



NZGCA Annual Awards

These awards are intended to recognise the achievements of horses and owners in areas other than the performance disciplines. They are open to any registered Purebred Gypsy Cob, Partbred Gypsy Cob, Drum Horse, or Partbred Drum Horse.

The awards cover the period 1st April to 31st March and submissions for these awards will be called for after 31st March by the Awards Coordinator. The entries will be collated and sent out for judging and winners announced at the AGM, usually held in May.

Versatility Competition

This competition recognises the true “all-rounder” Gypsy Cob or Drum Horse who demonstrates their versatility across a range of all equestrian-related activities including: hacking, trekking, beach rides, western, driving, games, stock & station, RDA, jumping, eventing, dressage, and any other discipline you can think of. This is a great opportunity to show us what you get up to with your Gypsy Cobs and/or Drum Horses, especially for those that enjoy their horses outside of the competition arena.

Entrants are required to submit up to five (5) photos and a short paragraph (max 500 words) telling us why their Gypsy Cob or Drum Horse deserves to be the Versatility Cob/Drum Horse of the Year. A certificate will be awarded to the South Island Versatility Gypsy Cob/Drum Horse and the North Island Versatility Gypsy Cob/Drum Horse.

Pleasure Competition

This competition recognises the Gypsy Cob or Drum Horse that provides their owner with complete and utter pleasure. It is open to all ages, stages and type of Gypsy Cob and Drum Horse – whether they are a youngster or veteran, ridden, driven, unstarted.

Entrants are required to submit up to five (5) photos and a short paragraph (max 500 words) telling us why their Gypsy Cob or Drum Horse deserves to be the Pleasure Gypsy Cob or Drum Horse of the Year. A certificate will be awarded for the South Island Pleasure Cob/Drum Horse and the North Island Pleasure Gypsy Cob/Drum Horse.

Youth Competition

This award celebrates the achievements of youth members (16yrs & Under as at 1st August) and their Gypsy Cobs and/or Drum Horses. It aims to encourage youth members to become actively involved any discipline, whether it be competition or pleasure.

Entrants are required to submit a brief biography (500 words) and up to five (5) photos of themselves and their Gypsy Cob/Drum Horse telling us why they deserve to be awarded

Youth of the Year. The winning youth will be awarded a certificate for NZGCA Youth Of the Year.

Gelding Ambassador Award

This award celebrates Purebred Gypsy Cob, Partbred Gypsy Cob, Drum Horse and Partbred Drum Horse geldings in their capacity as breed ambassadors. The purpose of this award is to encourage owners of geldings to participate in competitions, while showcasing the breed's versatility to non-cob owners.

This award was created to benefit the NZGCA and its members and breeders by:

- Providing specific competitions to reward excellent owners of these horses
- Increasing the perceived value of the breed among both cob and non-cob owners
- Showcasing geldings as they serve as excellent advertising for breeding stock, as a high-performing gelding can attract people to seek out related breeding stock and purchase young stock.
- Encouraging non-cob owners to consider owning a Gypsy Cob or Drum Horse gelding thereby increasing membership numbers and member participation.
- Creating a bank of stories and submissions that the Association can use to promote the breed.

Entrants are required to submit up to five (5) photos and a brief biography (max 500 words) of your Gypsy Cob/Drum Horse telling us why your Gelding deserves to win Gelding Ambassador Gypsy Cob/Drum Horse of the Year. The winning horse will be awarded an NZGCA Gelding Ambassador Certificate.

Service Award

John Brodie Service Award

The John Brodie Service Award is awarded annually to an individual in recognition of that person's outstanding contribution towards the development and growth of the New Zealand Gypsy Cob Association.

Nominations are called for after 31st March each year, and should contain a brief statement outlining the reasons as to why this person deserves to be recognised by this award.