

ACDCA REGISTER OF MERIT

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR ROM TITLE:

In order to be considered for a ROM award the applicant dog or bitch must have:

A. Earned an AKC Breed Conformation Championship

B. Earned an AKC Obedience Title of Companion Dog or higher.

C. Earned one of the following herding titles:

After September 1, 1995, all applicant dogs must have earned an AKC Herding Started Title or higher. Applicant dogs earning the following herding titles prior to September 1, 1995 are exempt from the AKC Started Title requirement: ACDCA QW or VQW, AKC Pre Trial Tested Title or higher or ASCA Started Leg on cattle or higher.

D. Applicant dogs must have produced offspring with an AKC Championship, AKC CD or higher, and one of the following herding titles: After September 1, 1995 offspring must have earned an AKC Herding Started Title or higher. Offspring earning a QW, VQW, AKC Pre Trial Tested Title or higher or ASCA Started Leg or higher on cattle prior to September 1, 1995 are exempt from the AKC Herding Started Title requirement. Qualifying offspring titles may be earned by one or more offspring.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR ROM POINTS:

A. ROM dogs and bitches can accumulate 10 points for each title earned by the ROM dog/bitch or any of their offspring as follows:

1. AKC: CH, CD or higher, TD or higher, NA or higher, or an HT.
2. CKC: CH, CD or higher.
3. Australian: CH, CD or higher.
4. Mexican: CH, PC or higher.
5. Sch I or higher.
6. OFA, PennHip, BAER, ERG, or CERF certification.
7. Police Service Dog.
8. Search and Rescue certification.
9. Any progeny earning a ROM title.
10. An AHBA HCT title.
11. ACDCA Versatility QW.
12. ACDCA QW or VQW earned prior to AKC Herding Trial titles.

B. ROM dogs and bitches can accumulate ROM points according to the following schedule for each herding title earned by the ROM dog/bitch or any of their offspring, minus the points from any previously earned lower titles, if applicable.

1. 15 points for an ACDCA VQW, minus any points for an AKC HT.
2. 20 points for an AKC Pre-Trial title, AHBA JHD, or ASCA Started Trial Dog title on any stock.
3. 30 points for an AKC Herding Started title, AHBA HTDI or HRDI, or ASCA Open Trial Dog title on any stock.
4. 40 points for an AKC Herding Intermediate title, AHBA HTDII or HRDII, or ASCA Advanced title on any stock.

5. 50 points for an AKC Herding Excellent title, AHBA HTDIII or HRDIII, or ASCA Post-Advanced title on any stock.
6. 75 points for AKC Herding Champion title, AHBA Herding Trial Champion, or ASCA Working Trial Champion.
7. 100 points for an AKC Dual Champion.

III. This award is applied for, so it is your responsibility to keep the committee informed of any point increases or any new ROM applicant dogs. You must be a member in good standing of the ACDCA to apply. Once the ROM award is attained, it is considered permanent and non-conditional on membership of the owner(s). However, unless the owner or one of the co-owners is a member in good standing, additional ROM points for the ROM point standings will not be considered.

IV. Fill out one sheet for each dog/bitch applying for ROM status, then one sheet for each of the offspring being used to satisfy the progeny requirements (AKC Champion, Companion Dog and Herding Started title). Also fill out one sheet for each dog/ bitch that is being used to accumulate additional ROM points for a sire or dam. Be sure to keep a duplicate copy of everything you send in for future reference. Please type or print all information, making sure the dog's or bitch's name is correct as this is how the name will appear on the award.

V. Applicant dogs/bitches that are co-owned will be considered as belonging to the owner that is listed first. Duplicate plaques or certificates may be obtained from the Awards Committee for a fee.

VI. As the ROM dog or offspring obtain additional titles, please send in the documentation. These will be added to the records and the updated ROM standings will be published in the ACDCA Newsletter.

VII. Documentation of titles must include one or more of the following:

A photocopy of the Title Certificate, Certification, or test results, or of the page containing the publication of the Award including the "AKC Awards", the Awards section of "Dogs in Canada", or the Official Kennel Publication for any organization offering recognized and listed ROM-eligible titles, the Volume, Date, and page number of the "AKC Awards" where the AKC title is published, or any official signed original document from AKC Event Records substantiating any eligible title.

