

American Kennel Club NOI Invitees

The American Kennel Club honors dogs of every breed that have earned OTCH points by inviting them to participate in the AKC National Obedience Invitational (NOI). The first of these events was held June 17-18, 1995 at Purina Farms outside of St. Louis, MO. It moved to a suburb of Chicago, IL for a few years and in December 2003 the NOI was held in Long Beach, CA. 2003 was the first year the NOI was held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and the National Agility Championship. In January, 2005 and 2006 the NOI was held in Tampa, FL. It was moved back to Long Beach, CA in December of 2006. In 2011 the NOI was moved to Orlando, FL.

To be invited to the NOI, a dog must have earned a Utility Dog (UD) title. The dog also has to have earned an OTCH point during the qualifying period between July 1 and June 30. The AKC invites the top 10% of each breed and if there are fewer than 30 dogs within a breed that are eligible to be invited, the top 3 dogs based on OTCH points are invited.

The competition is a two day event. The first day all dogs compete in six rings and perform a varied combination of Open and Utility exercises. The long sit and long down exercises were added to the competition in 2007. Previous to 2011, the second day was a one-on-one competition. Dogs were seeded 1 through 32 based on the previous day's scores. There were five rounds of single elimination competition on the second day. The winner of this competition earns the NOC (National Obedience Champion) title.

For 2011, the competition was changed so every dog competes both days. The dog with the highest score over the two days of competition earns the NOC title.

2008 NOI

Ch. Brisline Plumperfect Unforgettable,UDX, RA Suzanne Tharpe/Georgia McRae

Hardwerken Pure Pixilation UD, RN, OA, OAJ, NAP, NJP Martha Touchstone

2009 NOI

Ch. Brisline Plumperfect Unforgettable, UDX, RA S. Tharpe/G. McRae

Aircraft's Desert Koshare, UD Debbie Carley

2010 NOI

Ch. Brisline Plumperfect Unforgettable, UDX5, OM5, RA S. Tharpe/G McRae

Ch. Caleb Acres Hunt For Aireham, UD Mary E. Law

Lynaire's Sam I Am, UD Joan M. Florentine

2011 NOI

Ch. Brisline Plumperfect Unforgettable, UDX7, OM8, RA S.Tharpe/G. McRae

Lynaire's Sam I Am, UD Joan M. Florentine

Ch Plum Perfect's All That Jazz, UDX, OM1, RN, AXP, OJP Christine Hyde