

PERFORMANCE AND VERSATILITY AWARDS

As AKC is adding new titles, we are not listing each qualifying title. Generally only standard AKC titles will count. There are a few special delineations:

Beginner Novice is acceptable at the basic level of awards, but not in the higher levels.

An advanced title supersedes a lower title and does not count as an additional title. (So a Sussex with a UD does not have 3 titles, he has one Obedience title.) This is standard practice but not everyone is familiar with this concept.

The American Spaniel Club WD/WDX certificate will count as a "title". The WD/WDX will both count as a first level title.

Only two titles per event will count. We are defining an "event" as a sport, such as Obedience, Tracking, Agility, etc. In agility one can earn 6 titles at the novice level, which does not show the same versatility as a non-agility dog would need. Under this proposal a dog earning the Versatility Qualified Worker would have a CH, and could use 2 agility titles, and would need one title from an additional sport, e.g., Obedience, Tracking, etc. This brings Agility into line with two titles that are currently available in Tracking (TD/TDX and VST), Obedience (Obedience and Rally Obedience), and in field work, JH, SH, MH and WD/WDX. So any Sussex may earn two titles per event, but must "branch out" to earn the upper level awards.

The Awards will follow the calendar year and members are responsible for submitting the information to the Performance chair by February 1 of the following year. The Performance Committee should remind the club members of the application deadline in the Scentinel, and may do so by other means if they choose.

As this proposal was adopted early in 2012 year members may elect to use the previous standards for titles earned in 2011.

VERSATILITY AWARDS

Versatile Worker: Must be an AKC Champion and have earned two additional AKC performance titles (The American Spaniel Club WD/WDX certificate would be accepted as a "title"). The AKC Beginner Novice title will be accepted at this award level only.

Versatile Worker Qualified: Must be an AKC Champion and earn three additional AKC (regular) performance titles. The American Spaniel Club WD/WDX is acceptable. Only two titles may be from the same event.

Versatile Worker Excellent: Same as above but must earn four performance titles. One title must be an advanced (regular) AKC title such as CDX, SH, RE, OA, TDX.

PERFORMANCE DOG AWARDS

(Champions are eligible to receive these awards.)

Performance Dog: Must earn two AKC performance titles. (The American Spaniel Club WD/WDX certificate would be accepted as a "title".) The AKC Beginner Novice title is accepted for this award level only.

Performance Dog Qualified: Must earn three (regular) AKC performance titles. The American Spaniel Club WD/WDX is acceptable. Only two titles per event shall be counted.

Performance Dog Excellent: Same as above but must earn four AKC (regular) performance titles. One must be a Hunting Title or certificate (AKC Junior Hunter or higher, or American Spaniel Club WD/WDX). One title must be an advanced (regular) AKC title such as CDX, SH, RE, OA, TDX. Only two titles per event may be counted.

Note: in all events advanced titles supersede lower titles, for example a WDX supersedes the WD certificate, and a CDX title supersedes a CD. The lower title is not counted once the higher title is earned.

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