

**NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB (USA) VERSATILITY PROGRAM**

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 program, rather it is a certificate program that recognizes the versatility of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (Toller) while preserving their purpose as hunting dogs.

The Versatility Certificates can be earned by achieving titles and certificates in the following areas: Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Barn Hunt, Coursing Ability, Dock Diving, Field, Flyball, Nosework, Therapy, Tracking, and Trick Titles. Upon application, some special recognitions or achievements not included in any of these categories may be counted also.

Applicants are awarded points toward their VC and VCX award based on the titles earned. Only the highest title earned in any one category of competition will be counted toward the award.

For example, in the agility category of competition, if a dog earns a UKC Ag-2 and a NADAC EAC, we will only count the EAC, since it is the highest level achieved. Another example is, if a dog earns a CD and a UD, only the points for the UD are counted toward the Versatility award, since it is the highest level achieved in the Obedience category of competition.

The **Versatility Certificate requires** 9 points with titles in at least three different areas of achievement with at least one area in category 1 and no more than one area in each of category 2 and 3, however all three titles can come from areas in category 1.

The **Versatility Certificate Excellent requires** 12 points titles in at least 4 different areas of achievement. At least two of the titles must in areas in category 1 and no more than 2 of the titles can be in areas in category 2 or 3. Three or all four areas can be from category 1.

**Category 1**

Conformation  
Field  
Agility  
Obedience  
Tracking

**Category 2**

Rally  
Nosework

**Category 3**

Canine Good Citizen  
Coursing Ability  
Barn Hunt  
Therapy Dog  
Scent Hurdles  
Trick Titles  
Dock Diving  
Flyball

## Points Distribution

\*Note not every title is listed below. Titles are listed as a general reference and titles not listed should be able to fall into one of the levels or between levels.

### **Category 1**

Pre-Novice (BRT, ACT, BN) = 1 point

Novice (CH, JH, WC, NA, CD) = 2 points

Open/Advanced (CDX, GCH, WCI, OA) = 3 points

Excellent ((Grand Championship Levels GGCHB, GCHS, etc.), UD, WCX, SH) = 4 points

Beyond Excellent (MACH, MH, OTCH, OM) = 5 points

Note: In between these levels like obedience graduate classes (Graduate Novice or Graduate Open, etc.) can be awarded half points half way between the two levels.

### **Category 2**

Novice (RN,) = 1 point

Open/Advanced (RA,) = 2 points

Excellent (RE,) = 3 points

Beyond Excellent (REA,) = 4 points

### **Category 3**

Novice (RATN, TDN, CGC) = .5 point

Open/Advanced (RATO, CGCA, CGCU) = 1 points

Excellent (RATS) = 2 points

Beyond Excellent = 3 points

## Process for Application

- All applicants must be members of the NSDTC-USA, and all dogs must have an AKC registration number.
- Certificates can be awarded retroactively and/or posthumously with proper documentation.
- Versatility is a self-reporting title and any Toller owner who feels that his/her dog has achieved a Versatility title must submit proper documentation and a completed Versatility Program Application Form to the Records Chairman via regular mail. This documentation must consist of the following:
- A photocopy of the title or award certificate received from any recognized or accredited organization or club
  - A print out of your AKC “My Dog’s Record” for all AKC titles
  - A photocopy of test results in NAHRA News or the UKC Hunting Retriever publication or Title Certificate.
  - A photocopy of a certificate for participation in a special event and brochure explaining the event.
  - A photocopy of a newspaper article or certificate or commendation for any special achievements such as.....
  - A certificate or letter from the sponsoring organization or institution visited for therapy work
- If a dog has achieved a title in an area that is not listed above, but the applicant feels that it merits inclusion in our program, the applicant should submit documentation of the title to the Records Chairmen who will review the paperwork. If the Records Chair determines that the title should qualify for recognition in the program, the Records Chair shall award points toward the Versatility Title. Applicants can apply through their regional representative to the Board to review titling areas not listed above for consideration for inclusion in the program.

Please mail completed Application to: Francine Kaplan, NSDTRC (USA) Records Chair  
362 Parkview Way  
Newtown, PA 18940

**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 and area below, and attach appropriate documentation. The Versatility Committee will review the achievements as outlined in the Program Rules and notify you and the NSDTRC Records of your award.

**Category 1**

**Category 2**

Conformation

Rally

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Field

Coursing Ability

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Agility

Barn Hunt

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Obedience

Dock Diving

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tracking

Flyball

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Scent Hurdles

Therapy

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nosework

\_\_\_\_\_

Anything not included above that is a special skill or achievement

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