

PURINA AWARDS PROGRAM

Awards Committee Standards and Operating Protocol

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The Purina Awards Program is sponsored by Nestlé Purina PetCare (Purina) and enjoys a long and extensive history of recognizing superior performances and handlers and bird dogs in the field trial sport. The Top Field Trial Bird Dog Award (all-age) was established in 1963 and was sponsored by Ralston Purina. From the start, the Purina Awards Program was designed to stimulate interest in all field competition and recognize publicly the dog and handler which had excelled in a given field trial season. Over time, the program has evolved and expanded to include the Open Shooting Dog, Open Derby, Open Handler, Amateur Shooting Dog and Amateur All-Age categories.

The primary role and responsibility of the Awards Committee is to administer the Purina Awards Program. This includes but is not limited to determining the manner in which the program shall be conducted, establishing a points system to determine the leading handlers and dogs, selecting trials where such points may be earned, and to make determination regarding other matters that may be related to the proper conduct of the Purina Awards Program.

The Awards Committee also carefully and consistently investigates written complaints-protest, and/or negativity/conduct relative to Purina Awards Program events. Misconduct will not be tolerated and will be addressed decisively. When appropriate action is needed, it may include but is not limited to: loss of points, loss of eligibility to be named handler/dog of the year or both. In all cases when a handler chooses to compete in a trial awarding Purina point, he/she agree to compete under the oversight of the awards program. The same applies to clubs and championships that officiate approved Purina Points events.

Application for Recognition in the Program

In general, we are mindful that Purina Points trial status is not a given or an automatically granted position. Purina Points trials must, in all cases, be reflective of premier bird dog competition, held on premier venues, showcasing top notch handler and dog capabilities, in a sportsmanlike and publicly appealing package. Purina Points trials and championships must also reflect a baseline respect and appreciation for the MAJOR sponsorship contributions Nestlé Purina and the Awards Committee contribute to this significant and unrivaled bird dog awards program. Pertaining to new program applicants an official application form must be submitted to the Awards Program recording secretary. A copy of this application will soon be available at www.americanfield.com under "Forms". New applications will be reviewed and acted upon by the full committee at their annual June committee meeting. Completion of an application does not guarantee approval. Typically, a three (3) year probationary time frame precedes approval.

Advertisement Requirements for Recognized Awards Program Events

- The Purina checkerboard logo must appear prominently in all points trial ads.
- United Kennel Club policy regarding the size of ads will prevail.
- Ads must appear in the UKC® Field/website well ahead of the start of the event.

- Judges' full names must appear in the ad. Judges "TBD" is unacceptable and can be cause for a club to lose points status. Likewise, changes in listed judges must be communicated to UKC and to the Awards Committee.

- The starting date, venue, and stake particulars must appear in the ad.

- The Awards Committee must be notified of any and all changes to the running of a recognized and advertised Purina Awards Trial via written/email notice to the recording secretary.

Standards and Protocol

- To qualify for annual points consideration, recognized Purina Awards Program points events must run a minimum of 16 dogs (Derbies excluded). This standard has been in place for several years and reflects the programs intent to attract a broad event base reflective of the stature and prestige associated with the program. Those approved events that are run but attract less than the 16-dog minimum must nevertheless report the fact that their trial was run including submission of a running order (Open Shooting Dog stakes only) and the completed Form for Essential Data.

- All points trials must be reported to appropriate parties and to the Awards Committee within 45 days of the event's conclusion. Points WILL NOT BE SCORED for clubs that fail to report results within 45 days of event completion. "Reporting" is defined as submission of Form for Essential Data to the Open and Amateur Shooting Dog points tabulator—Mr. Mike Luebke—at trialpoints@outlook.com, along with a running order (for Open Shooting Dog stakes only) that indicates dog's *FDSB* name and the handler's full name. Points WILL NOT BE SCORED for Open Shooting Dog stakes that fail to include a complete running order with their Form for Essential Data. Note: trialpoints@outlook.com is the only acceptable manner to communicate results to Mr. Luebke and becomes the basis for his paper trail supporting his calculations. Open All-Age and Amateur All-Age stakes must be reported to the United Kennel Club in the traditional manner.

- Any change in venue must be approved by the Awards Committee.

- All dogs, handlers, owners, and club officials participating in approved Purina Awards Program field trials must be in GOOD STANDINGS with the *FDSB*/United Kennel Club. Additionally, Clubs/Championships who elect to accept entries from persons/dogs who are not in good standing with the *FDSB*/United Kennel Club effectively relinquish their status as a Purina Points trial.

- All federal, state and local ordinances apply to points trials.

