

ABTC Awards – other than Top Ten

Leigh Carter Sportsmanship Award

The American Belgian Tervuren Club's Leigh Carter Sportsmanship Award is presented annually in memory of long-time ABTC Board member, exhibitor, volunteer and enthusiast B. Leigh Carter (1963-2008). Nominations may be submitted to the Leigh Carter Sportsmanship Award Committee. The recipient is chosen by the committee which consists of past recipients.

Established in 2008 by Leigh's family, the award is intended to recognize an ABTC MEMBER who shows outstanding sportsmanship in conformation, obedience, herding, agility, and/or tracking activities each year year. An individual may receive this award only once. This annual award recognizes an ABTC regular member who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of involvement in these conformation and/or performance events with their Tervuren as an OWNER/HANDLER, and whose participation in those events is characterized by an exemplary display of sportsmanship. The individuals who deserve special recognition are those who have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the ABTC Code of Ethics, and have been an active and valued member of the ABTC. The competitive categories selected reflect Leigh's competitive career with her beloved dog Tag (Ch. Jamaica Catch Me If You Can CDX TD NA PT) who had earned titles in every AKC venue available to Belgian Tervuren: conformation, obedience, tracking, agility and herding.

The title of the award is "sportsmanship" which reflects upon the person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and who treats his opponents with fairness, generosity, and courtesy. In making the determination, emphasis must be placed upon those qualities an honoree possesses that live up to Leigh Carter's example.

AKC Sportsmanship

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. The ABTC Board selects the recipient from the nominations submitted.

OFA Champion for Health

Chosen by the American Belgian Tervuren Club's Health Education Committee (HEC) from nominations submitted. CHIC registration is highly desirable but not required. A nominated dog must hold some sort of AKC championship title along with at least one performance title, more highly desirable.

Versatile Tervuren

A "Versatile" Belgian Tervuren must earn a title in four out of the five AKC categories -- conformation, obedience/rally, tracking/scentwork, herding, or agility. This recognition started in 1998 and required a title in four out of the five (conformation, obedience, tracking, herding and agility) areas available at that time. In 2021, the categories were updated to include new titles and venues offered by AKC.

Obedience/Rally – RE or CD, must be earned at trials not virtual

Tracking/Scentwork – TD, TDU, SWN (Scent Work Novice) acceptable

Changes were retroactive. The owner of the dog must send in an application to the Awards Committee for this award.

BAR Awards

--- see BAR Standards.pdf under Resources >Download Files on ABTC.org. The owner must submit an application to the Awards Committee to receive this award.