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- **October 27, 2020**, following Board approved changes to Section 8.4 to clarify timing of selection.

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Chapter 1 Executive Summary

The ASCA Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, and for purposes of prevention of cruelty to animals. Such purposes include the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Foundation's purposes include, but are not limited to, granting educational scholarships, and promoting the health and welfare of the Australian Shepherd dog.

Funding is tax-deductible and may be restricted to specific uses. The ASCA Foundation is under obligation to distribute these funds. Contributions of \$250 or more require a written substantiation of the gift to be given to the contributor.

Funds are to be distributed on a true charitable basis in furtherance of the Club's goals as outlined in the Club's mission statement. The ASCA Foundation is not limited to distributing funds to a 501(c)(3) organization; it only needs to distribute the funds in furtherance of its charitable purposes as set forth in the Application for Exemption.

Organizations or individuals who wish to apply for an ASCA Foundation grant must apply by contacting the Business Office for an application. Upon receipt of the completed application and supporting materials, the Board of Directors will vote to approve or deny the grant request.

Chapter 2 Governance

The ASCA Foundation is governed by the ASCA Board of Directors, who in turn are appointed to The ASCA Foundation.

Its activities may be advised by appointed parties or committees, but its actions are to be voted on and ratified by The ASCA Foundation Board of Directors.

Chapter 3 Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship Fund

The Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship is a scholarship granted by The ASCA Foundation, ASCA's tax-deductible charitable foundation. The ASCA Foundation is a Texas nonprofit corporation which has been granted tax-exempt status as a charitable foundation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Sec. 501 (c) (3). The Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship Fund is one of the funds administered by The ASCA Foundation. Its intent is to provide scholarship funds to individuals with a background in Australian Shepherds seeking to extend their education beyond high school (this applies to college or trade/craft school). The fund was originally established by Cee Hambo, after whom the fund is named. The vision of this fund is to develop assets so that individuals will be funded for the duration of their schooling. The Board of Directors of The ASCA Foundation (Board) consists of the same individuals who comprise the Board of Directors of the Australian Shepherd Club of America.

Section 3.1 Donations

The Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship Fund was created exclusively to make distributions to educational organizations that qualify as tax-exempt organizations. Its purpose is to provide scholarship funds for individuals to pay for post high-school advanced education, including college and trade schools.

The Board may receive and accept property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, or devise, from any person, firm, trust, or corporation, to be held, administered, and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of this document; but no gift, bequest, or devise of any such property shall be received or accepted if it is conditioned in any such manner.

Section 3.2 Applicants

Individuals who are eligible to have funds paid from the Scholarship Fund on their behalf to educational institutions shall meet the following criteria:

- A. Not exceeded the age of twenty-five (25) on the date the application is received.
- B. Obtained the grade of sophomore in high school or equivalent.

- C. Been associated with raising, handling, caring, and/or showing Australian Shepherd dogs.
- D. Demonstrated their accomplishments, awards, and activities associated with Australian Shepherds.

Section 3.3 Selection

The Board shall establish a committee, consisting of at least one of its Directors, together with outside interested parties. Priority in appointment shall be given to academic educators and long-standing and active members of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. This committee shall screen all applications and recommend qualified individuals to the Board of Directors for awards in the amounts established by the Board of Directors for that year.

A. In no event shall any individual on the Committee participate in the decision-making process if an applicant is related to said individual. If any applicant is related to any Director of The ASCA Foundation, said Director shall recuse him or herself from any activities or decisions in connection therewith.

B. The Board of Directors may establish other specific criteria for applications or may make any such additional restrictions and conditions as it deems necessary, but in no event should any of the conditions contained herein be abrogated.

- C. Priority in selection shall be weighted as follows:
 1. Impact on the breed and activities within the ASCA community: 50%
 2. Academic achievement: 20%
 3. General competency as displayed in application: 20%
 4. Demonstrated need: 10%

Section 3.4 Distribution

The Board of Directors shall act on the Committee's recommendations, awarding scholarships at least bi-annually (once every two years). Funds must go directly to the educational institution, and NOT to the applicant. Income or principal derived from contributions by corporations shall be distributed by the Board of Directors for use solely within the United States or its possessions. Funds can only be distributed after a vote of the Board of Directors, as reflected in its meeting minutes.

The ASCA Foundation Board shall collect applications all year-round and forward them to the selection committee, which shall make the official decision one month before the National Specialty. The winner shall be announced at the National Specialty.

