Walter Bebout Memorial Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation

Nomination Form and Instructions

The American Kennel Club supports and recognizes the outstanding efforts that individuals, AKC clubs, federations and dog breeder/owner groups have made in advocacy and participation in canine legislative issues in their states and communities. To honor and support these efforts, and in tribute to Walter Bebout, former director of AKC Government Relations, AKC has created the Walter Bebout Memorial Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation.

Recipients of the award will have demonstrated a significant contribution (leadership, financial, or time/effort) in advocating on behalf of responsible dog ownership and the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders in the public policy arena.

Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Active citizen advocacy and involvement in canine legislation; OR
- Independently hired a lobbyist to advocate on crucial canine legislative issues; AND
- Active in community outreach on canine legislation/responsible ownership issues
- Financial need may also be considered.

Nominations, including self-nominations, may be submitted by clubs, federations or breeder/owner groups.

Honorees may be announced as often as quarterly (four per year). Honorees will receive a commemorative award and a contribution of $1,000 to defray expenses or assist in ongoing legislative efforts. In cases where the recipient is an individual, the monetary contribution will be made to their club or federation. AKC will send press releases to the honoree's local media, and their achievements will be featured in AKC magazines/e-newsletters.

• Email or Mail nominations to:

AKC Government Relations
Attn: Bebout Award
American Kennel Club
8051 Arco Corporate Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27617
doglaw@akc.org
(919) 816- 3720

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A. Nomination is for (check one):

_____an AKC Club

_____an AKC Federation

_____an Owner/Breeder group

Name of nominated club/federation/group: _____

B. Should this award be designated to honor the specific efforts of an individual? If so, please provide name and Club/Federation affiliation _____

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C. This nomination is submitted by:
Name: _____
Position held in club/federation or group:_____
Daytime phone number: _____
Email: _____

D. Please describe the programs/activities you wish to recognize with this nomination.
Please use a separate sheet(s) and be as specific as possible. Include names, dates, nature of the issue/legislation and specific activities or advocacy initiatives undertaken. Please also discuss this group's outreach in the community.

E. (Optional) Please attach (or e-mail .jpg) a non-returnable photograph of group leaders, the advocacy activities, or another photo representing the nominee that may be used in publicizing this group's activities.

Label the photograph with the nominated group's name and any individuals who appear in the photograph.

Only complete nominations will be considered.

For more information, contact doglaw@akc.org call 919-816-3720 or visit www.akc.org.