

2017 KCAI Scheme Trainer of the Year Award

The nominators and nominees agree to be bound by these terms and conditions:

1. Nominators/nominations

- a. Nominators must be 18 years of age or over and be a UK resident. (Exceptions to being a UK resident may be accepted, which will be considered on a nomination by nomination basis and at the sole discretion of the judges).
- b. Only one nomination per person will be accepted.
- c. Multiple nominations from one person for either one, or a number of nominees will not be accepted and will be disregarded.
- d. Nominations will be disregarded if the judges have grounds to believe any information received, concerning the nomination and/or nominee is false or is incomplete.
- e. Nominations will close Friday 27 October 2017 at 12 noon. Nominations received after this time and date will not be accepted.
- f. The organisers do not accept responsibility for nominations not received.
- g. The KCAI Scheme may use the responses from nominators in the promotion of the schemes activity – the nominator's name will not be published.

2. Nominees

- a. Nominees must reside in the UK.
- b. Nominations will only be considered for KCAI Scheme members who have been dog training instructors for at least the past three years.
- c. If the nominee is not a Kennel Club Accredited Instructor and succeeds in winning the 2017 KCAI Trainer of the Year title, they must apply for accreditation within one year of winning the award if they meet the criteria to do so, such as having five years instructing experience.
- d. Nominations received for KCAI Scheme members who are non-UK residents may be considered for an international commendation nomination. Consideration to this will be given at the sole discretion of the judges and all other terms and conditions will apply.
- e. The organisers reserve the right to verify the eligibility of all nominees.
- f. Nominees must hold current and continuous KCAI Scheme membership throughout the whole nomination, judging, public voting and award processes, including; at the time nominations open and until the close of the final day at Crufts 2018.

- g. The judges reserve the right to disregard any nomination if they have grounds to believe that any nominee's training methods and/or activities are in breach of the KCAI Scheme Code of Practice.
- h. Persons and their families employed or contracted by, and/or associated directly with, the KCAI Scheme, such as KCAI Board members, the Kennel Club staff and/or external service providers will not be eligible. Any such nominations will be disregarded.
- i. The organisers will not forward any nomination information to nominees.

3. Judging Panel

- a. The judging panel will consist of representatives from the KCAI Scheme and the Kennel Club and/or other external guest(s) by invitation only.
- b. The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence or discussion on decisions will be entered into with nominees, nominators and/or any other third party.
- c. The organisers will not be able to inform all other nominees and/or nominators of the outcome of the nominations.

4. Finalists

- a. Up to five finalists will be selected by the judges from the nominees and will be entered into a public vote, which will open by Tuesday 21 November 2017.
- b. The winner will be chosen from the finalists, as voted for by the general public. Voting will close by Friday 26 January 2018 at 4pm.
- c. Only one vote per member of the general public will be accepted.
- d. Multiple votes for either one, or a number of finalists will not be accepted and will be disregarded.
- e. Finalists must agree to attend the 2017 KCAI Trainer of the Year Awards Ceremony at Crufts 2018 (8 -11 March) – date to be confirmed, where the winner will be announced. (Timings to be notified once the finalists have been announced). Finalists unable to attend may be withdrawn unless there are exceptional circumstances notified to the organizers which prohibits their attendance.
- f. The Kennel Club regrets that it cannot cover the cost of travel or accommodation before, during or after the ceremony at Crufts. Finalists will receive two free tickets for Crufts by the organisers for the day of the 2017 KCAI Trainer of the Year Awards ceremony. The organisers regret that it cannot cover any other costs related to finalists' attendance.

5. Prizes

- a. The prizes awarded to the winner will be:

- KCAI Trainer of the Year certificate
 - KCAI Trainer of the Year trophy
 - A £500 holiday voucher courtesy of our sponsors Hiscox UK (Kennel Club Trainer Insurance provider) – prize must be claimed before September 2018.
- b. Prizes are non-transferable and there is no cash alternative.
 - c. The organizers reserve the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value at any time up to the date of the Awards Ceremony.
 - d. No other prize alternative is available.
 - e. To claim the prizes, the winner must attend the Awards Ceremony at Crufts 2018.

6. Publicity and promotion

- a. The nominees, finalists and winner agree to their names and nomination details being used in any related publicity, both in print and online.
- b. Finalists may be requested to take part in promotional activity.
- c. The finalists consent to the organisers using their name and likeness for the purpose of organising and/or managing the award, for announcing the winner and/or related promotional purposes.

7. Miscellaneous terms and condition

- a. The organizers of the 2017 KCAI Trainer of the Year are the KCAI Scheme and the Kennel Club.
- b. The organisers reserve the right to withdraw or change any part of this awards process at any time, without notice to nominators and/or nominees if circumstances make this unavoidable.
- c. Nominators and nominees agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

The Kennel Club Accredited Instructors Scheme (KCAI Scheme) recognises and promotes dog training instructors, who are committed to and abide by, industry standards and codes of practice which have the welfare, care and needs of the dog at heart.