



Collie Club of America, Inc.

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THE COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA VERSATILITY AWARDS PROGRAM

The CCA versatility awards program is designed to recognize collies which have distinguished themselves in both the breed ring and in AKC recognized performance events. These dogs possess the conformation, temperament, intelligence, and herding and working capabilities which represent the essential characteristics of the breed. The versatility awards are based on a point system which is used to weight each title based on its difficulty.

The CCA will award a certificate signed by the club President to any collie, rough or smooth, owned by a CCA member, or member of a CCA member's immediate family, in good standing with the AKC who has fulfilled the requirements listed below. A dog fulfilling these requirements will be listed in the permanent records of the CCA as a Versatility Award (VA) dog or a Versatility Excellent (VX) Dog, as appropriate. The versatility certificates will be awarded by the CCA President at the next annual CCA National Specialty Show.

Point Scale for Titles

Value	Conformation	Obedience Category								Herding
		Obedience	Tracking	Agility						
1		CD, RE*, GN		NA	NAJ	NAP	NJP	NF	NFP	HT
2	Major	CDX	TD	OA	OAJ	OAP	OJP	OF	OFP	PT
3		GO, VER								HS
4	Ch	UD	TDX	AX	AXJ	AXP	AJP	XF	XFJ	HI
5		UDX	VST	MX	MXJ	MXP	MJP	MXF	MFP	HX
6		OTCh	CT	MACH						H. Ch.

* A Rally Excellent (RE) title has a one point value in the Obedience Category of the CCA versatility program. No points are awarded for the Rally Novice (RN) or Rally Advanced (RA) titles. No additional points will be awarded for the Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title.

Versatility Award Requirements

Dog must accumulate 5 points, with **at least one point from each of the three categories (conformation, obedience and herding)**. Note that points are counted for the highest level achieved in a category. Under the Obedience Category points may be earned in obedience (which includes rally obedience), tracking and agility since they each require totally different types of training. Maximum points available are Conformation (4); Obedience (6), Obedience-Tracking (6) and Obedience-Agility (6); and Herding (6). Note that in Obedience, points can be earned in either traditional obedience or rally obedience (RE title only). However, versatility points are awarded only for the highest obedience/rally-obedience title earned. Note that in Agility, titles can be earned in the Standard Classes, Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) Classes, and FAST Classes either regular or

preferred level. However, versatility points are awarded only for the highest agility title earned, regardless of course or level. Note that in Herding, course specific titles and stock specific titles can be earned. Versatility points in herding are awarded only for the highest herding title earned, regardless of course or stock.

EXAMPLE: A dog with the following accomplishments would earn the following points.

3 point major	2 points in conformation
CDX	2 points in obedience
HT	1 point in herding
TOTAL = 5 points from three categories	

Versatility Excellent Award Requirements

Dog must accumulate 10 points, with **at least one point from each of the three categories.**

EXAMPLE:

CH	4 points in conformation
TD	2 points in obedience (tracking)
CDX	2 points in obedience
PT	2 points in herding

TOTAL = 10 points from three categories

Applying for a Versatility Award

It is the **responsibility of the owner** of an eligible dog to apply for either the Versatility Award or the Versatility Excellent Award. The application should include copies of the dog's AKC registration certificate, and the latest AKC certificate reflecting all the necessary titles. In the case of a dog that has conformation points but not a Championship, a copy of the record of the 3-point or better win as it appears in the AKC publication must be provided. A four generation pedigree is also requested.

The application information should be sent to the chairman of the CCA Versatility and HIC Committee at least 6 weeks prior to the CCA National Specialty Show to provide adequate time to prepare the awards for presentation. If it is likely that the dog will complete the requirements for the award at the national specialty, the application information should still be sent at least six weeks in advance, with an explanatory note about the missing title(s). This will allow for the award to be available for presentation if the requirements are completed before the CCA versatility awards presentation.

Application information should be sent to:

Jim Smotrel, 2575 Hawkins Mill Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24503-4968

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