

Havana Silk Dog Association of America “Doc” Joanne Baldwin Cardinal Award

The HSDAA “Doc” Joanne Baldwin Cardinal Award is an award given out at the National Specialty to a Club member in good standing who best exemplifies the attributes of high character, unselfish attitude, is a positive role model with unquestionable integrity, and a true sportsman. The club member so nominated does not need to be a full voting member nor do they need to be at the National to win this award. The committee to appoint the recipient shall consist of all prior recipients of the award and they shall consider the nominations and recommend a recipient for this award. Any Club member in good standing may nominate any other Club member for this award by sending its recommendation to the Board on the form so designated. After reviewing the merits of each nomination, the Committee shall make its selection for that year’s award and notify the Board that it has completed its selection. If there are no nominations made, the Committee shall choose a suitable candidate based upon its own consideration. “Club member” as used in this entire paragraph includes all Club members in good standing including non-voting members.

In selecting the award winner, the Committee shall consider the following characteristics:

Character: The nominee should be unselfish and committed to our Silk Dogs and the HSDAA. He or she should be willing to help out in any way that benefits the club, our dogs, and our club members.

Attitude: This nominee should have an overall unselfish, positive and kind attitude.

Role model: This nominee should be a positive role model in all capacities, including club functions, social media, and educating the public about our Silk Dogs.

Integrity: This nominee should be committed to doing what’s right for HSDAA, the health and care of our Silk Dogs and other HSDAA members.

Sportsmanship: The nominee should display good sportsmanship and respect to other members and club activities even in the face of adverse outcomes. Likewise, the nominee should demonstrate cooperation and respect in dealing with club events.

Historical note: The award should contain a cardinal in its design. The committee shall be responsible for selecting the specific award each year and shall be reimbursed by the Club up to \$100. The committee shall also be responsible for presenting the award to the recipient at the National Specialty. The cardinal was special to Joanne Baldwin, DVM. Her veterinary practice was named Cardinal Animal Hospital.