Chapter 4 Restricted Funds

The following categories are permanently held for dedicated use as noted by the donors.

- A. Epilepsy research
- B. Cancer research

Section 4.1 Creating/Approving New Restricted Funds

The ASCA Foundation Board, may, at any time, create new restricted funds via approved motion reflected in the minutes.

Chapter 5 Distribution

Funds in The ASCA Foundation, whether special earmarks or not, are available by application in the form of a grants. The Business Office has a form available for such applicants.

Section 5.1 Applications

The form instructions are as follows:

Please supply the following information as applicable:

- A. Significance of research as it applies to the Australian Shepherd breed.
 1. Background of research and preliminary work.
 2. Specific objectives to be performed within the grant time frame and that relate to the Australian Shepherd breed.
 3. Description of research design, methods, and/or tools.

- B. Expected outcomes and or potential application(s) to the Australian Shepherd breed.
- C. Anticipated problems or obstacles.
- D. Biographies, specific role on proposed project for principal investigator, co-investigators, or staff/students.
- E. References, including relevant publications of the principal investigator, co-investigators, or staff/students.
- F. Budget estimates for this study (budget should include the following categories as appropriate):
 - 1. Salary.
 - 2. Supplies and reagents.
 - 3. Clinical tests on dogs.
 - 4. Micro array costs per sample/dog.
 - 5. Office supplies, publication preparation.
 - 6. Travel to dog shows to collect samples.
 - 7. Specific and total costs to dog owners participating in the research.
 - 8. Project timeline with dates for specific objectives to be completed.

Section 5.2 Selection

Selection should be determined by the Foundation Board based on likelihood of success of project, impact on the Australian Shepherd, and demonstrated need.

Section 5.3 Distribution

Once a motion reflecting approval of the grant mentioning grantee's name, organization, and monetary amount is recorded within The Foundation minutes, the Business Office will contact the grantee for payment information and remit the funds awarded.

Chapter 6 Rescue Grants

Thanks to a generous donation to the ASCA Foundation with funds marked for rescue, from the estate of Susan Youngblood, grants are now available to eligible rescue organizations. The funds will be granted in \$500.00 increments, to 501(c)3 organizations that rescue primarily Australian Shepherds. Each organization can receive one grant per calendar year. Applications are available from the ASCA Business Office, the Executive Secretary, and on the ASCA website.

Section 6.1 Selection

The ASCA Foundation Board shall establish a committee, consisting of at least three of its Directors to review all Rescue Grant Applications. The committee will have 60 days in which to make a recommendation, on the grant, to the Board.

Section 6.2 Distribution

Once a motion reflecting approval of the grant, mentioning the grantee's name, organization, and monetary amount is recorded within the Foundation minutes, the Business Office will remit the funds awarded.

Chapter 7 Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award

The Libby Long Award rewards junior handler participation in ASCA obedience competition with an annual year-end award of \$500.

Section 7.1 Background

Donna Long was a very private person and was known on social media as "Libby" Long, having borrowed the name Libby from her long-time obedience partner OTCH 2, A-CH TriSmith's Liberty Bell UDX, RNX. Donna and Libby were fierce competitors. The pair qualified for finals in all four obedience categories as well as in altered. In addition to her passion for obedience, Donna was an ardent supporter of juniors both as a mentor and a sponsor. Donna lost

Libby in May of 2019 and the ASCA obedience community lost Donna in August of that same year. To honor the memory of Donna Long and Libby, the Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award has been established in her name.

Section 7.2 Mission Statement

The purpose of the Libby Long Obedience award is to celebrate the accomplishments of our next generation of obedience competitors and encourage junior handlers to participate in ASCA obedience events.

Section 7.3 Administration

An exemption from Committee Procedures 2.1, 2.3.A, and 2.5 is requested to establish a permanent sub-committee of the obedience committee for the purpose of selecting the recipient of the Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award. The sub-committee would be comprised of three voting members (a sub-committee chair representing REGION 1 with a strong background in ASCA obedience, the obedience committee chair and a member at large with experience in the ASCA Junior program), and the Board liaison to the obedience committee as a non-voting member.

Section 7.4 Funding

With an initial deposit of \$2,500 the award is funded through 2025. A minimum of one annual fundraiser will be held to replenish the annual award. Additionally, the fund will accept individual contributions through the ASCA Foundation. If, by 2025, the balance in the fund has exceeded \$5,000, a second award of \$250 may be given or, the award amount may be increased. Any decision to increase the amount or number of awards shall be made by majority approval of the award committee.

