



VERSATILITY IN POODLES (VIP)

Versatility Certificate Rules and Application

Effective August 1, 2017

INTRODUCTION

The Poodle is the consummate versatile dog, beloved for centuries for beauty, unique sensitivity to people, and brilliant performance in widely diverse activities. In support of the Versatile Poodle, Versatility In Poodles, Inc., established on August 5, 1994, the Versatility Award to give special recognition to Poodles who have excelled in multiple areas of achievement.

The Award has three levels: VC (Versatility Certificate) and VCX (Versatility Certificate Excellent) and VCM (Versatility Certificate Master). The VC is designed to be within the reach of most Poodles regardless of size or owner's available time or skill. The VCX requires more advanced accomplishments. The VCM will be awarded to Poodles who have trained and competed extensively and can demonstrate both versatility and excellence in multiple venues. These awards are Versatility In Poodles, Inc., designations, and not officially recognized by the American Kennel Club, the Canadian Kennel Club, the United Kennel Club or any other national or international kennel club.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Poodle qualifies for the Versatility Certificate award based upon its achievements in the categories of:

- 1) Conformation
- 2) Obedience
- 3) Tracking
- 4) Rally
- 5) Agility
- 6) Hunt/Field
- 7) Working Poodle
- 8) Barn Hunt
- 9) Nose Work
- 10) Temperament
- 11) Flyball/Scent Hurdles
- 12) Herding
- 13) Trick Dog
- 14) Miscellaneous: Carting/ Drafting/ Coursing/ Dock Diving/Canine Freestyle/Rally Free/ Treibball/ Weight Pull

In addition, Health and Special Recognition points may be awarded. In line with the furtherance of the goals and aims of Versatility In Poodles, Inc., we emphasize that the Versatile Poodle is also a healthy poodle and therefore non-performance health testing is included in the point system. There are no special Versatility In Poodles, Inc. tests required. Qualification is determined by submission of documentation to support appropriate awarding of points, as detailed in the Point Values below. Versatility Certificates can be awarded posthumously with proper documentation.

The **Versatility Certificate** requires a minimum of 10 points with one point from at least two of the fourteen categories listed above. One extra point will be applied to a dog applying for the VC title that holds titles from **at least four** of the fourteen categories listed above. The **Versatility Certificate Excellent** requires a minimum of 15 points with one point from at least four of the fourteen categories. The **Versatility Certificate Master** requires a minimum of 25 points from at least six of the fourteen categories, and **two championships**, one of which must be in performance. **There will be a maximum of 6 points awarded in any one category.**

DOCUMENTATION

Documentation of the titles earned and the dog's registration must accompany the application. These can be sent as paper copies, or electronically. The following list of acceptable documentation applies:

- 1) Title certificates of AKC, CKC, UKC or other national kennel clubs.
- 2) "New Title" or "Award of Title" as listed in official publications of AKC, UKC, CKC, NAHRA, ADPT, SDAA, NADAC, ASCA etc.
- 3) Page in *Poodles In America* showing dog's name and title.
- 4) Titles listed on registry websites.
- 5) CHIC/OFA data from the website.
- 6) Points will also be allowed, at the discretion of the Performance Committee, for Poodles who run in breed club WC level trials, or who run under a kennel-club certified field trial or WC judge and whose owners/handlers present documentation per standard field trial assessment.
- 7) Therapy/service: a photocopy of award or certificate of passing the certifying test and a letter from the sponsoring organization listing the dog's participation and number of hours per year of service.
- 8) Health tests for possibly inherited conditions: a photocopy of the veterinarian report, lab reports, CHIC Certification, posting on PHR of affected status, or other documentation is acceptable. Available tests are shown below. For more information see VIP Recommended Health Tests at http://www.vipoodle.org/docs/VIP_education.html.
 - a. Toys: OFA Eye Exam for eyes (current within year of application), Thyroid, Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease, Stifles for Patellar Luxation, Acceptable OFA DNA test for prcd-PRA, rcd4-PRA (or acceptable CHIC equivalent of both parents tested), Elbow Dysplasia, Hip Dysplasia, Cardiac, von Willebrand's Disease (vWD), GM2Gangliosidosis, Mucopolysaccharidosis, Macrothrombocytopenia, Canine degenerative myelopathy, DM, Osteochondrodysplasia (OCD), UC Davis VGL.
 - b. Miniatures: OFA Eye Exam for eyes (current within year of application), Thyroid, Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease, Stifles for Patellar Luxation, Acceptable OFA DNA test for prcd-PRA, rcd4-PRA (or acceptable CHIC equivalent of both parents tested), Elbow Dysplasia, Hip Dysplasia, Cardiac, von Willebrand's Disease (vWD), GM2Gangliosidosis, Mucopolysaccharidosis, Macrothrombocytopenia, Canine degenerative myelopathy, DM, Osteochondrodysplasia (OCD), UC Davis VGL.
 - c. Standards: OFA Eye Exam for Eyes (current within year of application), Thyroid, Hip dysplasia, Elbow dysplasia, Addison's Disease, von Willebrand's Disease (vWD), Sebaceous Adenitis (SA) skin biopsy, Cardiac, Degenerative Myelopathy (DM), Neonatal

