

WCA National Derby Stipend

Purpose

The purpose of the National Derby Stipend is to help ensure that promising young field dogs are given the opportunity to receive the training required to become class bird dogs as adults.

The Award

The WCA Field Committee, with an understanding of the funds available, shall determine how funds shall be awarded and in what amount.

The National Derby Stipend shall be stated as a lump sum amount as follows:

Placement	Maximum	Minimum
1 st Place National Open Derby	\$1,800	60% of collected donations
2 nd Place National Open Derby	\$1,200	40% of collected donations

Designated donations will be accepted up until the Annual Board of Directors meeting in Ardmore, OK each year.

If the WCA Field Committee determines how funds shall be awarded, and in what amount, prior to AKC approval of the National Field Trial, the National Derby Stipend will be included as an award on the premium list. Regardless of inclusion in the premium list, the determination shall be made before the start of the National Field Trial and shall be posted on the announcements wall at the National Field Trial.

All Owners must be members of the WCA to receive a stipend.

Funding

The National Derby Stipend shall be funded via multiple sources.

- 1) Donations made by clubs, individuals or events.
- 2) Fund raising efforts at the National Field Trial that do not detract from the ability of the event to cover its own expenses.

All monies shall be held by the WCA in the General Fund and shall be accounted for as a separate line item in WCA financial statements. All funds to be deposited for the stipend shall be sent to the WCA Executive Secretary.

The WCA Field Committee is not obligated to spend down National Derby Stipend funds to \$0 (zero) every year. They may choose to withhold monies for following years. The WCA Field Committee is not obligated to announce a stipend every year. They may withhold the stipend for one or more years for any reason.

Appropriate Uses

The stipend may be used towards field training expenses **for the dog receiving the award**. Field Training Expenses include, but are not limited to, professional training fees, birds, field training equipment, seminar fees, travel expenses to training grounds, and grounds usage fees. The Stipend may not be used for entry fees, travel expenses to tests and trials, training for other disciplines (e.g. conformation, obedience, agility), and costs associated with keeping a dog (e.g. feed, veterinary care).

The WCA Field Committee shall determine the appropriateness of an expense should there be any question.

Notification of Award

The WCA Field Committee Chair shall send notification of the stipend award to the owners of the dog(s) receiving the award by January 1 of each year. Notification may be sent electronically or via postal service. Notification shall include the amount of the award, a description of appropriate use, and the method to be followed to claim the award.

Claiming the Stipend

The owner of the dog shall submit proof of field training expenses to the WCA Executive Secretary with a request for reimbursement. Scanned or electronic copies are acceptable as proof. If the request falls within the parameters of appropriate use, a check shall be sent to the owner of the dog for the amount requested.

Owners are asked to bundle expenses and submit quarterly to reduce the administrative burden on the WCA.

All expenses must be incurred within two calendar years of the award. However, the owner has until March 1 of the following year to claim expenses. After March 1, all unclaimed stipend funds shall be forfeited. The following table shows an example for the timing of a stipend.

National Field Trial Held	December, 2017
Award Notification	By January 1, 2018
Incur Qualified Expenses	January 2018 – December 2019
Submit Claims	February 1, 2018 – March 1, 2020