

## AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD NOMINATION

Throughout the last 15 years, I have personally observed on countless occasions when Cathie Rossman has welcomed, encouraged, supported, and helped newcomers to our breed and to the sport in obedience, rally, and agility. Cathie has helped countless get ready to go into the rally or obedience rings by offering advise or explanation of signs or rules, and then helping critique the effort if asked. I have been a recipient of that help and was grateful for her assistance. Additionally, Cathie has volunteered on many occasions to be a timer and scribe for Herding Trials.

Cathie still participates in conformation & obedience at the AKC Golden Gate Bench Show (Cow Palace). She has done so for over 10 years. Every year she organizes and decorates the benches with her dogs and other Belgians. She proudly represents our breed for the thousands of people who visit the exhibitors and their dogs. Cathie answers questions about our breed, conformation, and obedience to so many.

Not only has she achieved major accomplishments with her own dogs in breed, rally, and obedience, but has also volunteered for years to help with setup for obedience trials and still volunteers as a ring steward for numerous local clubs. Cathie has helped anyone who asks, and she offers assistance to those especially who are new to the obedience, rally, or conformation in any breed. Cathie always exhibits respect, positive attitude, and good sportsmanship in and outside the ring. Cathie has for many years provided support in the many local dog clubs and BSD clubs she is a member. Cathie has made awards and provided awards for local Regional and Supported entry shows and obedience.

Possibly of most significance, Cathie has helped with BSD rescue dogs by picking up, transporting, and placing rescues into new homes. As recent as this past month, Cathie helped rescue two BSD sisters from a shelter in Camarillo, CA. She drove from her home in Northern Nevada down to Southern CA to pick up the girls and turned around and drove another 400 plus miles north to hand off the girls to their new foster home. Cathie did this on her own time and expense for the betterment of the breed and specific health of those two dogs. This is not the first time (or probable the last) she has gone across the state to bring a rescue to their new home.

Cathie has gone above and beyond in our breed to be a positive example of outstanding sportsmanship. She is dedicated to our breed and is a lifetime BSCA member. Cathie loves her dogs, our breed, and promotes good sportsmanship in the many different capacities. She has been an ambassador for our breed, respectful in or outside the ring, and has championed for dogs in need. I believe Cathie is deserving of the recognition of our Good Sportsmanship Award and am proud to nominate her.

Respectfully,

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