**This Award will be presented at the APDT Australia** **Conference, 12-15 October 2023.**

Applications will be judged by an independent judge whose decision will be final and entries remain the property of APDT Australia Inc. If you do not wish to submit an application for yourself, please encourage other members who you feel meet the criteria, to apply.

The **successful applicant will be notified by 10th July 2023** to allow time for them to make arrangements to attend the APDT Australia Conference 2023 in Hunter Valley, NSW.

**About the Award:**

This award is for an APDT Australia member who exemplifies the APDT spirit through their commitment to the APDT Australia, Vision and Mission, promoting positive reinforcement training and a demonstrated commitment to our Association.

**The winner of this award will receive:**

* **3-day registration to attend APDT’s Australia’s Conference 2023\***
* **A cheque for $500**
* **An Award Certificate**
* **An Award Trophy**
* **A Profile in the APDT Australia *Click!* magazine**

**Criteria:**

Applications should explain why the applicant should be considered for the Award and show how they demonstrate any of the following:

* Efforts to uphold the APDT Australia Vision and Mission Statement.
* Use and regular promotion of positive reinforcement training for dogs.
* Education of people who own or work with dogs in the use and benefits of positive reinforcement training.
* Commitment to the enhancement of the human-canine relationship for the mutual benefit of both species.

***\*Applicants (and those nominating another member) must be financial Members of APDT Australia to be eligible for this Award.***

***\*\* APDT Australia Committee Members are ineligible to nominate for or receive this Award.***

**Submitting your Application:**

Applications must be submitted in electronic format on the “**APDT Australia Trainer of the Year Award 2023 Application Form”** which is available for download from the APDT Australia website – [www.apdt.org.au](http://www.apdt.org.au)(or from the Awards Coordinator at [awards@apdt.com.au](mailto:awards@apdt.com.au))

**Send your completed application for the APDT Australia Trainer of the Year Award 2023 by email to -** [awards@apdt.com.au](mailto:awards@apdt.com.au)

**Applications for the APDT Australia Trainer of the Year Award close on 31st May 2023**

***Any application received after the deadline date will not be eligible to be considered for the APDT Australia Trainer of the Year Award 2023***

**The award acknowledges a member who exemplifies the APDT Australia spirit through commitment to the APDT Australia Vision and Mission, promoting positive reinforcement training and displaying commitment to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.**

**NOTE:** Applicants (and those nominating another member) must be financial members of APDT Australia.

Applications close: 31st May 2023

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| Applicant’s name |  | | |
| Address |  | | |
| Email address |  | | |
| Phone (Home/work) |  | Mobile |  |
| APDT Membership number |  | | |

## REASONS FOR APPLICATION:

## I wish to apply for the ‘APDT Australia Trainer of the Year 2023’ for the following reasons:

## *(Please complete relevant sections as appropriate. If necessary, attach a separate sheet of paper with comments/relevant information supporting the application. Please do not exceed 300 words in any one section.)*

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| Type of contribution | Describe your contribution to positive reinforcement training and length of service |
| Work with local council/community events **Council name:** |  |
| Dog Club Instructor **Dog club name:** |  |
| Shelter employee **Dog club name:** |  |
| **Promotes the APDT Australia Vision and Mission Statements to owners, trainers and the wider community.**  *Give specific examples such as lectures, articles, seminars or training days promoting positive training either created or organised by the nominee* |  |
| **APDT Australia committee member or regional representative, contributes to Click magazine, volunteers at APDT Australia events or conference** |  |
| Other: **Organisation name:** |  |

**Please provide 2 references in support of your application**

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| **Referee’s name and position** |  | | |
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Referees may write up to 200 words in support of the application. Written references should be attached to this form.

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## Email your completed application to: [awards@apdt.com.au](mailto:awards@apdt.com.au)

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