Encephalopathy (NE) Acceptable OFA DNA test for prcd-PRA, rcd4-PRA (or acceptable CHIC equivalent of both parents tested), Macrothrombocytopenia, Hyperuricosuria, Canine degenerative myelopathy, DM, UC-Davis VGL

- 9) Service Dog: certification from organization, verification of service need and dog providing that service: trainer, video, demo to club, doctor's verification
- 10) Other: photocopy of award, certificates, or supporting letter/documentation, etc. for consideration by members of VIP Performance Committee.

POINT VALUES

Points will be awarded as noted below only for the final level the dog has achieved in each endeavor. For example, in the Obedience area, if the dog has achieved the CDX, three points are awarded for Obedience. Titles are AKC unless otherwise specified (this is only for ease of definition within this document; other public registries are recognized with proper documentation). Please see **FURTHER EXHIBITION** at the end of this document for points awarded for the same title in additional registries. **There will be up to a maximum of 6 points awarded in any one category.**

CONFORMATION (6 Points maximum from category)

- 1 point CKC minor points or equivalent difficulty in a specific organization
- 2 points AKC minor points or equivalent difficulty in specific organization
- 3 points Conformation Championship in UKC, International KC or other International Kennel Club, JKC or major points in AKC/CKC
- 4 points Conformation Championship in CKC, UKC GRCH
- 5 points Conformation Championship in AKC, CKC GCH, CKC CH from BBE
- 6 points AKC GCH, AKC Championship from AOH or BBE

OBEDIENCE (6 Points maximum from category)

Comparable Obedience titles for AKC (both Regular and Preferred), CKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA, St. Hubert's Obedience or other accredited organizations will be accepted with documentation. Please read Further Exhibition for rules regarding titles from more than one sponsoring organization.

- 1 point AKC BN, CKC PCD
- 2 points CD
- 2.5 points AKC GN, CKC CDI
- 3 points CDX
- 3.5 points AKC GO
- 4 points AKC UD, CKC OTCH
- 4.5 points AKC VER
- 5 points AKC UDX, AKC OM, CKC OTChX, CKC MOTCH, UKC UOCH
- 6 points AKC OTCH, CKC GMOTCh

TRACKING (6 Points maximum from category)

- 1 point Tracking certification, IPO TR1
- 2 points AKC TD, CKC TD, ASCA TD, AKC TDU, IPO TR2
- 3 points CKC UTD, ASCA TDU
- 4 points AKC TDX, AKC VST, CKC TDX, ASCA TDX, CKC UTDX, IPO FH1&2
- 5 points CKC TCh, AKC CT
- 6 points CKC MTCh, ASCA MT

RALLY (6 Points maximum from category)

Comparable Rally titles from AKC, CKC, UKC, WCRL, C-Wags, RFE or other accredited organizations will be accepted with documentation. Please read Further Exhibition for rules regarding titles from more than one sponsoring organization.

