



VERSATILITY IN POODLES (VIP)

Versatility Certificate Rules and Application

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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 two levels: VC (Versatility Certificate) and VCX (Versatility Certificate Excellent). 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. 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) Rally
- 4) Tracking
- 5) Agility
- 6) Hunt/Field
- 7) Working Poodle
- 8) Flyball/Scent Hurdles
- 9) Herding
- 10) Miscellaneous: canine freestyle, drafting, carting, dock dogs, trick dogs
- 11) Temperament Testing.

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 eleven 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 eleven categories listed above. The **Versatility Certificate Excellent** requires a minimum of 15 points with one point from at least four of the eleven categories. **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: CERF test for eyes (current within year of application), Thyroid, Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease, Stifles for Patellar Luxation, Optigen DNA test for PRA (or acceptable CHIC equivalent of both parents tested), Elbow Dysplasia, Hip Dysplasia, Cardiac, von Willebrand's Disease (vWD).
 - b) Miniatures: CERF test for Eyes (current within year of application), Thyroid, Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease, Stifles for Patellar Luxation, Optigen DNA test for PRA (or acceptable CHIC equivalent of both parents tested), Elbow Dysplasia, Hip Dysplasia, Cardiac, von Willebrand's Disease (vWD).
 - c) Standards: CERF test 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).
- 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 Reserve Winners or equivalent difficulty in specific organization.
- 2 points AKC minor points or Reserve Winners or equivalent difficulty in specific organization.
- 3 points Championship in UKC, International, JKC OR major points in AKC/CKC
- 4 points Championship in CKC, UKC GRCH
- 5 points Championship in AKC
- 1 extra point for a CH in the Bred-by class.

OBEDIENCE (6 Points maximum from category)

Comparable Obedience titles for AKC, 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 nonregular obedience titles
- 2 points CD
- 3 points CDX
- 4 points UD
- 5 points CKC OTCH
- 6 points UDX, OM, OTCH

RALLY (6 Points maximum from category)

Titles from accredited organizations will be accepted with documentation. Please read Further Exhibition for rules regarding titles from more than one sponsoring organization.

- 1 point RN
- 2 points RA
- 3 points RE
- 4 points RAE
- 5 points Championship titles in rally

TRACKING (6 Points maximum from category)

- 1 point CKC TD
- 2 points TD; ASCA TD
- 3 points CKC UTD
- 4 points TDX or VST; CKC UTDX; ASCA TDX
- 6 points CT; CKC Tracking Champion

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.

- 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 JH, CKC JH, Breed WCX, CKC WCI, or WCX, NAH RASR title, UKC SHR title
- 4 points SH, CKC SH, UKC HR, NAHRA WR
- 5 points MH, CKC MH, UKC/HR CHRCH, NAHRA MHR
- 6 points Master National AKCQ; CKC GMH; UKC/HR CH, GHRCH; NAHRA GMHR

Field Trial: (In anticipation of AKC approving Standard Poodles to run in Field Trials):

- 2 points Derby placement or JAM
- 3 points Placement or JAM at any Qualifying stake
- 4 points placement in any All Age stake
- 5 points 5 Championship points
- 6 points AFC/FC

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.

1) Service

- 2 points Training/certification as a service dog
- 1 point Additional year of service.

2) Search and Rescue

- 4 points Certification in a specific discipline by a recognized agency as a Search and Rescue Dog
- 2 points Recertification

3) Therapy dogs

- 2 points passing a certifying therapy dog test such as Delta Society Pet Partners, Therapy Dogs International, Therapy Dogs, Inc.
- 1 point passing the biennial recertification test, as in the case of Delta Society Pet Partners.
- 1 point for each year of work as a Certified Therapy Dog in a formally constituted institution in excess of 20 visits per year, not less than one hour each.

4) Schutzhund

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

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, FGDCh

Scent Hurdle Racing

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

HERDING (6 Points maximum from category)

CKC also allows poodles to earn herding titles and the points will be awarded comparable to below.

- 1 point HIT, HIC, HT one leg; AHBA HCT first leg
- 2 point AHBA HCT, JHD
- 3 points AHBA HTDI; HTADI, HRD1; ASCA STD
- 4 points AHBA HTDII; HRDII, HTADI; ASCA OTD
- 5 points AHBA HTDIII
- 6 points ABHA HTCh

TEMPERAMENT

- 1 point AKC CGC, or CKC CGN
- 2 points Passing ATT STT

MISCELLANEOUS (6 Points maximum from category)

Carting/ Drafting/ Dock Diving/ Trick Dog/Canine Freestyle

Organizations who sponsor these events offer multiple levels of competence. Level 1 would be 2 points, level 2 would be 3 points, level 3 would be 4 points. An extra point would be awarded for a championship level when and if that is developed. There is a maximum of 6 points available. 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 CERF does not have to be current for this additional point. For CERF to count as a test, it must be current.
- 1 point for spay/neuter if indicated by test results
- 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 (max1 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 and VCX

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:

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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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Reg.# _____ Registry _____

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 of your poodle to Vivienne Swarbreck at swarbrck@sympatico.ca.
The photo will 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 Rally	pts
4 Tracking	pts	5 Agility	pts	6 Hunt/Field	pts
				Hunt	
				Field	
7 Working Poodle	pts	8 Flyball/Scent	pts	9 Herding	pts
Service				Herding	
		Flyball			
SAR					
		Scent Hurdle Racing			
Therapy					
Schutzhund					
10 Miscellaneous	pts	11 Temperament	pts	12 Health	pts
Modeling/Film		Temperament		Testing	
Carting				Public Registry	
Drafting				Neuter	
Dock diving				As Sire/Dam	
Trick dog				From Sire/Dam	
Canine Freestyle					
Other					