

USKBTC Versatility Award Rules and Instructions

The mission of this awards program is to recognize the versatility of the Kerry Blue Terrier and recognize United States Kerry Blue Terrier members and their dogs upon achieving titles in more than one discipline of competition. Current USKBTC membership is necessary to be eligible for this awards program.

List of Disciplines eligible for awards (including minimum title requirements, where applicable):

AKC Agility Title: A novice-level standard or jumpers title (regular or preferred)

AKC Conformation Title: CH or higher

Barn Hunt: Barn Hunt Association's RATN or higher, or Hunting Certificate (HC) awarded by American Working Terrier Association

Herding Trial Dog Title: AKC Herding Tested (HT) or Pre-Trial Tested (PT) titles, or the Herding Capability Tested (HCT) title awarded by American Herding Breeds Association

AKC Obedience Title: CD or higher

AKC Tracking Title: TD or higher

AKC Scent Work Title: SWN or higher, or NW1 or higher awarded by the National Association of Canine Scent Work

AKC Rally Title: RN or higher

Miscellaneous: A novice-level or higher performance or working title from a discipline not otherwise listed may be used for one of the award levels, subject to approval. Examples include Flyball, AKC Coursing Ability, AKC Therapy Dog titles, and Dock Dog.

Eligible dogs will be submitted for award(s) by owner(s) in the following manner: Properly filled in application including:

- Enclosure or email attachment of a copy of non-AKC titles as needed for verification.
- (*For Platinum Level and above*) Comments or brief biography of dog's accomplishments which will be published in the Blueprints (subject to editing) along with award presented, including name of owner(s) and breeder(s). Photos sent by owner for inclusion in *Blueprints* will be printed subject to room available.

Award applications will be accepted within the following one year time period: September 1 to August 31st. Members will submit applications during this time period. Any applications received after August 31st will be held over for the next year for qualification and presentation. Award presentation will be made at the Annual General Meeting in October (Montgomery County). Awards not picked up at the AGM will be mailed to recipients.

ACTUAL AWARD: The award will be a certificate suitable for framing signed by the president of the club and Versatility committee representative to include the following information:

The name: **United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club Versatility Award**

The name of the Award tier (see below)

The registered name of the dog (with all titles, as the owner wishes it to appear on award)

The names of the owner(s) of record (at least ONE owner must be a current USKBTC member) and the breeder(s) of record.

The date the Award is presented

ONE certificate will be presented per dog for the highest award tier applied for (Additional certificates will be awarded for higher tiers applied for in subsequent years). A keepsake memento commemorating the award will be awarded at the club's discretion.

Award tier structure is as follows:

The Bronze Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in two different disciplines.

The Silver Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in three different disciplines.

The Gold Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in four different disciplines.

The Platinum Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in five different disciplines.

The Emerald Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in six different disciplines.

The Diamond Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in seven different disciplines.

The Sapphire Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in eight different disciplines

The Blue Diamond Award is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in all eight listed disciplines, plus at least one Miscellaneous title.

*** Please Note:** *Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Temperament Testing (TT), and Therapy Dog International (TDI) along with other therapy or service dog certifications, with the exception of AKC's Therapy Dog (THD) titles, are not considered working titles. Therefore they do not qualify as eligible disciplines for these awards. These certifications may however be included in the dog's name as stated on a Versatility Award should the owner wish them. The owner is responsible for submitting the dog's name as it should appear on the award. Members wanting their Kerries' therapy or service dog accomplishments recognized are encouraged to apply for the USKBTC's "Kerry It Forward" awards.*

Additional Notes: *The accomplishment of any of these disciplines may take more than one calendar year to achieve. Therefore the applicant may submit an application along with proof of awards at any time provided that the owner submits the application by the stated deadline to qualify for that year's award presentation, provided that awards are applied for within 5 years of the last title being earned.*

Criteria for Eligible Titles for Versatility Awards

- Titles must come from a discipline previously approved as a Versatility Award category, or meet the remaining criteria to count towards the Miscellaneous category
- Only AKC titles are accepted, unless otherwise specified on the VA application form. Please note that titles in non-AKC events (e.g. dock diving, fly ball) may count for the Miscellaneous category, provided AKC does not offer a similar titling event.
- Titles must be for a regular titling track (this includes preferred agility)
- Titling class/event must be conducted by a licensed judge, not an evaluator
- Must require multiple legs/elements and/or multiple judges to earn the title
- Minimum title requirement is novice-level
- Each approved title will only count in one category and each category will only count once towards a Versatility Award. Earning additional titles (e.g. AKC CH and GCH) in one category will not count towards higher tiers, nor can any additional or "duplicate" titles from the same discipline be applied towards Miscellaneous

NOT Accepted:

- Pre- or beginner novice titles, including ACT1 and ACT2 agility titles
- AKC's Achiever Dog certificate
- Non-regular or extra titles, such as FAST agility, Crazy 8's in Barn Hunt, etc. (Fast CAT and certain other titles in events accepted under the Miscellaneous category may be allowed with the approval of the VA chairman and committee)
- Instinct testing titles, such as those awarded in herding and barn hunt
- Canine Good Citizen (to include CGCA and CGCU), Trick Dog, Farm Dog, and similar "titles" that are a one-time test issued by an evaluator
- Health and genetic testing, i.e., OFA, CERF, etc.
- Temperament testing
- Therapy or service dog certifications, with the exception of AKC's Therapy Dog titles (THDN and above) counting towards the Miscellaneous category
- Titles issued by organizations other than the AKC, unless otherwise specified

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