- 1 Point RN, URO1
- 1.5 Points RI
- 2 Points RA, URO2
- 3 Points RE, URO3
- 4 Points RAE, UROC, ARCH
- 5 Points URX, ARCHX, AKC Rally Master
- 6 Points UROG, ARCHEX, ARCHMX, RACH

AGILITY (6 Points maximum from category)

Points earned in different agility organizations are *not* added together; points are given only for the highest level(s) achieved in any organization. One additional point *may* be added for achieving the same level in a second organization. Below are the points given for AKC titles. Points may be given for equivalent titles from any Agility organization. An additional point will be given for FAST titles that are equivalent to the highest Standard or Jumpers title currently held. FAST titles in the absence of other AKC titles will be given points equal to the equivalent Standard or Jumpers titles.

- .5 point ACT2
- 1 point NA, NAJ, NAP **or** NJP
- 2 points OA, OAJ, OAP **or** OJP; **or both** NA (**or** NAP) **and** NAJ (**or** NJP)
- 3 points AX, AXJ, AXP, **or** AJP; **or both** OA (**or** OAP) **and** OAJ (**or** OJP)
- 4 points MX, MXJ, MXP, **or** MJP; **or both** AX (**or** AXP) **and** AXJ (**or** AJP)
- 5 points **both** MX **and** MXJ, **or** PAX, TQX, TQXP
- 6 points MACH

HUNT/FIELD (6 Points maximum from category)

Hunt Test:

- 1 point Breed WC, CKC WC, NAHRA SR pass, UKC SHR pass
- 2 points Breed WCX, CKC WCI, NAHRA SR title, UKC SHR, JH, CKC JH
- 3 points CKC WCX
- 4 points SH, CKC SH, UKC HR, NAHRA WR
- 5 points MH, CKC MH, UKC HRCH, NAHRA MHR
- 6 points Master National AKCQ, CKC GMH, UKC GRHRCH, NAHRA GMHR

Field Trial: CKC (or equivalent in anticipation of AKC approving Poodles to run in Field Trials):

- 2 points Derby placement or Certificate of Merit
- 3 points Qualifying stake placement or Certificate of Merit
- 4 points All Age stake placement
- 5 points 5 Championship points, QFTR, JFTR
- 6 points FTCh, AFTCh, NFTCh, NAFTCh

Upland:

- .5 point PCA UIC
- 1 point PCA UWC, UGA UG
- 2 Points PCA UWCX, UGA UGA
- 3 Points HRC UH

Spaniel Tests:

- 1 point JH
- 2 points JHA
- 3 points SH
- 4 points SHA
- 5 points MH
- 6 points MHA

WORKING POODLE (6 Points maximum from category)

(Points are not added between areas, but one extra point may be given for achievement in a second area). Certificates or other written validation are required for all points. Visual proof (such as video or photos) of self-trained dogs working in a service capacity must be included with the application.

1) Service

- 1 point Providing a Doctor's note only, stating that the dog is needed as a service dog, for validation
- 2 points Training/certification by a recognized agency as a service dog
- 1 point Each additional year of service (for a total of 6 points in the category)

2) Search and Rescue

- 4 points Certification in a specific discipline by a recognized agency as a Search and Rescue Dog
- 5 points Certifications in an organization that requires multiple disciplines in SAR, such as the North American Police Working Dog Association
- 2 points Recertification

3) Therapy dogs In order to qualify for continuing service each year of work as a Certified Therapy Dog must be in a formally constituted institution with more than 20 visits per year, not less than one hour each.

- 1 point AKC THDN, Passing a certifying therapy dog test such as Delta Society Pet Partners, Therapy Dogs, Inc., Therapy Dogs International
- 2 points AKC THD or one year of continuing service
- 3 points AKC THA or two years of continuing service
- 4 points three years of continuing service
- 5 points AKC THDX or four years of continuing service
- 6 points AKC THDD, or five or more years of continuing service

4) Schutzhund

- 3 points Schutzhund I
- 4 points Schutzhund II
- 5 points Schutzhund III

BARN HUNT

- .5 point RATI
- 1 point RATN
- 2 points RATO
- 3 points RATS
- 4 points RATM
- 5 points RATCH, RATCHX, RATMX

NOSE WORK Points earned in different organizations are not added together. Points are given only for the highest level(s) achieved in any organization. Comparable titles from other accredited organizations with supporting documentation will be accepted.

