

Dachshund Club of America
2024 Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Recipient
Pam Reed

For the past 40+ years, Pam Reed has been an ardent supporter of the dachshund breed as she continues today to be an active, hard-working, well-respected leader in our dachshund community. She has literally organized, hosted and worked at dozens and dozens of fun, educational and competitive dachshund events offered by the Dachshund Club of St Louis (DCSTL) and Dachshund Club of America (DCA) regional and national events. If things went smoothly (particularly at conformation and earthdog events), it was probably due in large part to Pam's out front and behind the scenes leadership and contributions.

As a well-respected breeder and competitor, Pam has owned, bred and shown miniature and standard wirehairs and stand smooth dachshunds with great success under the kennel name Kelkor. For all who know and work with her, you will agree that you can literally feel Pam's passion and enthusiasm for dachshunds by seeing the smile on her face and the twinkle in her eyes. Her positive energy and laughter just lift you up and encourage you to want to learn more, get more involved, and to never give up when trying to reach your goals.

In her own breeding program, Pam strives for balance and perfection. She remains strongly committed to breeding not only for type and correctness, but for other important characteristics such as intelligence, confidence, personality traits, and hunting skills which are all fundamental to creating the dachshunds of our dreams. As a result, Pam has produced dozens of beautiful, multi-titled dachshunds (including Dual Champions and Endurance Level Earthdogs), including most notably her famous mini wires, her top stud dog standard wirehair named "JR" and her current pride and joy – Master / EE Earthdog, field trialer and show ring champion "Henry."

Just as all good sportsmen are, Pam is open, honest and trustworthy, the kind of coach we all hope to have as dachshund owners, breeders and competitors. These are the same characteristics that make Pam such a treasured friend and mentor. Regardless of who you are or where you live, Pam is always willing to share her wealth of knowledge regarding breeding, training and competition experience freely ... encouraging those of us in all three coats to try new dachshund sports without sacrificing the dachshund standard that frames so well the full range of requirements that keep dachshunds looking like and acting like the inspiring animals we all hope to own and produce one day.

We need more generous, compassionate, fair, hard working, good sportsmen like Pam Reed. The DCA Good Sportsmanship Award is a perfect way to celebrate and thank Pam for her decades of selfless service and contributions to our dachshund community.