

THE OBEDIENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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There are two widely used systems for ranking dogs that participate in AKC obedience events: the Delaney System, and the First and Foremost (formerly called Shuman) System. The results are tabulated annually (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) and are currently obtained from the American Kennel Club event results found on their website.

The **Delaney System** awards points to all dogs that place 1st through 4th in any Novice, Open, or Utility class; the points earned are equal to the number of dogs defeated. For instance, the 2nd place dog in a class with 30 dogs competing earns 28 Delaney points.

The **First and Foremost System** awards points based on any qualifying score in the Open and Utility classes only, using the point scale listed below. *Novice scores are not included.*

<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
200	8
198-199.5	7
195-197.5	6
190-194.5	5
185-189.5	4
180-184.5	3
175-179.5	2
170-174.5	1

In 2019, 93 different Collies earned 245 qualifying scores. There were 65 Collies that qualified at least once in Novice, 23 in Open, and 12 in Utility! The top 12 Delaney and First and Foremost System Collies are listed on the accompanying page, along with the average score for each dog. Where there was a tie for points, the average score was used to break the tie.

Congratulations to all of these Collies and their owners!

2019 TOP OBEDIENCE COLLIES

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Top 12 Delaney System Dogs

Dog	Owner	Points	Average Score
1. Silver Cloud Swan's Gift UDX OM1 BN GO RE AX AXJ NF	S. Wells	101	192.68
2. Lochinvar's Class Act UDX OM2 RAE AXP NJP	J. Senyard	34	193.95
3. Ch. Chelsea Here Comes The Sun BN TDX OAP OJP CGC	J. Poling/T. Poling/G. Kaye	22	190.17
4. SugarNSpice's Sherbert Lemon CD BN CGC	D. Rossi/M. Flood	22	188.00
5. Scalloway's Golden Skye CD BN RN CGC	J. Jones/L. Bertsch	22	182.00
6. Swan's Color Of The Midnight Sky CD BN RN CGC TKN	K. Belmont	20	188.50
7. Edison's Angel By My Side	L. Poulin	19	183.25
8. GCHS Ch. Highcroft Brilliance In Blue CD BN RN	J. Belluomini/L. Jezsewski/M. Bankus	17	194.00
9. Ch. Wild Wind's Irresistible VCD1 CDX BN GN GO RN TDX HSAO HIAs HSAsM OAJ OF CGC TKI	S. Richardson	17	187.93
10. GCH Ch. Sinkona's Dream Catcher CD BN GN RE HSAs AXP MJP MFP CA BCAT	L. Ward/T. Ward	16	193.25
11. GCH Ch. Oak Knolls Burning Secret CD RE NAJ NF CA	A. Ross/M. Davis/J. Davis/B. Elwell	16	190.50
12. Maclen Morning Sky RA	J. Baynton	15	186.00

Top 12 First and Foremost System Dogs

Dog	Owner	Points	Average Score
1. Silver Cloud Swan's Gift UDX OM1 BN GO RE AX AXJ NF	S. Wells	154	192.68
2. Lochinvar's Class Act UDX OM2 RAE AXP NJP	J. Senyard	60	193.95
3. Ch. Wild Wind's Irresistible VCD1 CDX BN GN GO RN TDX HSAO HIAs HSAsM OAJ OF CGC TKI	S. Richardson	30	187.93
4. Honeyblossom's Secret Guardian UD BN GN GO RE	D. Janik	27	185.36
5. GCH Ch. Oak Knolls Burning Secret CD RE NAJ NF CA	A. Ross/M. Davis/J. Davis/B. Elwell	14	190.50
6. Swan's Color Of The Midnight Sky CD BN RN CGC TKN	K. Belmont	13	188.50
7. Ch. Millknock Whitemoor Kickin' Up My Heels CDX BN RA PT CGC	L. Vizzone	13	188.33
8. SugarNSpice's Sherbert Lemon CD BN CGC	D. Rossi/M. Flood	13	188.00
9. GCH Ch. Sinkona's Dream Catcher CD BN GN RE HSAs AXP MJP MFP CA BCAT	L. Ward/T. Ward	10	193.25
10. Skydancer's Diamond In The Rough CD PCDX BN GN RM HSAO HIAs HXAd HSAsM RATN CGCA TKA	S. Getz	10	182.83
11. Scalloway's Golden Skye CD BN RN CGC	J. Jones/L. Bertsch	10	182.00
12. Wellmere Special Bewitched UD BN GN VER RAE	H. Schleith	9	190.75