- Failure to comply with any of the above points will result in loss of Purina Points for that trial and may include suspension from Awards Program.

Professional Handler

- Within the context of the Purina Awards Program, a professional handler will be defined as a person or persons who has actively competed in American Field/United Kennel Club sanctioned bird dog field trials for at least three consecutive seasons, with his own string of dogs numbering not less than three (3).

• The following is a comprehensive listing of currently approved professional handlers:

Anderson, Randy
Azevedo, Scott
Basilone, Norm
Basilone, Matt
Beeler, Scott
Bennett, Weldon
Bingham, Tony
Browder, Steve
Carlton, Judd
Casey, Pat
Chaffee, Scott
Chaffee, Tammy
Cochran, Mat
Crook, Justin
Curnutte, Calvin
Daniels, Buck
Daniels, Jamie
Daugherty, Andy
Davis, Tommy
Doiron, Paul
Ecker, Robert
Eisenhart, Luke
Erne, Zach
Foresberg, Karl
Forman, Mark
Forman, Scott
Gearhart, Harold
Gellhaus, Travis
Gingrich, Brian
Gullick, Jeremy
Hailey, Jerry
Hansen, Kim
Hazlewood, Gordon
Henry, Lefty (Robert)
Hester, Mike
Hilliard, Mack
Hoke, Dan
Huffman, Larry
Hughes, Dave
Hughes, Mark
Hurdle, Steve
Kinkelaar, Shawn
Kleve, James
Kleve, Thomas
Lein, Rod
Lester, Gary

Loper, Jason
Lord, Dean
Malzone, Garry
Martino, Michael
Martino, Anthony
McLean, Mark
Melvin, Sean
Minard, Bruce
Minard, Neal
Moore, Virgil
Nelson, Dave
Neria, Andy
Newcomb, George
Norman, Joel
Ray, Doug
Ray, Harold
Rayl, Fred
Raynor, Jerry
Rice, Tommy
Robertson, Rich
Sampson, Kim
Schenker, Tom
Schillereff, Tim
Smith, Roy
Snow, Kenny
Steinshouer, Laurie
Stephenson, Phil
Stolgitis, John
Stretz, Chuck (TOM)
Swearingen, Tracy
Tande, Jim
Taylor, Eddy
Thomas, Junior
Todd, Ike
Tracy, Jeanette
Tracy, Mike
Tracy, George
Twer, Sheldon
Vater, Diane
Vincent, Allan
Wagoner, Jeff
Waite, Tom
Zink, Drew

handlers will be expected to keep the Awards Committee aware of changes that would preclude their being listed.

• Consideration for additions to the approved professional handlers' roster can be made in writing directed to the Awards Committee Secretary or any committee member. Such applications should indicate name/contact particulars and Kennel name, summary of prior 36 months handling dogs professionally, along with a listing of Purina Points trials where dogs were handled as a professional. Consideration for additions will be at the committee's summer meeting.

Approved Points Trial Roster

• Annually, the United Kennel Club will publish (typically August) a roster of all approved Purina Points field trials—Open, amateur, Shooting Dog, All-Age and Derby.

• It is the responsibility of each Club to confirm they have been listed.

Shooting Dog Points Calculation Particulars

• The 16-dog minimum prevails with a minimum of three (3) active professional handlers

• For stakes with 17-24 dogs entered there will be a minimum requirement of four (4) active professional handlers for points to be counted.

• For stakes with 25 or more dogs entered the requirement is five (5) active professional handlers.

• In cases where the threshold number of professional handlers, as described above, is not met points will be calculated at the level corresponding to the actual number of professional handlers participating. For example, if an Open stake drew 30 dogs but there were only three professional handlers, points would be calculated at the 16-dog level.

Once again, these criteria are not intended whatsoever to be burdensome or bureaucratic. Rather, they are specifically intended to reflect the prestige and stature of recognized Purina Points events by creating a more inclusive and broader base of competition in the shooting dog category. Club officials are most certainly encouraged to reach out to area professional handlers encouraging them to join their field trials with the intent to win but also ensuring that maximum points thresholds are met for points calculation purpose.

• A three (3) dog bye brace limit will be in effect for awards recognition. Points calculations will be reduced accordingly for excesses. For example, if a stake drew 36 dogs, six (6) of which were drawn as bye dogs' points would be scored for a field of 33 dogs only.

• Awarding of Points: One course trial venue will receive half points, while three (3) courses will receive full points based on the number of dogs entered.

