



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 performance events. These dogs possess the conformation, temperament, intelligence, and herding and working capabilities which represent the essential characteristics of the breed. There are three levels of CCA versatility awards: Versatility Award (VA), Versatility Excellent (VX) award, and Grand Versatility (GV) award. These 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 for one of these awards. A dog fulfilling these requirements will be listed in the permanent records of the CCA as a Versatility Award (VA) dog, a Versatility Excellent (VX) dog or a Grand Versatility (GV) 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

The Points Table for the CCA Versatility Awards program is given on the following page.

Note that points are counted for the highest level achieved in a venue. Under the Performance Category points may be earned in obedience (which includes rally obedience), tracking, scent work, and agility since each of these venues requires totally different types of training. Maximum points available are Conformation (5); Obedience (6), Tracking (6), Scent Work (5) and Agility (6); and Herding (6).

Note that in Obedience, points can be earned in either traditional obedience or rally obedience. 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, FAST Classes and Premier Classes, either regular or preferred level. However, versatility points are awarded only for the highest agility title earned, regardless of course or level.

Similarly in Scent Work, odor search titles can be earned in four different elements (search environments): Container, Interior, Exterior and Buried. However, versatility points are awarded only for the highest scent work title earned, regardless of element.

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.

CCA Versatility Program Points Table

Point Value	Conformation	Performance Category				Herding ^E	
		Obedience ^A and Rally ^B	Tracking	Scent Work ^C	Agility ^D		
1		CD, GN, PCDX	RE, RAE		SCN, SIN, SEN, SBN, SWN, SWNE, SHDN	NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF, NFP	HT
2	Major	CDX		TD, TDU	SCA, SIA, SEA, SBA, SWA, SWAE, SHDA	OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, OF, OFP	PT
3		GO, VER, PUTD	RM		SCE, SIE, SEE, SBE, SWE, SWEE, SHDE		HS
4	CH	UD, PUDX	RACH	TDX	SCM, SIM, SEM, SBM, SWM, SHDM	AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP	HI
5	GCH	UDX, OM, POC		VST	SWME, SHDME, SWD	MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF, MFP PAD, PADP, PJD, PJDP	HX
6		OTCH, OGM		CT		MACH, PACH, AGCH	HC

- (A) No points are awarded for the Beginner Novice (BN) or the Preferred Novice (PCD) titles.
- (B) 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.
- (C) No additional points are awarded for the Novice Elite, Advanced Elite, Excellent Elite or Master Elite Odor Search Division Element titles or Division Elite Level titles with the exception of the Scent Work Master Elite (SWME) title which will receive an additional point. Similarly, for the Handler Discrimination Division Elite titles, only the Scent Work Handler Discrimination Master Elite (SHDME) title will receive an extra point.
- (D) No additional points are awarded for numbered MACH or PACH titles beyond the first MACH or PACH. No points are awarded for the PAX or T2B agility titles.
- (E) No additional points are awarded for earning the Master herding titles (HSM, HIM, HXM).

Versatility Award Requirements

Dog must accumulate **5** points, with **at least one point from each of the three categories (conformation, performance and herding)**.

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

3 point major	2 points in conformation
CDX	2 points in performance - 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 (conformation, performance and herding)**.

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

CH	4 points in conformation
TD	2 points in performance - tracking
CDX	2 points in performance - obedience
PT	2 points in herding
TOTAL = 10 points from three categories	

Grand Versatility Excellent Award Requirements

Dog must accumulate **15** points, with **at least two points from each of the three categories (conformation, performance and herding) and the dog must be at least a double champion**. It is not required that the two championships be from different categories. For example, a dog that has an Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) and a Master Agility Championship (MACH) would satisfy the double championship requirement.

EXAMPLE 1: A dog with a Conformation and Obedience double championship would need the following additional titles to qualify for a GV:

Conformation CH	4 points in conformation category
Obedience OTCH	6 points in performance category

This dog needs 5 additional points to qualify for a GV. At least 2 of those points must come from the herding category. The other points can come from tracking, scent work and/or agility.

EXAMPLE 2: A dog with an Agility and Obedience double championship would need the following additional titles to qualify for a GV:

Agility MACH	6 points in performance category
Obedience OTCH	6 points in performance category

This dog needs at least 2 points from the conformation category and 2 points from the herding category to qualify for a GV.

EXAMPLE 3: A dog with an Agility and Herding double championship would need the following additional titles to qualify for a GV:

Agility MACH	6 points in performance category
Herding HC	6 points in herding category

This dog needs 3 additional points to qualify for a GV. At least 2 of those points must come from the conformation category. The other point can come from either obedience, tracking or scent work.

[**Note:** The Grand Versatility award (GV) can also be awarded to CCA members with Collies that satisfied the requirements for a GV but their dogs have passed away. These CCA members can apply to have the GV awarded posthumously. That way all of the GV Collies can be appropriately recognized.]

Applying for a Versatility Award

It is the **responsibility of the owner** of an eligible dog to apply for either the Versatility Award, the Versatility Excellent Award or the Grand Versatility Award. The application information should include the dog's AKC registered name including all AKC titles and AKC number. Titles will be verified through the AKC website by the CCA Versatility Committee.

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.

Owners applying for a Grand Versatility award for their Collie must apply for the GV and have all qualifying titles completed at least 6 weeks prior to the CCA National Specialty since the GV award recipients will receive a rosette with a streamer listing the dog's name with all AKC titles.

Application information should be sent to:

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Direct any questions on the CCA Versatility Program to Jim or Judy Smotrel at (434) 384-3177 or jsmotrel@prodigy.net.