



TRAINER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025

The **Trainer Of The Year Award** acknowledges an APDT Australia member who exemplifies the APDT spirit through their dedication to APDT Australia, its vision and mission, promoting positive reinforcement training and demonstrating a commitment to our association.

This Award will be presented at the APDT Australia Conference, 2–5 October 2025.

Applications will be assessed by an independent judge, whose decision will be final. Entries remain the property of APDT Australia Inc. If you do not wish to apply yourself, please encourage other members to apply who meet the entry criteria.

The successful applicant will be notified by 12 July 2025 to allow time for them to make arrangements to attend the APDT Australia Conference 2025 in Glenelg, South Australia.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Applications should explain why the nominee should be considered for the award. For example:

- Upholds the APDT Australia's Vision and Mission Statements.
- Uses and promotes positive reinforcement training for dogs.
- Educates people who own or work with dogs in the use and benefits of positive reinforcement training.
- Commitment to enhancing the human-canine relationship for the mutual benefit of both species.

Complete the application form on the reverse to enter.

For further information, contact awards@apdt.com.au.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted electronically on this **Trainer Of The Year Award 2025 Application Form**.

Submissions must be received no later than **31 May, 2025** by email at awards@apdt.com.au.

ELIGIBILITY

- All applicants (and those nominating) must be current financial members of APDT Australia Inc.
- APDT Australia Inc. committee members are ineligible to nominate for or receive this award.

PRIZES

The award winner will receive the following prize pack in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the APDT.

- Full registration to attend the APDT Australia Conference 2025 in South Australia
- A cash amount of \$500
- An award certificate
- An award trophy
- A profile article in the APDT Australia *Click!* magazine.

The winner will be notified by **12 July, 2025**, so they can prepare to attend the APDT Conference 2025 in October!

TRAINER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025 APPLICATION FORM

This application form can be completed using Adobe Acrobat to complete the fields. Ensure you save the document before you email your application.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant's name

Address

Email

Contact telephone

APDT membership number*

**Applicant's and those nominating others must be financial members of the APDT Australia Inc.*

APPLICANT CONTRIBUTION

Please complete the relevant section/s below. If necessary, you may attach additional supporting comments or information to application email. (Please limit your responses to 300 words in each section.)

Contribution type	Describe your positive reinforcement training contribution and service length
Council/Community Events Name of Council	
Dog Club Instructor Name of Dog Club	
Animal Shelter Employee Name of Shelter	
Promotes APDT Australia Vision and Mission to owners, trainers and wider community <i>Provide specific examples, such as lectures, articles, seminars or training days created or organised by the nominee.</i>	
Other Organisation's name	

REFEREES

Two referees must support your application. Suitable referees may include council officers, shelter managers, dog club members or instructors, local veterinarians, etc.

Referee #1 Name and Position	
Relationship to applicant	
Email	
Contact telephone	
Referee #2 Name and Position	
Relationship to applicant	
Email	
Contact telephone	

Referees may write up to 200 words to support your application, which should be attached to your application email.

Applications must be received no later than 31 May 2025. Please note that late entries will be ineligible for consideration. The judge's decision is final.