



OFA Champion for Health Award

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) sponsors the annual **Champion of Health** award in partnership with various AKC Parent Clubs. This award honors dogs that have demonstrated significant accomplishments in the show ring, field, performance, or as producers, while also possessing a full complement of breed-appropriate health testing. In 2005, the OFA website featured the AKC/Eukanuba BIS winning Bloodhound, Ch. Heather's Knock On Wood. "Knotty" had not only just won one of America's most prestigious shows, but had a full complement of health certifications as well which led to the 2006 creation of the "Champion for Health" award. The Champion for Health remains in place and sponsored by the OFA today.

Each club that chooses to participate in the OFA sponsored CHIC program is eligible to nominate three (3) dogs annually. The winning dog/owner will receive an engraved medallion, and a \$100 donation will be made to the AKC Canine Health Foundation in the name of the honored dog. The winner will be announced and the award presented at the annual awards banquet.

Nomination Process: Any AKC registered Belgian Malinois can be nominated by its owner, breeder or admirer. Each nomination should include a narrative of the dogs accomplishments, including any prodigy and titles they have received and a record of all health clearances. In order to qualify for nomination, a dog must hold at least one AKC Championship title and at least one Performance title. While not required, CHIC registration is highly desirable. Please use the attached form for nomination.

Selection Process: Nominated Belgian Malinois will be evaluated by the American Belgian Malinois Club Health Committee. Three dogs will be selected by the committee, who will then send on their selection to OFA who reserves the right to choose the final winner.

DEADLINE FOR YEARLY SUBMISSIONS IS FEBRUARY 15. PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO RORY FRIEDOW VIA EMAIL - anduin@comm1net.net or via US MAIL TO - 1680 Ladd Ave Kanawha, IA 50447.

**OFA CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTH AWARD PROGRAM
ABMC NOMINATION FORM**

YEAR: _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____
(including all titles)

Dog's Call Name: _____

Dog's Registration Number: _____

Dog's Date of Birth: _____

Dog's Owner: _____

Does the Dog have a CHIC Number?: YES NO

If yes, what is the CHIC number: _____

OFA Number (hips/elbows) _____

CERF Number _____

Describe ALL other health clearances done on the dog (e.g. thyroid, heart, etc)

Does the dog have offspring? YES NO

If yes, do the offspring have CHIC numbers? YES NO

Describe all health clearances done on the offspring (include numbers where appropriate)

Please detail the accomplishments of the dog and why this dog deserves the title "OFA Champion for Health". Use additional pages if necessary.