• Handlers indicated on the above referenced list may be purged from subsequent years' listings due to inactivity in Open Shooting Dog Purina Points trials during the preceding year(s). Listed

The following pages carry the Purina Points Trials for the 2022-23 Field Trial Season:

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Page 33: Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award | Page 34: Handler of the Year Award | Page 35: Amateur All-Age Award



Purina is pleased to announce the
2022–23 PURINA
TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD

Purina—dedicated to providing performance breeds with the high-quality nutrition they need—is pleased to sponsor the Top Shooting Dog Award, and equally proud to support the field trial sport and has chosen this competition to emphasize the important benefits of high-quality nutrition for canine athletes.

This Award program is administered by the Awards Committee: Sean Derrig, Chicago, IL; Tom Griffin, Watsonville, CA; Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA; Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL; Tim Ruff, Irmo, SC; W. Dwight Smith, Norwood, NC; and Rick Stallings, Mathews, AL.

The program is designed to elevate the level of competition—to make known to the public those contenders which consistently outperform their competition.

The United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship will award 400 bonus points, and the International Endurance Open Shooting Dog Championship will award 100 bonus points. If a points trial is held twice in



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one season, Purina Top Shooting Dog Award points will be credited for the first event only.

Trials have been carefully selected on longevity of the supporting organization; grounds; heats of one hour or longer; expedient, accurate reporting; prestige; and geographic location. Every field trial shooting dog will have an opportunity to earn points toward this prestigious shooting dog award.

The Awards Committee reviews the point system and trials each year. Only trials which meet the highest standards are included. Points season ends April 23, 2023.

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, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet *“Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance”*.

Purina is proud to sponsor both Open and Amateur Top Shooting Dog Awards.

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2022–23 PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD —
— “Purina Points” trial must be shown in club’s trial ad —

- All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Bama Quail Club
- Bear Pond Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Big Sky Field Trial Club
- Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Brock & Wells Open Shooting Dog Classic
- California Chukar Shooting Dog Classic
- California Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Canadian Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Cedar Valley Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Colorado Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Eastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Farmer Sportsmen’s De Luca Classic
- Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Garden State Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Henry Banks Sr. Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Inez C. Smith Open Shooting Dog Classic
- International Endurance Open Shooting Dog Championship*
- Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Jockey Hollow Imperial Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Keystone Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Lesser Sandhills Field Trial Club
- Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic
- M.F. Ferguson Classic
- Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship
- McMinnville Field Trial Club
- Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Midwest Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Mill Pond Field Trial Club / Jep Wade Open Shooting Dog
- Mississippi Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Montana Open Shooting Dog Championship
- National Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship
- National Prairie Chicken Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Nevada Bird Dog Club
- New England Open Championship
- North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship
- North Carolina Pointing Dog Association / Carolina Celebration Open Shooting Dog
- Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Northwest Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Oregon Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Russell County (Ala.) Field Trial Club
- Shadow Oak Field Trial Club
- South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Southern Comfort Field Trial Club
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Sunflower State Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club
- Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Tootsie Hurdle Shooting Dog Classic
- United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship*
- Vidalia Field Trial Club / Beaver Creek Open Shooting Dog Classic
- West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Western Open Shooting Dog Championship

*Bonus Points Stake

A dog whose breeding is shown by DNA to be misrepresented shall have points earned toward this Award withheld pending resolution of the matter by the *Field Dog Stud Book*. If such misrepresentation is not settled by April 23, the dog shall forfeit all points.

NOTE: Any points earned after April 23, 2023 will accumulate towards the 2023-2024 season.

For more information, please contact: SEAN DERRIG—(773) 281-3204 -or- MARK JOHNSON—(630) 699-1439

Purina is pleased to announce the
2022–23 PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD

These Awards, like those for the major All-Age and Shooting Dog circuits, will recognize the season's top Derbies, their owners and handlers.

Similar to the other Top Dog Awards programs, these Derby Awards are based on a points system. Dogs winning a placement in 30-minute Derby stakes will receive: 5 points for first; 3 for second; 2 for third; and 1 for fourth, times the number of dogs drawn in the stake; for 45-minute stakes or longer: 6 points for first; 4 for second; 2 for third; and 1 for fourth.

*Bonus points are added for Futurity and all-age Championship wins (doubled for Championships and most Futurities except the U.S. Quail



Shooting Dog which will receive bonus points of 150, 100, 75 and 50).

Winning Derbies, owners and handlers will be recognized at the Awards banquet. An original oil painting of the winning Derbies will be presented along with a generous supply of Purina product for the winners.

