



## Amateur Owner of the Year Award

The PFHA Amateur Owner Committee invites you to submit your 2009 nominations for its annual Amateur Owner (AO) of the Year Award. The award is special recognition to one of our amateur owners who demonstrates the qualifying criteria, below. Please read the guidelines carefully and make your nominations accordingly. Include the Nomination form with each submission and you may submit more than one nominee if you choose. The award is presented each year at Nationals.

Please submit the Nomination form and a short, typed biography (500 words or less) of your nominee, which demonstrates how she/he has fulfilled the criteria. Biographies that exceed the word limit will be edited.

The following are the criteria on which you should base your nomination for AO of the Year:

- **Accomplishments:** The candidate must have achieved excellence in the show ring at the regional and or national level. This includes honors, awards and commendations the candidate has received.
- **Contributions:** The candidate must have demonstrated substantial and sustained contributions to the breed at the local, regional and national level. This category includes contributions (not monetary) the candidate has made to youth, other amateur owners and promotion of the breed. Contributions could be in a volunteer or elected capacity.
- **Sportsmanship:** The candidate must exhibit conduct becoming to a sports enthusiast including but not limited to honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results.
- **Horsemanship:** The candidate must exhibit excellence in skill of riding, exhibiting, management, and specifically in the care and well being of her/his horse(s).

### Procedure after submission:

All nomination biographies will be sent to the nominees, not for any additional information to be added, but for the nominee to check accuracy of information submitted. Final nominees and a voting ballot will appear in official PFHA publications. They will also be provided to all regional Presidents to include in their region's newsletter and/or web site along with voting deadline information and instructions. You may also request a ballot by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Kathy Yarbrough at the address below.

### All Nominations Must Be Received By May 18, 2009

Please remember to submit the Nomination form with every nominee's biography. Nomination forms may be downloaded at [www.pfha.org](http://www.pfha.org), or you may request an emailed, pdf version of the form by contacting Kathy Yarbrough at the email address below. *No faxed nominations and no photos required.*

### Submit nominations to:

Kathy Yarbrough, Amateur Owner Committee Chair  
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