



Australian National Kennel Council Ltd ABN 77 151 544 679 trading as Dogs Australia

RETRIEVING & FIELD TRIAL “HALL OF FAME” 2026 Nominations

In the first twenty-three years of elections, Dogs Australia has received nominations for 61 dogs and 49 people to be considered for induction into the Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame. From the nominations received 39 outstanding dogs and 31 exceptional people have been inducted.

The criteria for the two categories for selection are the following:

1. **Outstanding Gundogs** (must be permanently retired from further competition and have not competed for the past 12 months, or be deceased)
 - (a) Their record as a winning dog i.e., CLUB – STAKE – DATE – JUDGE PLACE and/or
 - (b) Their production record.
 - (c) The eligibility for a dog should be based on its entire competitive career and previous record as a producer, not merely for a particular win or for a heroic deed within the field and retrieving trial sphere.
 - (d) Subject to the receipt of a formal application, dogs that have been awarded the title of Grand Champion and have gained a total number of points equal to, or greater than, twice the total number required for that award, shall automatically be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Such applications must include full particulars and a brief resume of the dog's career.
 - (e) Subject to the receipt of a formal application, dogs winning at least two National Championships in the same discipline shall automatically be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Such applications must include full particulars and a brief resume of the dog's career.
2. **Prominent Persons:**

Their record of a broad combination of accomplishments as:

 - (a) Club official
 - (b) Judge
 - (c) Owner
 - (d) Handler

The distinction of nomination should be accorded to those who have made outstanding contributions to the field or retrieving game. Nominees should be **givers** to the sport and not **takers**.

Nominations are now being called for the current year. In addition to applications submitted in relation to Outstanding Gundogs 1 (d) and 1(e), a maximum of two other outstanding gundogs and two prominent persons may be elected each year.

Nomination:

1. Clubs or Members may nominate DOGS and PEOPLE considered worthy of awards, including full details of accomplishments within the above categories and with verification. In the case of dogs, nominations should include the full name, title, owner and date of birth.

[Please note it is a condition of nomination that the nominator/s provides accurate written material supporting the nomination. In the absence of such accurate supporting material, or should the supporting material later prove to be inaccurate in areas of significance, the Selection Panel for the Dogs Australia Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame reserves the right to reconsider its decision and if appropriate, delete the name of the Prominent Person or Outstanding Dog from the list of inductees.]

2. **Nominations shall close on the 30 October 2026** at respective Member Body offices for forwarding to Dogs Australia.
3. Please use the proforma nomination forms that are available from all Member Body offices and the Dogs Australia website at [Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame 2026 Nominations](#).