

# THE DOC AWARD

*Sponsored by Equisport Farm LLC  
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## PURPOSE:

To encourage NWMHC members to show their distinguished miniature horses who are a minimum of fifteen years of age or older as of the current show year. This award is presented by EquiSport Farm LLC annually to the miniature horse/handler pair entering a minimum of three AMHA shows and up to four classes (as outlined below) at each show, where placing points are tallied for the current show year in any category: amateur, youth, or open. The award is presented at the NWMHC Year-End Awards Banquet.

## REQUIREMENTS:

1. AMHA Registered miniature horse must be a minimum of fifteen years of age or older during the current show year.
2. The Miniature Horse must be owned by a current NWMHC member; the handler may be anyone allowed to show the horse per AMHA rules, leases must be on file.
3. Three (3), current year, AMHA approved shows must be entered by the Horse/Handler pair.
4. The Miniature Horse must show in one Showmanship class, plus three additional classes at each show.
  - a. Showmanship is the only mandatory class required at every show by the Horse/Handler pair. If two showmanship classes are entered, only one will be tallied.
  - b. Any combination of up to three (3) additional classes by the same Horse/Handler pair is required at every show for points to tally.
5. The showmanship score, plus the highest score of additional classes at each show will be calculated; creating a maximum total of four (4) classes per show required to be in the running for the award.
6. Horse/Handler pairs entered in more than four classes will **not** have additional points added, ensuring all levels of competitors with their distinguished equine partners are awarded for equal participation at every show. The horse, not the handler is the focus of this Award.

## AWARD:

7. The Doc Award recipient is the Horse where a perpetual trophy is engraved and awarded to be used in the Horse's or Handler's home through the winter and must be returned at the first show of the next show year or before. If the trophy is broken while in their care, they must replace the trophy exactly as designed before the next show year.
8. A smaller trophy is provided to keep by the Horse/Handler pair.
9. A Presentation Collar is hand-designed and created to match the winning horse and presented at the awards ceremony to the Horse, represented by the Handler.
10. A *Thank You Medallion* is provided to the Handler bringing their Distinguished Miniature Horse to shine again into the show ring.

*Doc rescued, Arrival-first shave*



*Doc, one week*



*27" Doc when health-37y with Splash 2y*