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OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY STAKES

Midwest Region

- All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Egypt Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship Max Eldred Open Derby
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog
- Michigan Open Derby Classic
- Midwest Shooting Dog Futurity*
- Midwestern States Derby Classic
- National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby

Northeast Region

- Bill McNamee Memorial Open Derby Classic
- Garden State Championship (English Setter Club) Open Derby
- Garden State Classic Open Derby
- Keystone "Yankee" Open Derby Classic
- New England Futurity*

Southern Region

- Cedar Valley Classics Ray B. Jeffers Open Derby
- Eastern Open Derby Classic
- Georgia Association Shooting Dog Classics Ray Jeffers Open Derby
- Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Henry Banks Sr. Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Middle Georgia Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Russell County (Ala.) Open Derby
- South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Derby Classic
- Tootsie Hurdle Open Derby
- United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity*

Western Region

- Arkansas Derby Classic

- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Colorado Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic Open Derby
- Hidden Valley Club
- Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic Open Derby
- Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Oil Capital Amateur All-Age Derby
- Oklahoma Open Derby Classic
- Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Sunflower State Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship Texas Open Derby

Far West Region

- Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship Bill West Open Derby Classic
- Montana Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Oregon Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby

OPEN ALL-AGE DERBY STAKES

- Alabama Club's Derby
- All-America Derby Championship*
- All-America Prairie Championship Derby
- American Derby Invitational Championship*
- American Quail Classic Derby
- Benton County (Miss.) Open Derby
- "Big" Derby Classic
- Blackbelt Field Trial Club Derby
- Buck-Tuck Open Derby
- Carroll County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club Derby
- Cecil Proctor Open Derby
- Central Carolina Open Derby

- Continental Derby Championship*
- Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic Derby
- Dr. Douglas Guthrie Open Derby
- Georgia Derby Championship*
- Heartland Open Derby
- Hell Creek Open Derby
- Hobart Ames Open Derby
- Inola Open All-Age Derby
- International Pheasant Championship Derby
- Jim Ingle Open Derby
- Kansas Derby Classic
- Kentucky Championship Open Derby
- Kentucky Lake Ricky Chism Memorial Open Derby
- Kentucky Quail Classic Derby
- Larry Brech Open Derby
- Lee County (Ga.) Open All-Age Derby
- Mid-America Championship Open Derby Classic
- Mississippi All-Age Championship Derby
- Missouri Don Fox Memorial Derby
- Missouri Open All-Age Derby
- Muckalee Creek Open Derby
- National Derby Championship*
- North Carolina Open Derby
- Pacific Coast Derby Championship*
- Pelican Open All-Age Classic Derby
- Prairie Field Trial Club Derby
- Region 8 Championship Assn. Open Derby
- Rend Lake Open All-Age Derby
- Rulon Everton Open Derby
- Solatex Evangeline Derby
- Southern Pines Open All-Age Derby
- Southland Arlin Nolen Derby
- Southwestern Championship Open Derby
- Stillwater Open All-Age Derby
- Sullivan County Open All-Age Derby
- Sunflower Open All-Age Derby
- Texas Open Championship Derby
- United States Open Championship Derby
- West Tennessee Open All-Age Derby
- Western Open All-Age Derby

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Purina is pleased to announce the
**60th ANNUAL PURINA
TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG AWARD**

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, United Kennel Club 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.

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 60th ANNUAL PURINA AWARD —

The Purina Award program for the 2022–23 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
- Alberta All-Age Classic
- All-America Prairie Championship
- All-America Quail Championship
- American Quail Classic (Clarksville P&S Club)
- Benton County Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Black Belt Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- Buck-Tuck Open All-Age Classic
- Cajun Open All-Age Classic
- California Bird Dog Championship
- California Chukar Championship
- California Open All-Age Championship
- California Pheasant Championship
- California Quail Championship
- Carroll County Open All-Age
- Cascade Open Championship
- Central Arkansas Association / Southwestern Championship
- Central Carolina Open All-Age
- Continental All-Age Championship*
- Doug Sanderson Memorial Open All-Age (Spring Valley Field Trial Club)
- Dixie Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic
- Florida (Suwannee River) All-Age Championship
- Georgia Quail Championship
- Grand National Grouse Championship
- Gyp Hills Field Trial Club
- Heartland Open All-Age
- Hell Creek Open All-Age
- Hobart Ames Open All-Age
- Inola Open All-Age
- International Pheasant Championship
- Kentucky Lake Open All-Age
- Kentucky Open All-Age Championship
- Kentucky Quail Classic
- Lee County (Ga.) Open All-Age
- Masters Open Quail Championship
- Mid-America Open Championship
- Mississippi Open Championship
- Missouri Open All-Age
- Missouri Open Championship
- National Championship*
- National Chukar Championship
- National Free-for-All Championship*
- National Pheasant Championship
- North Carolina Open All-Age
- North Carolina Open Championship
- North Dakota Open All-Age Classic
- Northern States' U.S. Chicken Championship
- Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship
- Oklahoma Cecil Proctor Open All-Age
- Oklahoma Open Championship
- Pacific Coast Open Championship
- Pelican Open All-Age Classic
- Prairie Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Quail Championship Invitational*
- Region 8 (AFTCA) Open All-Age
- Rend Lake Open All-Age (Rend Lake Field Trial Club)
- Robin Gates Memorial Classic (Bear Pond Field Trial Club)
- Southeastern Open Championship
- Southern Field Trial Championship*
- Southland Open Championship
- Stillwater Open All-Age
- Sunflower Open All-Age
- Sunshine Open All-Age
- Tar Heel Open All-Age Championship
- Texas Open Championship
- United States Open Championship
- Western Open All-Age Championship
- West Tennessee Open All-Age