- .5 point NACSW any 2 Level 1 (L1) element specialty titles (EST)
 - AKC any 2 Novice Element titles, SHDN
 - UKC any 2 Novice Individual Element titles, NHD
- 1 point NACSW NW1 or all 4 L1 ESTs
 - AKC any 2 Advanced Element titles, SWN, SHDA
 - UKC any 2 Advanced Individual Element titles, NN, AHD
 - SDDA SD-S
- 1.5 points NACSW NW1 + any 2 ESTs
 - AKC any 2 Excellent Element titles, SWA, SHDE
 - UKC any 2 superior Individual Element titles, AN, EHD
- 2 points NACSW NW2 or all 4 L2 ESTs
 - AKC any 2 Master Element titles, SWE, any Novice Elite Element title
 - UKC any 2 Master Individual element titles, SN, SHDM,
 - SDDA, SD-A
- 2.5 points NACSW NW2 + any 2 L3 ESTs or any 2 NW3 element titles
 - AKC SWM, any Advanced Elite Element title
 - UKC Any 2 Elite Individual Element titles, MN
- 3 points NACSW NW3 or all 4 L3 ESTs
 - AKC any Excellent Elite Element title
 - UKC EN
 - SDDA SD-E
- 3.5 points AKC any Master Elite Element title
- 4 points NACSW NW3-elite
 - AKC SWNE
 - SDDA SD-EL
- 4.5 points NACSW ELT-1
 - AKC SWAE
- 5 points NACSW ELT-2
 - AKC SW
 - SDDA SDCH
- 5.5 points NACSW ELT-3
 - AKC SWME
- 6 points NACSW ELT-CH
 - AKC SWD
 - SDDA SDMACH

TEMPERAMENT

- .5 point AKC STAR Puppy
- 1 point AKC CGC, CKC CGN, UKC SPOT
- 1.5 points AKC CGCA, UKC SPOT-ON
- 2 points AKC CGCU
- 2.5 points AKC FD
- 3 points ATTS TT

FLYBALL/SCENT HURDLE RACING (6 Points maximum from category)

Flyball

- 1 point NAFA FD
- 2 points NAFA FDX, FDCh
- 3 points NAFA FDM
- 4 points NAFA FMX, FMCh
- 5 points NAFA ONYX, FGDCCh

Scent Hurdle Racing

- 1 point CSHRA/CKC SHD
- 2 points CSHRA/CKC SHDX
- 3 points CSHRA/CKC SHDCh

HERDING (6 Points maximum from category) One extra point will be awarded when a dog has earned two or more titles at the same level in the same organization (example HDTII & HRD II). Likewise, if the same title is earned in the same organization on different stock, an extra point will be awarded. (example HS-s & HS-d) Please read 'Further Exhibition' for rules regarding titles from more than one sponsoring organization.

- 1 point HIT, HIC, AHBA HCT first leg
- 1.5 points AHBA HCT, HT first leg
- 2 points AHBA JHD, CKC HT
- 3 points AHBA Level I (HDT 1, HRD 1), CKC Started (HS, SDS, HTS)
- 4 points AHBA Level II (HDT II, HRD II) CKC Intermediate (HI, SDI, HTI)
- 5 points ABHA Level III (HDT III, HRD III) CKC Advanced (HA, SDA, HTA)
- 5.5 points CKC HX
- 6 points ABHA or CKC Herding Championship

TRICK DOG Points will be awarded for the highest level achieved in AKC or DMWYD. Please read 'Further Exhibition' for rules regarding titles from more than one sponsoring organization.

