

ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA



**AKC Recognized Parent Club
Established 1970**

Annual Service Award Nominations Guidelines

In 1990, the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America (ASDCA) unveiled the Annual Service Awards. These awards are presented each year at the Annual Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the ASDCA National Specialty. The awards are specifically intended to recognize the achievements accomplished by the Anatolian Shepherd Dog (ASD). The awards are given in the name of the dogs that truly exemplify what the ASD's are and what they are supposed to behave like in difficult and often dangerous situations. The ASD is first and last, always a guardian. This award is presented each year at the Annual Banquet held in conjunction with the ASDCA National Specialty.

Service Dog Award Criteria:

1. General Requirements:
 - a. Owners/ASDCA members must submit letters of nomination by September 1, annually **(Date Service Dog Award nomination must be submitted to the Committee)** to the Service Dog Award Committee Chairperson.
 - b. Committee members will screen all nomination letters that meet the criteria guidelines.
 - c. The nomination letter should be a write up/narrative (no more than 500 words) regarding the ASD being recommended for the Service Dog Award, detailing the justification for the award.
 - d. The nomination letter may be submitted by someone other than the breeder or owner of the dog.
 - e. The breeder, owner, or friend submitting the story does not have to be an ASDCA member.
 - f. The owner(s) of the recipient of the award must be an ASDCA member.
 - g. The ASD need not be alive.
 - h. The award nominations must be for an event that has occurred within two years of the award submission deadline date (ie September 1). **(Note: The time limit provision for the Service Dog Award awards is waived ONLY for 2012 nominations. Subsequent Service Dog Awards will have a time limit of two years and will take effect on July 2, 2012).**
 - i. **The owner must be aware of the submission and approve publication of the story in the ANATOLIAN TIMES.**

Annual Service Award Nominations Guidelines - continued

1. **The information necessary to submit a service dog award recommendation is:**

- a. The owner of the dog
- b. ASD's registered name (**Note:** the ASD must be an ASDCA and or AKC registered Anatolian Shepherd Dog).
- c. Picture of the ASD (for use in the Anatolian Times, if available). The picture should be a Jpeg digital image if possible.
- d. Approximate date of the event.
- e. The nomination must include the division and the category for which the ASD is nominated. The ASDCA Service Dog Award Committee reserves the right to move the dog to a new category if it feels a different category might be a better fit.
- f. A few photos of the dog in action are highly recommended and would be a welcome addition to the letter of nomination. The pictures should be Jpeg digital images if possible.
- g. The award write up/narrative cannot be longer than 500 words. The write up/narrative must be a detailed description of why the dog is deserving of the award.
- h. The award write up/narrative should be typed. However, a handwritten write up/narrative will be accepted.
- i. Letters of nomination can be mailed or emailed to the Service Dog Committee Chairperson. If emailed, the document must be a **signed scanned copy of the original (if a scanner is not available, the original must be subsequently mailed):**

Chairperson (Service Dog Award Committee): Ron Arden

Address: 357 Ridge Road, Westminster VT 05158

Email: rjarden53@gmail.com

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In 1970, the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America unveiled its annual SERVICE AWARD. This award is presented each year at the Annual Banquet held in conjunction with the ASDCA National Specialty.

Owners/ASDCA members are encouraged to submit letters of nomination by **9/1/2020** to Ron Arden. Committee members will screen all nomination letters. The nomination letter should be a detailed letter about the Anatolian being considered (but not to exceed 500 words). The letter may be submitted by someone other than the breeder or owner of the dog. The breeder, owner, or friend submitting the story should be a member of the ASDCA. The dog need not be alive. The owner must be aware of the submission and approve publication of the story in the ANATOLIAN TIMES. The necessary information is the owner of the dog, its registered name & pedigree. It should contain the approximate date of the event (if pertinent to the nomination). Include the division and the category for which the dog is nominated. For the Distinguished Therapy Dog Award, *written endorsements from the institutions serviced must accompany the nomination.* A few photos of the dog in action would be a welcome addition to the letter of nomination although not a requirement. Letters of nomination should be mailed to:

Ron Arden – 357 Ridge Road, Westminster VT 05158
E-mail: rjarden53@gmail.com

DEFINITIONS:

SERVICE DOG - Under the ADA, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

THERAPY DOG - Their responsibilities are to provide psychological or physiological therapy to Individuals **other than their handlers**. These dogs have stable temperaments and friendly, easy-going personalities. Typically, they visit hospitals, schools, hospices, nursing homes and more. Unlike service dogs, therapy dogs are encouraged to interact with a variety of people while they are on-duty including petting the therapy dog.

WORKING DOG: LIVESTOCK GUARDIAN DOG (LGD) - Livestock guardian dogs stay with the group of animals they are assigned to protect as a full-time member of the flock or herd. LGDs blend in with the herd, always watching for intruders. The mere presence of a guardian dog is usually enough to ward off predators. A LGD will confront predators by vocal intimidation, barking, and displaying appropriate behavior necessary to dispatch the threat.

See reverse side for categories.

ASDCA Annual Anatolian Shepherd Dog Award Nomination Categories

Category #1

AWARD OF VALOR:

This award is for an Anatolian Shepherd Dog whose actions, without input & acting independent of owner's direction, saved a person's life or saved a person from harm. The category is open to all Anatolian Shepherd Dogs.

Category #2

OUTSTANDING ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG AWARD:

For an Anatolian Shepherd Dog who, without human input & acting independent of owner's direction, prevented property from being damaged. The category is open to all Anatolian Shepherd Dogs.

DISTINGUISHED LIVESTOCK GUARDIAN DOG AWARDS:

Category #3: This award is for an Anatolian Shepherd Dog whose specific action, taken without human input of any kind and demonstrative of the best in guardian ability, repeatedly saved their animal charges from life threatening events. Please include information on livestock losses prior to the arrival of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog and livestock losses after the arrival of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog. (OUR TOP LIVESTOCK GUARDIAN AWARD)

Category #4: This award is for an Anatolian Shepherd Dog whose specific action, taken without human input of any kind and demonstrative of the best in guardian ability, saved an animal's life, or saved an animal from harm.

Category #5

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE DOG AWARD:

For an ASD whose actions, without the individual with a disability's input and acting independent of their direction, alerted and protected the individual with a disability to a potentially harmful/life-threatening event.

Category #6

DISTINGUISHED THERAPY DOG AWARD

For an ASD who provides *on-going and significant* psychological or physiological therapy to individuals *other than their handlers* while performing their duties at hospitals, schools, hospices, nursing homes and more. *This award requires written endorsement(s) from the institutions serviced by the therapy dog sent directly to ASDCA with the nomination.*

See next page for award nomination form.

ASDCA Annual Anatolian Shepherd Dog Award Nomination Form

All Nominations must have the Nomination Form filled out and attached to the Letter of Nomination.

Registered Name of Dog: _____

AKC Reg # or ASDCA Pedigree (stud book #) _____

Name of Owner(s): _____

Address of Owner: _____

Phone Number of Owner: _____

Person submitting the Letter of Nomination:

Name: _____

Address: _____

CITY/STATE/Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

The above-named dog is being nominated for which award:

Which Category number: _____

Nominee's signature (required) _____

To the best of my knowledge this information is true and factual. If awarded the ASDCA Annual Service Dog Award, the Letter of Nomination and a picture (if available), will be printed in the ASDCA's "Anatolian Times".

Please be sure to attach this Nomination form to your Letter of Nomination, and e-mail or mail to the address below:

**Ron Arden – 357 Ridge Road, Westminster VT 05158
E-mail: rjarden53@gmail.com**

DEADLINE: September 1, 2020