* Bonus Points Stake

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| <p>PREVIOUS PURINA AWARD WINNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Storm—1963–64 • Red Water Rex—1964–65; 1968–69 • Safari—1965–66 • Riggins White Knight—1966–67; 1967–68 • Johnny Crockett—1969–70 • Wrapup—1970–71 • The Texas Squire—1971–72 • Miller's Miss Knight—1972–73 • Crossmatch—1973–74 • White Knight's Button—1974–75 • Miller's White Cloud—1975–76 • Buckboard—1976–77 • Rex's Cherokee Jake—1977–78 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allure—1978–79; 1980–81 • Blackbelt—1979–80 • Heritage's Premonition—1981–82 • Whippoorwill's Rebel—1982–83; 1986–87 • Native Tango—1983–84 • Flatwood Hank—1984–85; 1985–86 • Rebel Wrangler—1987–88; 1991–92 • Redemption's Reward—1988–89 • Dunn's Fearless Bud—1989–90 • Quicksilver Pink—1990–91 • Brush Country Spectre—1992–93; 1993–94 • Flatwood Rusty—1994–95 • Miller's Silver Ending—1995–96 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silverwood—1996–97; 2001–02 • Shell Creek Dan—1997–98 • Lehar's Main Tech—1998–99; 1999–00 • Law's High Noon—2000–01 • Texas Trailrider—2002–03 • Quicksilver Gold—2003–04 • Lester's Absolute—2004–05 • Miller's On Line—2005–06 • Funseeker's Rebel—2006–07 • Shell Creek Coin—2007–08 • Lester's Snowwatch—2008–09 • Strut—2009–10 • Touch's White Out—2010–11 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connor's E Z Button—2011–12 • Stallion—2012–13 • Touch's Adams County—2013–14 • Miller's Dialing In—2014–15 • Whippoorwill Justified—2015–16 • Touch's Mega Mike—2017–18 • Dunn's Tried'n True—2016–17; 2018–19 • Valiant—2019–20 • Touch's Malcolm Story—2020–21 • Touch's Fire Away—2021–22 | | |

Purina is pleased to announce the
**2022–23 PURINA TOP AMATEUR
 SHOOTING DOG AWARD**

The Amateur Shooting Dog Award program is administered by the Purina Awards Committee and designed to elevate the level of competition—to make known to the public those contenders which consistently outperform their competition.

Likewise, this amateur “owned and handled” award is based on a point system for winning dogs of top-flight amateur shooting dog stakes. Points are awarded based on the number of dogs officially drawn: 1st place will receive 10 points for each dog drawn, 2nd place will receive 5 points and 3rd place will receive 3 points.

The National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship winner will receive 250 bonus points; the runner-up 125 bonus points; the National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational and National Amateur Free-For-All winner will receive 200 bonus points each. The National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational runner-up will receive 100 bonus points. If placements are



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withheld or voided, no points will be awarded. If a point trial is held twice in one season, Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award points will be credited for the first event only.

Trials have been selected on longevity of the supporting organization; grounds; heats of one hour; expedient, accurate reporting; prestige; and geographic location. The Awards Committee reviews the points system and trials each year.

Only amateur trials which meet the highest standards will be included. Points season ends April 23, 2023.

