

The following criteria must be met to qualify for the

NAVHDA Natural Ability Breeder's Award:

1. Breeder must be a paid member of NAVHDA. The breeder is defined as the primary owner of the dam at time of whelping.
2. Producing dam must be NAVHDA registered.
3. The litter and puppy registration must occur before the dogs are tested.
4. The puppies must be registered under the litter number issued at time of litter registration.
5. At least four pups from one litter must qualify (Prize I, II, III) with a minimum point total of 360 points (90 point average per dog) in NAVHDA Natural Ability tests (not necessarily in the same calendar year). Dogs must have been tested on or before they reach 16 months of age.
6. To be eligible for the Natural Ability Breeder's Award the dogs may not be judged as being temperament "sensitive," temperament "shy" or noted as "aggressive" in their qualifying NAVHDA Natural Ability test.
7. A Natural Ability Breeder's Award can be awarded for each successful litter. Breeders are not limited to one award per calendar year. No fixed duration of time shall exist for this accomplishment. It is the breeder's responsibility to apply for the award by December 31 in order for the award to be presented at the Annual Meeting the following January, although application may be made at any time during the year. The Registrar will verify the information and a parchment certificate will be awarded. The breeder will also receive an application for ordering a "Breeder's Award Plaque" at their cost. Any application made after that date will not be denied but will be awarded the following year.