Section 7.5 Eligibility

Open to all junior handlers, in good standing with ASCA, between the ages of 9 and 18, who have competed in ASCA obedience events between June 1 and May 31 of the year in which the application is to be considered. Applicants must provide verification of enrollment in, or graduation from an accredited public, private, online or home school program.

Section 7.6 Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated using a point schedule and points will be awarded based on degree and level of participation in ASCA obedience events. Categories to be evaluated include: achievement in ASCA obedience competition, general participation in obedience, and academic proficiency. Applicants will submit a written essay to be assessed by a committee of no less than three members. Verification (if required) must include the signature of a parent, instructor, trial secretary or 4-H Leader.

Section 7.7 Application Process

Applicants must provide a record of their obedience participation for each year (June 1- May 31), a completed application form with verification where appropriate, copies of all ASCA obedience title certificates, and a written essay of 500 words. Applications will be accepted from June 1- July 15 each year. Award recipient will be notified by mail and the award will be presented at the annual awards banquet coinciding with the ASCA National Specialty each year.

Section 7.8 Points

A. Points for Achievement in ASCA Obedience Competition:

1. Competing in an ASCA Obedience class with non-qualifying score - 5 points
2. Competing in an ASCA Obedience class with a qualifying score - 10 points
3. High Scoring Junior, High Point Award - 20 points
4. High in Trial, High Combined - 25 points
5. BN title completion - 25 points
6. CD, GN title completion - 30 points
7. CDX/ODX title completion - 50 points

8. UD title completion - 75 points
 9. UDX leg (qualifying scores in Open B and Utility B at the same trial) - 75 points
 10. UDX title completion - 250 points
 11. OTCH title completion - 250 points
- B. Points for General Participation in Obedience:
1. *Verified participation in county or state 4-H dog obedience - 10 points
 2. Verified enrollment in obedience training classes - 10 points
 3. Verified ring stewarding assignment at an ASCA Obedience trial - 10 points
- C. Points for Academic Proficiency:
1. Verified enrollment in, or graduation from an accredited public, private, online, or home school program - 10 points
 2. Applicants must submit a written essay of 500 words. Essays will be assessed on the basis of organization, content and conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) - 0-50 points

*Rationale: For many junior handlers, particularly those in rural communities or those with financial limitations, 4-H provides an opportunity that might not otherwise be available. Many juniors start in 4-H and then move on to other more competitive venues such as ASCA. In keeping with the purpose of this award, encouraging the next generation of obedience and rally competitors, the committee agrees it is important to recognize participation in dog 4-H.

Section 7.9 Essay Criteria and Scoring Guide

All applicants will submit a typed essay, double spaced using 12-point font. Elementary school aged applicants will submit a three-paragraph essay of no more than 500 words. Middle and high school aged applicants will submit an essay of no less than 500 words.

2021 Essay Topic: Lessons I Have Learned from My Dog

Scoring Guide:

Score	Content	Organization	Conventions
5	Essay shows an interesting, original, descriptive, and insightful approach to the topic	Essay has a compelling introduction, body, and conclusion. Main ideas are clearly stated and well developed with examples that enhance the reader's understanding	There are no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or grammar
4	Original and interesting approach to the topic	Essay has a clear beginning, middle and end. Main ideas are clearly stated and supported	Occasional errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or grammar
3	Original but may not relate to topic or may be less than interesting	Essay may be lacking a clear introduction or conclusion. Main ideas may not be well supported	Frequent errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or grammar do not impede readability
2	Essay shows some evidence of original ideas but lacks a meaningful connection to the topic	Essay has little organizational structure. Main ideas are unclear or un-related to topic	Errors in conventions begin to impede readability
1	Essay is too short to score	Essay is too short to score	Essay is too short to score or errors are so numerous they interfere with readability

Chapter 8 Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award

Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award Fund is held in The ASCA Foundation, ASCA's tax-deductible charitable foundation. The ASCA Foundation is a Texas nonprofit corporation which has been granted tax-exempt status as a charitable foundation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Sec. 501 (c) (3). The Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award Fund is one of the Funds administered by The ASCA Foundation. The Ernest Hartnagle Icon award will be presented each year to an individual, a club, or other entities which exemplifies efforts toward the preservation of the Australian Shepherd. Multiple awards can we given each year.

It will be in honor of individuals, clubs, or groups which have dedicated part of their lives to preserving the history of the breed, mentoring of others, and/or a sharing of the rich history that demonstrates the value of our wonderful breed.