- 1 point TKN, NTD
- 2 points TKI, ITD
- 3 points TKA, ATD
- 4 points TKP, ETD, TDCH

MISCELLANEOUS (6 Points maximum from category)

Carting/ Drafting/ Coursing/ Dock Diving/Canine Freestyle/Rally Free/ Treibball/ Weight Pull

Organizations who sponsor these events offer multiple levels of competence. Level 1 would be 1 point, level 2 would be 2 points, level 3 would be 3 points, level 4 would be 4 points. An extra point would be awarded for a championship level when and if that is developed. Points MAY be added between areas but there is a maximum of 6 points available in the Miscellaneous Category. By starting these venues in a miscellaneous category, VIP will be able to evaluate the popularity of the events. Should they develop a large following and evolve into a venue with enough levels to earn the maximum 6 points, there would be an option to move that venue into its own category

HEALTH TESTING (6 Points Maximum)

- 1 point for 2 tests
- 2 points for 3 tests
- 3 points for 4 tests
- 4 points for 5 tests.
- 1 additional point for reporting at least 3 tests to a public registry or having a CHIC number. The Eye Exam does not have to be current for this additional point. For the OFA Eye Exam to count as a test, it must be current.
- 1 point for spay/neuter if indicated by test results of possibly inherited conditions listed above.
- 1 point if the Poodle is a sire or a dam who has a CHIC or equivalent at the time of the whelping of a litter (max 1 point)
- 1 point if the Poodle is from a sire or a dam who has a CHIC or equivalent at the time the Poodle was whelped.

FURTHER EXHIBITION

To encourage broad and continued experience, one extra point will be awarded for international or other-registry exhibition(s) in each area of endeavor. For example, a dog which holds an AKC CD title and a CKC, ASCA, or UKC CD will earn 2 points for the title and one point for international/other-registry exhibition(s) for a total of 3 points. Similarly, repetition of titles as a veteran, etc. will earn 1 additional point. A maximum of one extra point for any number of additional registries or veteran titles will be awarded in each category. **A maximum of 6 points will be awarded in any one category.**

ADDITIONAL POINTS

Individual points may be earned, at the discretion of the Committee, for other activities, which represent extraordinary achievement, such as special recognition by a police or fire department, participation in international obedience or agility events (for example, Super-Dogs), or success in performance events of greater rigor or different from those listed here.



APPLICATION for VC VCX AND VCM

Effective August 1, 2017

Application for certification can be made by mailing **OR** emailing the form below and a copy of the dog's registration certificate and proper documentation of achievements to:

Vivienne Swarbreck, Chairperson, VIP
7764 30 SR
Alliston, ON
L9R 1V1

Dog's Registered Name with titles _____

(Please put the titles in correct order)

Dog's Call Name _____ Variety _____ Color: _____

Reg.# _____ Registry _____

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Name of breeder(s) :(please print) _____

Name of owner(s): (please print) _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Please email a digital photo and biography of your poodle to Jean Bedenbaugh, jb8nbau@aol.com to be included with the announcement of your award in the VIP Newsletter.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$15.00 made out to Versatility In Poodles, Inc. Attach a cover letter listing documentation enclosed with application and any other material which you would like to go on file at Versatility In Poodles, Inc., such as snapshots, informal remarks, etc.

FOR ON-LINE APPLICATIONS:

Using the [electronic form](#), email your application to: swarbrck@sympatico.ca.

Also, attach PDF's of scanned certificates, on-line links to summaries of points from official registries, a digital photo, etc.

Use the VIP PayPal account vip_tsr@yahoo.com (there is an underscore between vip and tsr) to pay for your certificate. The cost to use PayPal will be \$16.00 for each certificate. (You go to your PayPal account and use vip_tsr@yahoo.com as the address for sending the payment.)

[\(Click on this link to go to PayPal\)](#)

Dog's Name:					
1 Conformation	pts	2 Obedience	pts	3 Tracking	pts
4 Rally	pts	5 Agility	pts	6 Hunt/Field	pts
				Hunt	
				Field	
				Upland	
				Spaniel	
7 Working Poodle	pts	8 Barn Hunt	pts	9 Nose Work	pts
Service					
SAR					
Therapy					
Schutzhund					
10 Temperament	pts	11 Flyball/Scent Hurdle	pts	12 Herding	pts
		Flyball			
		Scent Hurdle Racing			
13 Trick Dog	pts	14 Miscellaneous	pts	Health Additional Points	pts
		Modeling/Film		Testing	
		Carting			
		Drafting			
		Dock diving			
		Canine Freestyle			
		Rally Free		Public Registry	
		Treibball		Neuter	
		Weight Pull		As Sire/Dam	
		Other		From Sire/Dam	