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

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2022–23 PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD —

— “Purina Points” trial must be shown in club’s trial ad —

- Association of Virginia Field Trial Clubs / Art Hillhouse Amateur Classic
- Bama Quail Club
- Bulls Bay Amateur Classic
- Cahaba Bend Field Trial Club
- Central Alabama SDA / Jimmy Hinton Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog
- Central Kentucky Field Trial Club
- Chesterfield Field Trial Club
- Clarksville Bird Dog Club
- Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club
- Cross Keys Field Trial Club
- Cumberland Valley Field Trial Club
- Dry Pond Field Trial Club
- Elwin G. Smith Shooting Dog Classic
- Esmont-Greenfields Field Trial Club
- Everglades ASD Classic
- Flint River “Pat LaBree Memorial” Field Trial Club
- Fort Mill (SC) Amateur Classic
- Garden State Amateur Classic
- Georgia Amateur Celebration
- Georgia Assn. of Field Trial Clubs
- Hatchchubbee FTC John O’Neill Jr. Memorial Amateur Classic
- Hell Creek Jimmy Dale Downs Memorial
- Henry Banks Sr. Memorial Field Trial Club (Amateur Shooting Dog)
- Hoffman Amateur
- Jockey Hollow Amateur Shooting Dog
- McMinnville Field Trial Club
- Memphis Amateur Field Trial Association
- Mid-State Field Trial Club
- Middle Georgia Amateur Shooting Dog
- Mingo Sportsman Classic
- Montgomery County Field Trial Club
- National Amateur Chicken Shooting Dog Championship
- National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship
- National Amateur Free-For-All Championship*
- National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship*
- National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship*
- North Carolina Pointing Dog Association
- Old Hickory Field Trial Club
- Quail Run Amateur Classic
- Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America Regions:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19
- Amateur Shooting Dog Championships
- Rocky Creek Amateur Shooting Dog
- Round Pond Amateur Shooting Dog Classic
- Russell County (Ala.) Mac McClung Classic
- Sandlapper/H. Cooper Black Field Trial Club
- Shadow Oak Amateur Classic
- South Carolina Amateur Celebration
- South Carolina Amateur Classic
- Southern Comfort Horseback Field Trial Club
- Southern Field Trial Club
- Spruce Brook Bird Dog Club
- Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club
- Woodlawn Field Trial Club

**Bonus Points Stake*

NOTE: Any points earned after April 23, 2023 will accumulate towards the 2023–24 Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award.

A dog whose breeding is shown by DNA to be misrepresented shall have points earned toward this award withheld pending resolution of the matter by the *Field Dog Stud Book*. If such misrepresentation is not settled by April 23, the dog shall forfeit all points.

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Purina is pleased to announce the
**35th ANNUAL PURINA
 HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Purina is pleased to announce the 35th All-Age and Shooting Dog Handler of the Year Awards.



dogs drawn; 3 points for second for all dogs drawn; and 2 points for third for all dogs drawn.

The program is designed to honor the top All-Age and Shooting Dog handlers competing in leading trials, Futurities and Derby Championships recognized by The AMERICAN FIELD and promote the highest level of sportsmanship! The award will go to the respective All-Age and Shooting Dog handler who earns the highest number of points in the trials listed below. A cash award of \$2,000 will be given, along with other prizes. The cash award of \$2,000 will be doubled to \$4,000 when the winning handlers have been actively feeding Purina pet food products and are redeeming members of Purina Pro Club for a minimum of six months prior to the Awards presentations.

Members of the Awards Committee are: 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.

The Awards Committee oversees the competition to ensure fairness. Any issues or questions should be submitted to the Committee in writing by the host club within thirty (30) days.

All-Age Handler Award points are awarded as follows: 5 points for first for all

A two-tier scoring system is used for the Shooting

Dog Handler Award. Points are awarded as follows: For three one-hour continuous course trials—1st place earns 5 points per dogs drawn; 2nd place earns 3 points per dogs drawn and 3rd place earns 2 points per dogs drawn. For single course trials—1st place earns 3 points per dogs drawn; 2nd place earns 2 points per dogs drawn; and 3rd place earns 1 point per dogs drawn.

All points-earning dogs must be DNA certified.

The annual points season ends April 23. Trials that start after April 23, 2023 will be counted towards the 2024 Awards.

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, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet "Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance".

Invitations to host the Purina Awards programs and banquets are always welcomed and may be presented to the committee.

