

## ACDCA National Specialty Versatility Award Competition (proposal revision # 5, 4/7/06)

A Versatility competition shall be held in conjunction with each National Specialty Show to recognize those dogs best demonstrating combined herding ability, trainability, and representation of the breed standard. Rules for this competition shall be included in the published premium list. Copies of these rules must be available upon request and be on the show grounds during competition. The person(s) responsible for record keeping for the duration of the Versatility competition shall be named by the ACDCA Awards/Performance Committee and shall be identified to the ACDCA Board and the National Specialty Show Coordinator prior to the start of the National Specialty.

### Versatility Competition Rules

1. To be eligible for a Versatility competition placement, each dog entered must compete in the Versatility Conformation Class, must qualify in a regular Herding Trial class, and must qualify in at least one of the following performance divisions:
  - a. Obedience
  - b. Rally
  - c. Agility
2. AKC rules determine eligibility for all individual performance classes.
3. The Versatility competition must have a minimum of five (5) entries in order to be held.
4. The Versatility entry fee shall be \$25, collected through the entry fee for the Versatility Conformation Class, plus the regular entry fees for Herding, Obedience, Rally and Agility.
  - a. 80 % of entry fees collected will be paid back as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	40%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	30 %
3 <sup>rd</sup>	20 %
4 <sup>th</sup>	10 %
  - b. Ribbons shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place
5. Ties for placements will be broken using the highest Herding score as calculated for Versatility points. If a tie still exists, the dog with the highest number of scores in all events will prevail. If the tie is still not broken, duplicate placements shall be awarded. In the event of duplicate placements for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, paybacks for the tied placement and the corresponding number of following placements will be combined and divided equally between the tied entrants.
6. Computed Versatility scores and standings shall be posted as soon as possible after each eligible competition is completed in a location provided by the Specialty Show host. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to check the scores as posted and report any suspected errors to the designated points keeper at least one hour prior to the scheduled awards presentation. Awards for the Versatility competition shall be final once presented.
7. Only the dog's highest computed Versatility score from each of the performance divisions (Herding, Obedience, Rally, and Agility) will be used for Versatility calculations at full point value. Any and all additional qualifying scores within the same performance division will be valued at 5 points each.

8. Division class eligibility and points determinations for the Versatility competition shall be as follows.

#### Versatility Conformation

- a. Class is open only to those animals entered in the Versatility competition
- b. An ACD Breeder Judge or present Specialty Judge shall be used
- c. 10 entries or less will be judged together. More than 10 entries will be divided by sex.
- d. Class(es) will be judged by the same criteria as a regular conformation class with the exception that spayed or neutered animals are also eligible.
- e. **All entries shall be placed** with points scored as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> 100 points	6 <sup>th</sup> 40 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> 80 points	7 <sup>th</sup> 30 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> 70 points	8 <sup>th</sup> 20 points
4 <sup>th</sup> 60 points	9 <sup>th</sup> 10 points
5 <sup>th</sup> 50 points	10 <sup>th</sup> 5 points

#### Herding

- a. The highest **qualifying** score from the Advanced, Intermediate, or Started trial classes shall be used to compute Versatility points as follows:
  - Advanced – score plus 6 %
  - Intermediate - score plus 3%
  - Started - score
- b. Highest score in the Herding performance division is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of Versatility points. All other qualifying scores in the Herding performance division will result in an additional five points.

#### Obedience Performance Division

- a. Regular Obedience - The highest **qualifying** score from the regular trial Utility, Open , or Novice classes shall be used to compute Versatility points as follows:
  - Utility- score plus 3 % less 100
  - Open – score less 100
  - Novice- score less 3 % less 100
- b. Veteran’s Obedience - For Versatility scoring purposes, scores of **170 or more** from the Veterans obedience class will be considered “qualifying” and Versatility points will be computed as follows:
  - Veterans – score less 5 % less 100
- c. Highest score in the Obedience performance division is defined as the qualifying regular obedience score or the veteran’s obedience score over 170 that will result in the highest number of Versatility points. All other qualifying scores in the Obedience performance division will result in an additional five points.  
(note: obedience scores have 100 points deducted to equate to attainable scores of the other performance divisions)

#### Rally Performance Division

- a. The highest **qualifying** score from the Excellent, Advanced or Novice Rally trial classes shall be used to compute Versatility points as follows:
  - Excellent – score
  - Advanced – score less 3%
  - Novice – score less 6 %

- b. Highest score in the Rally performance division is defined as the qualifying rally score that will result in the highest number of Versatility points. All other qualifying scores in the Rally performance division will result in an additional five points.

Agility Performance Division

- a. The highest **qualifying** score from either the Standard or Jumpers with Weaves agility trial classes, whether regular classes or preferred classes, shall be used to compute Versatility points as follows:
  - Clean Excellent Standard or Clean Excellent JWW – 100
  - Faulted Excellent Standard or Faulted Excellent JWW – 95
  - Clean Excellent Standard Preferred or Clean Excellent JWW Preferred – 95
  - Faulted Excellent Standard Preferred or Faulted Excellent JWW Preferred – 90
  - Clean Open Standard or Clean Open JWW – 90
  - Faulted Open Standard or Faulted Open JWW – 85
  - Clean Open Standard Preferred or Clean Open JWW Preferred – 85
  - Faulted Open Standard Preferred or Faulted Open JWW Preferred – 80
  - Clean Novice Standard or Clean Novice JWW -80
  - Faulted Novice Standard or Faulted Novice JWW – 75
  - Clean Novice Standard Preferred or Clean Novice JWW Preferred – 75
  - Faulted Novice Standard Preferred or Faulted Novice JWW Preferred – 70
- b. Highest score in the Agility performance division is defined as the qualifying agility score that will result in the highest number of Versatility points. All other qualifying scores in the Agility performance division will result in an additional five points.