

NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB (USA)
VERSATILITY PROGRAM

Certificate Information

The NSDTRC-USA versatility program is open to all members of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA). This program provides two levels of achievement, the *Versatility Certificate* (VC) and the *Versatility Excellent Certificate* (VCX). Please note this is not a title, rather a certificate program that recognizes the versatility of Tollers.

The Versatility Certificates can be earned based on achievements in the five major areas of Conformation, Obedience, Field, Tracking, Agility, as well as achievements in the a Miscellaneous area that includes Flyball, Scent Hurdles, Therapy Work and Special Recognition. A system of point values has been established based on titles that can be earned in each of these areas (see Point Information below). Please note that double points in any category will not be awarded. For instance, in the agility category, if a dog earns a UKC Ag-2 and a NADAC EAC, they will only earn the points for the EAC, since it is the highest level achieved. There are a couple of exceptions to this rule. Points awarded in the Conformation category for BOB, BISS or BIS are given in addition to points given for titles received. In the Obedience category, points received for a CGC are given in addition to any points earned for other obedience titles. Also, points awarded for a HIT or HCS are incremental as well. Points are not rounded up. If a dog has 6.5 points, the dog must earn another .5 points for the VC.

Certificates will be awarded after submission of proper documentation to support the dog's achievement (outlined in Process area below). Certificates can be awarded retroactively and/or posthumously with proper documentation.

The *Versatility Certificate* requires a minimum of 7 points from at least 3 of the 6 areas of achievement. The *Versatility Excellent Certificate* requires a minimum of 14 points from at least 4 of the 6 areas of achievement.

Point Information

Conformation:

.5 point	Minor points (Minimum of 2 dogs entered)
1 point	Major points
2 points	Sporting Group 1 (7 or more dogs entered)
2.5 points	AKC, ARBA, or UKC Championships
3.5 points	UKC Grand Championship
4 points	NSDTRC Ch
3 points	Best of Breed (12 or more dogs entered)
3.5 points	Best in Specialty (50 or more entered)
5 points	Best in Show (100 or more dogs entered)

Obedience:

.5 point	CGC
2 points	CD (any US registry)
3 points	CDX (any US registry)
4 points	UD (any US registry)
6 points	UDX (any US registry), U-OTCH
8 points	OTCh (any US registry except UKC as noted above), AKC Nat'l Obedience Champion

1 point	Rally Novice
2 points	Rally Advanced
3 points	Rally Excellent
4 points	Rally Advanced Excellent
2.5 points	High in Trial or High Combined Score Award

Field:

1 point	BRT
2 points	NSDTR WC
2.5 points	AKC JH, NAHRA SR, HRC SHR
3 points	NSDTR WCI
4 points	HRC HR, NAHRA WR, AKC SH, HRC Upland Hunter
5 points	NSDTR WCX
7 points	NAHRA MHR, HRC HRCh or AKC MH
8 points	NAHRA GMHR or HRC GRHRCh

Tracking:

1 point	TD
3 points	TDX
4 points	VST
6 points	Tracking Champion

Agility:

1 point	NAC, U-AGI, NA
1.5 points	AD
2 points	OAC, U-AGII, OA
2.5 points	AAD
3 points	EAC, AX
3.5 points	U-ACH
4 points	MAD, U-ACHX
4.5 points	MX
5 points	NATCh
6 points	ADCH, MACH

Miscellaneous:

Flyball:

.5 point	FD
1 points	FDX
1.5 points	FDCh
2 points	FM
3 points	FMX
4 points	FMCh
5 points	ONXY
6 points	FGDCh

Scent Hurdles:

1 point	First place finish in sanctioned event
2 points	Participation in State Championships

Therapy Dog:

1 point will be given for every 5 Therapy Dog visits in a formally constituted institution each year, up to a total of 2 points maximum from this category.

Other:

2 points will be given to Tollers with special trained skills, such as Search and Rescue dogs, Guide dogs, Hearing Ear dogs, Sniffer dogs, etc. (regardless of whether they are working or not). 1 point will be given to any Toller who earns a special achievement, such as a “hero” Toller who gains recognition from the Police or Fire Department, or participating in international show event.

Process for Application

- All applicants must be members of the NSDTRC-USA, and all dogs must have an AKC registration number.
- Any Toller owner who feels that his/her dog has achieved a Versatility title must submit proper documentation. This documentation must consist of one of the following:
 - A photocopy of the title or award certificate received from any recognized or accredited organization or club (i.e. the NSDTR Working Certificate, or the USDAA Agility Dog Certificate).
 - A photocopy of show results in an “awards” publication.
 - A photocopy of test results in NAHRA News or the UKC Hunting Retriever publication.
 - A photocopy of a certificate of participation from a Scent Hurdle event.
 - A photocopy of a newspaper article or certificate of commendation for any special achievements.
 - A certificate or letter from the sponsoring organization or institution visited for Therapy work.
- If a dog has achieved a title that is not listed above, but the applicant feels that it merits points in our program, the **Versatility Committee** will be happy to review the paperwork and achievement. If the Committee determines that the title should qualify, it will be presented to the Board with a recommendation, including a point value. The Board will notify the Versatility Committee with a determination and the Committee will notify the applicant.
- After proper documentation has been compiled, this must be submitted to the **Versatility Committee** with the proper application form filled out (attached).
- The Versatility Committee will review the application and documentation, verify the points earned, and inform the applicant and the NSDTRC Records if they have earned either the VC or the VCX. The certificate will be printed and sent to the applicant, with a copy for the Versatility Committee and Records.
- If more points are needed, the Versatility Committee will notify the applicant only.
- All applications received by August 25, with titles earned by June 30, of each year will be listed in the Annual Awards Banquet Program for that year.

APPLICATION FOR VC/VCX CERTIFICATE

Dog's Registered Name _____

AKC Registration No. _____

Call Name _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____

Breeder _____

Sire _____ Dam _____

Owner _____

Address _____

Application for: _____ Versatility Certificate _____ Versatility Excellent Certificate

Application Date: _____

Please indicate the highest title achievement earned in each category below, and attach appropriate documentation. For the Miscellaneous category, please note whether your points are from Scent Hurdles, Flyball, Therapy or other Special Achievements. The Versatility Committee will review points as outlined in the Program Rules and notify you and NSDTRC Records of your award.

Conformation: _____

Obedience: _____

Field: _____

Tracking: _____

Agility: _____

Miscellaneous: _____

Please note that the NSDTRC (USA) year is July 1 through June 30. In order to have your Versatility achievements noted at the Annual Banquet, you must get your application in prior to August 25 of the year in question. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Simons.

Submit this form with appropriate back up to: *Francine Kaplan, Records, 362 Parkview Way, Newtown, PA 18940*