ALL-AGE POINT TRIALS

- Alabama Open All-Age Championship
- Alabama Prairie Field Trial Club
- Alberta All-Age Classic
- All-America Derby Championship
- All-America Prairie Championship
- All-America Quail Championship
- American Derby Invitational Championship
- Bay Area Bird Dog Club / Western Open All-Age Championship
- Benton County (Miss.) Open All-Age
- Black Belt (Ala.) Open All-Age
- Buck-Tuck Qualifier Open All-Age
- California Bird Dog Championship
- California Chukar Championship
- California Open All-Age Championship
- California Pheasant Championship
- Carroll County Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Cascade Open All-Age Championship
- Central Arkansas Association / Southwestern Championship
- Central Carolina Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Clarksville P & S American Quail Classic
- Continental All-Age Championship
- Continental Derby Championship
- Dixie Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic
- Florida Open All-Age Championship
- Georgia Derby Championship
- Georgia Quail Championship
- Gyp Hills Open All-Age
- Heartland Open All-Age
- Hell Creek Open All-Age
- Hobart Ames Memorial Open All-Age
- Inola Open All-Age
- International Pheasant Championship
- Kentucky Lake Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Kentucky Open All-Age Championship
- Kentucky Quail Classic
- Lee County (Ga.) Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- Mid-America Open All-Age Championship
- Mid-America Open Derby Classic
- Mississippi Open All-Age Championship
- Missouri Open All-Age
- Missouri Open Championship
- National Championship

- National Chukar Championship
- National Derby Championship
- National Free-For-All Championship
- National Pheasant Championship
- North Carolina Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- North Carolina Open Quail Championship
- North Dakota Open All-Age
- Northern States' U.S. Chicken Championship
- Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship
- Oakdale Bird Dog Club / California Open Championship
- Oklahoma Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- Oklahoma Open Championship
- Oklahoma Open Derby Classic
- Pacific Coast Championship
- Pacific Coast Derby Championship
- Pacific Coast Field Trial Club / California Quail Championship
- Pacific Coast Field Trial Club / Jim Ingle Derby Classic
- Pelican Open All-Age Classic
- Prairie (Miss.) Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Quail Championship Invitational
- Region 8 (AFTCA) Open All-Age
- Rend Lake Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Robin Gates Memorial Classic (Bear Pond FTC)
- Solatex Cajun Open All-Age Classic
- Southeastern Open All-Age Championship
- Southern Field Trial Championship
- Southern Field Trial Club / Masters Open Quail Championship
- Southland Open All-Age Championship
- Southland Arlin Nolen Open Derby Classic
- Spring Valley Field Trial Club / Doug Sanderson Memorial Open All-Age
- Stillwater Open All-Age
- Sullivan Open All-Age
- Sunflower Open All-Age Classic
- Sunshine (Fla.) Field Trial Club Open All-Age Classic
- Tar Heel Open All-Age Championship
- Texas Open Championship
- Texas Open Derby Classic
- United States Open Championship
- Virginia Open Field Trial Association Open All-Age Classic
- West Tennessee Field Trial Club Open All-Age

SHOOTING DOG POINT TRIALS

- All-America Shooting Dog Championship
- Arizona Shooting Dog Championship
- Arkansas Shooting Dog Championship
- Atlantic Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Bama Quail Club
- Bear Pond Classic
- Big Sky Field Trial Club
- Big Sky Shooting Dog Championship
- Brock & Wells Open Shooting Dog Classic
- California Chukar Classic
- California Shooting Dog Championship
- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Colorado Shooting Dog Championship
- Eastern Shooting Dog Championship
- Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship
- English Setter Club of America / Garden State Shooting Dog Championship
- Farmer Sportsmen's De Luca Classic
- Fleetwood Shooting Dog Classic
- Flint Hills Field Trial Club / Jayhawk Shooting Dog Championship
- Garden State Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Georgia Shooting Dog Championship
- Georgia Shooting Dog Classic
- Henry Banks Shooting Dog Classic
- Idaho Shooting Dog Championship
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club / Keystone Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club / Keystone Shooting Dog Classic
- Inez C. Smith Open Shooting Dog Classic
- International Endurance Shooting Dog Championship
- Jockey Hollow Field Trial Club / Imperial Shooting Dog Classic
- Kentucky Shooting Dog Championship
- Lesser Sandhills Field Trial Club
- Lone Star Shooting Dog Classic
- McMinville Field Trial Club Open Shooting Dog
- M.F. Ferguson Classic
- Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Midwestern Shooting Dog Championship
- Mill Pond FTC / Jep Wade Open Shooting Dog
- Mississippi Shooting Dog Championship

- Missouri Shooting Dog Championship
- Montana Shooting Dog Championship
- National Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship
- Nevada Bird Dog Club
- New England Championship •
- New England Futurity
- North Carolina Pointing Dog Association / Carolina Celebration Open Shooting Dog
- North Carolina Shooting Dog Championship
- Northeastern Shooting Dog Championship
- Northwest Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Shooting Dog Classic
- Oregon Shooting Dog Championship
- Ozark Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Northwest Shooting Dog Championship
- Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Russell County (Ala.) Field Trial Club
- San Joaquin Valley English Setter Club / West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Shadow Oak Classic
- South Carolina Shooting Dog Championship
- Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Southern Comfort Field Trial Club
- Southern Field Trial Club / Masters Shooting Dog Championship
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Sunflower State Shooting Dog Championship
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club
- Texas Shooting Dog Championship
- Tootsie Hurdle Shooting Dog Classic
- United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity
- United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship
- Vidalia Field Trial Club / Beaver Creek Open Shooting Dog Classic
- West Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Western Shooting Dog Championship