Section 8.1 Donations

Donations to the Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award Fund are encouraged to preserve his memory and to support the award so that it can be presented each year to deserving individuals or clubs. This memorial award is intended to carry on Mr. Hartnagle's dedication to breed preservation through these very same efforts. The award will be one of recognition of special efforts and be presented annually at the ASCA Nationals.

Section 8.2 Applicants

The recipient (person and or group) of the Ernest Hartnagle Icon Award, and their efforts to be recognized must possess one or more of the following features/criteria:

- A. Helped in some way to help Preserve the Australian Shepherd breed as it was intended through any variety of actions or deeds
- B. Produced, shared, or distributed educational material, historical reference, knowledge; to promote the Australian Shepherd
- C. Increased awareness and education regarding the Australian Shepherd via; a book, video, website, teaching/lectures, blog site, pod cast or any other medium valuable to sharing information about the breed
- D. Provided Mentorship to an individual, club, organization, or the like, through a variety of actions or deeds with the intention of maintaining a future for the Australian Shepherd

Section 8.3 Selection

- A. Nominations will be by letter of recommendation being sent to the ASCA Executive Secretary who will maintain a file of the nominations and provide them to the Selection Committee
- B. The Selection Committee will review Nominees based on criteria, they will forward their recommendations to the ASCA Foundation Board
- C. The ASCA Foundation BOD will consider all nominations and will finalize the award decision
- D. The Award can go to multiple nominees each year
- E. Selection Dates and Notification dates TBD

Section 8.4 Distribution

The Board shall act on the Committee's recommendations. The ASCA Foundation Board shall collect applications all year-round and forward them to the selection committee, which shall make the official decision one month before the National Specialty. The winner (s) shall be announced at the National Specialty.

What will the award be?

- 1. A specially designed Lapel/Hat Pin so that the recipient can wear their award to show they are a recipient
- 2. A Spider Web Scroll
- 3. A Certificate in the form of letter to recipient
- 4. A Name plate for recipient on a fixed trophy/wall plaque or monument located at ASCA office

This will be award at the ASCA National Specialty.

Why is the award important? Please read the biography of this wonderful man! ASCA would like to honor Ernest Hartnagle and encourage others to follow his mission.

Ernest Jacob Hartnagle 08/27/1925 – 05/19/2019

As founding members of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), the Hartnagles played an outsized role in the breed's development and growth. Ernie served on the ASCA Board of Directors, then took the role of club president from 1976 to 1978. He helped create the club's stockdog program and the entire family helped draft the original breed standard, the "blueprint" for the ideal Australian Shepherd dog.

The family's pioneering activities helped popularize the Australian Shepherd, now ranked among the 20 most popular breeds in America. ASCA recognizes Hartnagle's Las Rocosa Australian Shepherds as its No. 1 Hall of Fame Kennel and No. 1 Hall of Fame Excellent Kennel.

A Colorado native, Ernie grew up in the Boulder Valley on his family's 90-acre farm. During World War II, he proudly served for two-and-a-half years in the Navy's 7th Fleet until the end of the war. Deployed in the Pacific, he earned the Philippian Liberation Medal for his role in emancipating the nation's citizens from Japanese rule.

At age 20, Ernie returned from the war. His father had died while Ernie was overseas and he took on the responsibility of managing the family farm, supporting his mother, two younger brothers and sister. He supplemented the farm's income by working for his uncle as a cowboy, trailing cattle on the steep slopes of the Gore Range, on land that is now the Vail Ski Resort. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in agriculture. Ernie's bachelorhood ended shortly after meeting Elaine Gibson, the daughter of a pioneer ranching family. The couple wed following a whirlwind romance. The union resulted in five children: Jeanne Joy, Christine, Joseph, Jim, and the youngest, Carol Ann.

In 1953, the couple acquired a farm dog named Snipper, an event that would change the course of their lives. In 1955, Ernie and Elaine founded Las Rocosa Australian Shepherds and began breeding and training what was then a rare western farm breed.

During his life, Ernie also worked for a prominent Quarter horse ranch, performed a "tour of duty" in the US Postal Service, and served for decades in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency of the US Government, from which he retired.

Throughout his life Ernie supported that Australian Shepherd Breed with his service on the ASCA Board, his participation in ASCA programs, his years as an ASCA Conformation and Stockdog Judge, and many speaking engagements and slide shows at the ASCA Nationals along with his many historical articles in the Aussie Times.