitute any endorsement of Purina products.

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## APPROVED POINTS STAKES FOR THE 59th ANNUAL PURINA AWARD

The Purina Award program for the 2021–22 season consists of the following stakes, each with heats of one hour or longer, and selected by the Award Committee. Each trial is recognized for its prestige, grounds, organization and geographic location.

Alabama Open Championship	Gyp Hills Field Trial Club	Oklahoma Cecil Proctor Open All-Age
Alberta All-Age Classic	Heartland Open All-Age	Oklahoma Open Championship
All-America Prairie Championship	Hell Creek Open All-Age	Pacific Coast Open Championship
All-America Quail Championship	Hobart Ames Open All-Age	Pelican Open All-Age Classic
American Quail Classic (Clarksville P&S Club)	Inola Open All-Age	Prairie Field Trial Club Open All-Age
Benton County Field Trial Club Open All-Age	International Pheasant Championship	Quail Championship Invitational*
Black Belt Field Trial Assn. Open All-Age	Kentucky Lake Open All-Age	Region 8 (AFTCA) Open All-Age
Buck-Tuck Open All-Age Classic	Kentucky Open All-Age Championship	Rend Lake Open All-Age (Rend Lake FTC)
Cajun Open All-Age Classic	Kentucky Quail Classic	Robin Gates Memorial Classic (Bear Pond FTC)
California Bird Dog Championship	Lee County (Ga.) Open All-Age	Southeastern Open Championship
California Chukar Championship	Masters Open Quail Championship	Southern Field Trial Championship*
California Open All-Age Championship	Mid-America Open Championship	Southland Open Championship
California Pheasant Championship	Mississippi Open Championship	Spring Valley FTC Doug Sanderson Memorial OA-A
California Quail Championship	Missouri Open All-Age	Stillwater Open All-Age
Carroll County Open All-Age	Missouri Open Championship	Sunflower Open All-Age
Cascade Open Championship	National Championship*	Sunshine Open All-Age
Central Ark. Assn.'s Southwestern Championship	National Chukar Championship	Tar Heel Open All-Age Championship
Central Carolina Open All-Age	National Free-for-All Championship*	Texas Open Championship
Continental All-Age Championship*	National Pheasant Championship	United States Open Championship
Dixie Field Trial Club	North Carolina Open All-Age	Western Open All-Age Championship
Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic	North Carolina Open Championship	West Tennessee Open All-Age
Florida (Suwannee River) All-Age Championship	North Dakota Open All-Age Classic	
Georgia Quail Championship	Northern States' U.S. Chicken Championship	
Grand National Grouse Championship	Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship	

\* Bonus Points Stake

### Previous Purina Award Winners

War Storm—1963-64	Rex's Cherokee Jake—1977-78	Flatwood Rusty—1994-95	Lester's Snowwatch—2008-09
Red Water Rex—1964-65; 1968-69	Allure—1978-79; 1980-81	Miller's Silver Ending—1995-96	Strut—2009-10
Safari—1965-66	Blackbelt—1979-80	Silverwood—1996-97; 2001-02	Touch's White Out—2010-11
Riggins White Knight—1966-67; 1967-68	Heritage's Premonition—1981-82	Shell Creek Dan—1997-98	Connor's E Z Button—2011-12
Johnny Crockett—1969-70	Whippoorwill's Rebel—1982-83; 1986-87	Lehar's Main Tech—1998-99; 1999-00	Stallion—2012-13
Wrapup—1970-71	Native Tango—1983-84	Law's High Noon—2000-01	Touch's Adams County—2013-14
The Texas Squire—1971-72	Flatwood Hank—1984-85; 1985-86	Texas Trailrider—2002-03	Miller's Dialing In—2014-15
Miller's Miss Knight—1972-73	Rebel Wrangler—1987-88; 1991-92	Quicksilver Gold—2003-04	Whippoorwill Justified—2015-16
Crossmatch—1973-74	Redemption's Reward—1988-89	Lester's Absolute—2004-05	Touch's Mega Mike—2017-18
White Knight's Button—1974-75	Dunn's Fearless Bud—1989-90	Miller's On Line—2005-06	Dunn's Tried 'N True—2016-17; 2018-19
Miller's White Cloud—1975-76	Quicksilver Pink—1990-91	Funseeker's Rebel—2006-07	Valiant—2019-20
Buckboard—1976-77	Brush Country Spectre—1992-93; 1993-94	Shell Creek Coin—2007-08	