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DAVID JOHNSON

for Field Trial Hall of Fame

Thirty-one years ago the bird dog fraternity elected Ben (Man) Rand to the Field Trial Hall of Fame. His legacy as an expert scout and bird dog man gave him superior recognition and the opportunity to be elected.



The late sporting dog writer, Bill Tarrant, wrote: “*Man Rand for the Hall of Fame. More than 100 years have passed since the first field trial was held in America. Since that time stalwarts of the game have elected professional handlers, their patrons, gun dog writers, noted breeders, landed gentry, seasoned amateurs, and other devotees to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.*” Now a legendary scout has been awarded the honor.

Once again we are called together to elect another legendary scout and bird dog trainer, David Johnson, to the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Your support is much appreciated!



Purina is pleased to announce the

2022-23 PURINA TOP AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD

This program is administered by the Purina Awards Committee, and sponsored by Purina. Committee members are: Sean Derrig, Chicago, IL; Tom Griffin, Watsonville, CA; Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL; Tim Ruff, Irmo, SC; Dwight Smith, Norwood, NC; and Rick Stallings, Mathews, AL.



The winner will be awarded a generous supply of Purina product, and the owner will be the recipient of an original oil painting of his dog as well as a banner recognizing the dog as the season's "Amateur All-Age Award Winner".

The Award is based on accomplishments in amateur all-age trials with heats of one hour or longer. Points will be awarded based on the number of dogs officially drawn. First place will receive 10 points for each dog drawn, second place will receive 5 points and third will receive 3 points. Endurance trial points will be based on the length of the endurance trial.

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— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2022-23 PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD —

- Alabama Field Trial Club
- Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America Regions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19
- Amateur All-Age Championships
- Ames Amateur
- Aurora Field Trial Club
- Black Belt Amateur Field Trial Club
- Cahaba Bend Field Trial Club
- Carolina Amateur Field Trial Club
- Carolina Lean Breed Club
- Carroll County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club
- Catawba Classic
- Cedar Hill Field Trial Club
- Central Carolina Field Trial Club
- Central Kentucky Field Trial Club

- Central Kentucky Quail Club
- Clarksville Bird Dog Club
- Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club
- Coalfield Bird Dog Club
- Cockade Field Trial Club
- Commonwealth Bird Dog Club
- Continental Amateur Club
- English Setter Club of America
- Esmont-Greenfields Field Trial Club
- Flint Hills Amateur All-Age Classic
- Georgia Amateur Celebration
- Gyp Hills Field Trial Club
- Heartland Field Trial Club
- High Plains Field Trial Club
- Hell Creek Field Trial Club
- Hoffman Field Trial Club

- Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association
- Lee County (Ga.) Field Trial Club
- Marshall County (Miss.) Field Trial Club
- Memphis Amateur Field Trial Club
- Mid South Amateur Association
- Midwest Field Trial Association
- Mingo Sportsman Field Trial Club
- Missouri Amateur All-Age
- Montgomery County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club
- Muckalee Creek Field Trial Club
- National Amateur Chicken Championship
- National Amateur Chukar Championship
- National Amateur Invitational Championship**
- National Amateur Pheasant Championship
- National Amateur Quail Championship*
- Northeast Kansas Field Trial Club

- North Carolina Field Trial Association
- Oil Capital Field Trial Association
- Oklahoma Amateur Field Trial Assn.
- Pinehurst Field Trial Club
- Rend Lake Field Trial Club
- Richmond County (N.C.) Field Trial Club
- Southern Field Trial Club
- Southern Pines Amateur All-Age
- Sunflower Amateur All-Age Classic
- Tulsa County (Okla.) Field Trial Club
- Virginia Amateur Field Trial Club
- Volunteer State Amateur Field Trial Association
- West Kentucky Field Trial Club
- West Tennessee Field Trial Club
- Wolf River Field Trial Club
- Woodlawn Field Trial Club

*Winner receives 15 points x number of dogs entered; Runner-Up receives 7.5 points x number of dogs entered.

**Winner receives 10 points x number of dogs entered for first day; 10 points for x number dogs for second day and 10 points x number of dogs called back for third day finals. Runner-Up receives 5 points based on the same formula.

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