



WUSV Awarding Regulations

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§ 1 Scope of Application

1. The WUSV issues the following award regulations with the purpose to present awards, needles, and badges of honor in recognition of special achievements and merits to members and non-members. The General Annual Assembly is entitled to enact implementation rules, and pass on the processing hereof to the WUSV Board of Directors, and the Secretariat General.
2. The awarding regulations are tantamount to and thus an integral part of the WUSV statutes. .

§ 2 Awards for Special Contributions and Achievements at National and International Level of the WUSV

The **WUSV Needle in Bronze, Silver and Gold** can be awarded to persons having performed special and long-term services to the benefit of their national clubs in terms of breeding, training, and organizational contributions, and thus contribute to the overall benefit and reputation of the WUSV, in particular at international level.

- The person to be honored has to be a member to a WUSV member organization.
- The Awarding Ceremony has to be carried out in a festive setting, and the needle of merit is to be accompanied by a special certificate that reflects upon the merits of the person to be honored, and has to be presented on the occasion of either a WUSV event or on a major event of the person's national club. .
- Proposals can be submitted by the WUSV Board of Directors and/ or the Board of Directors of the local club of the person to be honored.
- The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly.

§ 3 Awards for Special Merits to the Benefit of the WUSV

1. The **WUSV Badge of Honor in Silver** can be awarded to persons having performed long-term services to the benefit of a WUSV member organization, and thus contribute to the benefit, and reputation of the WUSV, and the German Shepherd Dog breed at national level.
 - The award can be presented to persons dedicated to the field of breeding, training, and organizational services. The persons to be awarded have to be a member of their national clubs for a minimum period of at least ten years, and for the same period of time serve as volunteers to their organization.

- The Awarding Ceremony has to be carried out in a festive setting on the occasion of an event celebrated by the national club, and the badge of honor is to be accompanied by a certificate that reflects upon the merits of the person to be honored.
- Proposals can be submitted by the Board of Directors of the national club. As a rule, every WUSV member organization shall be allocated one WUSV Badge of Honor in Silver per 1000 members respectively per year.
- The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly.

2. The **WUSV Badge of Honor in Gold** can be awarded to persons having performed long-term services to the benefit of a WUSV member organization, and thus contribute to the benefit, and reputation of the WUSV, and the German Shepherd Dog breed at international level.

- The award can be presented to persons dedicated to the field of breeding, training, and organizational services. The persons to be awarded have to be a member of their national clubs for a minimum period of at least ten years, and for the same period of time serve as volunteers to their organization. .
- The Awarding Ceremony has to be carried out in a festive setting on the occasion of an event celebrated by the national club, and the badge of honor is to be accompanied by a certificate that reflects upon the merits of the person to be honored.
- The awarding of the WUSV Badge of Honor is limited to 50 persons per year.
- The nomination of a member is accomplished through a special application form provided that is titled „*Proposal – WUSV Badge of Honor in Gold*“, and which has to be signed by two board members of the WUSV member organization. The proposal requires a written substantiation, and the attachment of a cynological résumé of the person to be honored. The deadline for proposals is October 31 of the current calendar year.
- The WUSV Board of Directors decides on the award by a majority decision.
- The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly.

3. The **WUSV Brooch in Silver** can be awarded to persons having performed long term services to the benefit of the organization. The award can be presented to persons dedicated to the field of breeding, training, and the first-time organization of a WUSV event. The person to be honored shall be a member of his or her local club for at least ten years.

- The WUSV Board of Directors decides on the award by a majority decision.
- The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly.

4. The **WUSV Brooch in Gold** can be awarded to persons having performed long term services to the benefit of the organization. The award can be presented to persons dedicated to the field of breeding, training, and who repeatedly supported the organization of a WUSV event. The person to be honored shall be a member of his or her local club for at least ten years.

- The WUSV Board of Directors decides on the award by a majority decision.
- The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly.

5. The **WUSV Needle of Honor in Gold with Brilliants** can be awarded to persons having performed long term services to the benefit of the organization, and to the cynological world in general, in particular if the person to be honored performs in an outstanding fashion to the benefit, and greater good of the reputation of the organization. The persons to be awarded have to be a member of their national clubs for a minimum period of at least fifteen years, and for the same period of time serve as volunteers to their organization.

- The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly by a majority decision.
- The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly.

§ 4

Max-von-Stephanitz-Medal for special Achievements and Merits

The **Max-von-Stephanitz-Medal** can be awarded to persons having shown outstanding and individual achievements to the benefit of the WUSV, and who supported the reputation of the German Shepherd Dog breed in an extraordinary fashion in the field of international cynology.

The WUSV Board of Directors decides on the award.

The Awarding Ceremony has to be carried out in a festive setting on the occasion of WUSV General Annual Assembly, and the badge of honor is to be

accompanied by a certificate that reflects upon the merits of the person to be honored.

The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly which requires a two-third majority of the vote.

The presentation of either of the aforementioned awards does not exclude the presentation of further awards. The presentation of a certain award does not require the presentation of a certain prior award.

§ 5

Awards to Non-Members of the WUSV respectively WUSV member organizations

1. Awards of honor can be presented to promoters and sponsors having dedicated their services and commitment to the benefit and reputation of the WUSV.
2. The Awarding Ceremony has to be carried out in a festive setting on the occasion of a WUSV event, and the badge of honor is to be accompanied by a certificate that reflects upon the merits of the person to be honored.
3. Proposals can be submitted by the WUSV Board of Directors, and/ or the Board of Directors of a member organization.
4. The award can be revoked in case of undeserving respectively unworthy conduct upon decision of the WUSV Board of Directors.

§ 6

Changes and Amendments to the Awarding Regulations

Changes and amendments to the awarding regulations can only be carried out on the occasion of the WUSV General Annual Assembly. However, this does not apply for editorial changes, layout, and design of the regulations which can be carried out by the WUSV Secretariat General in consultation with the WUSV Board of Directors.

§ 7

The Entry into Force

The WUSV Awarding Regulations shall enter into force with immediate effect upon resolution of the General Annual Assembly in 2017.