

SSCA Versatility (V) and Versatility Excellent (VX) and Versatility Master (VM) Awards

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- **Revisions Approved by SSCA Board 12/31/2020 (for Virtual Obedience Pilot Program on a trial basis through 12/31/2021)**

The Versatility, Versatility Excellent and Versatility Master awards recognize the dog and handler team who epitomize the versatility of "The Dog with the Human Brain". These awards recognize accomplishments in a wide range of activities: Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, Herding, Coursing Ability, Fast CAT, Barn Hunt, Scent Work, Diving Dogs and other activities in which certification can be earned. It is the intent of these awards to acknowledge owners and dogs in their process of accomplishing major achievements as they occur, therefore, it is most appropriate to apply for Versatility awards as they are completed. If an individual chooses to wait and apply for the highest designation (Versatility Master) one certificate will be issued and one picture will be placed in the PnS publication.

- *Dog's owner must be a member in good standing of the SSCA and must have been a member at the time each of the submitted points were earned.*

Versatility (V) Scoring Requirements

The SSCA Versatility (V) award is given to dogs whose achievements have been recognized in at least three (3) event categories listed in the following POINT SCHEDULE. Dogs receiving the Versatility (V) award must have completed at least a Companion Dog (CD) or a Rally Advanced (RA) title or a Beginner Novice Virtual (BNV) + Companion Dog Virtual (CDV) and also have attained at least one advanced title in Obedience (CDX or higher), Rally (RE or higher), Tracking (TDX or higher), Agility (OA or higher), Herding (HS or higher), Coursing Ability (CAA or higher), Fast CAT (DCAT or higher), Barn Hunt (RATS or higher), or Scent Work (SWA or higher).

- A minimum of fifteen (15) versatility points must be earned with at least two (2) points - a CD from Category B (Obedience) OR a RA from Category C (Rally) OR a BNV + CDV from Category M (Virtual Obedience).
- At least five (5) points must come from a single working category (Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, Herding, Coursing Ability, Fast CAT, Barn Hunt, or Scent Work); not a combination of points from more than one category.
- All fifteen (15) points must be earned in no less than three (3) different categories from those listed below.

- Points are cumulative within a category (CD which is 2, plus CDX which is 5 equals 7 points from that category).

Versatility Excellent (VX) Scoring Requirements

The Versatility Excellent (VX) award is given to dogs that have distinguished themselves by earning an advanced title in Obedience (CDX) or Rally (RE) and by earning at least six (6) points in a single working category, other than the above required CDX or RE, such as Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, Herding, Coursing Ability, Fast CAT, Barn Hunt, or Scent Work.

- A minimum of twenty (20) versatility points must be earned from a minimum of four (4) categories.
- At least seven (7) of the required points must come from Obedience - a CDX from Category B (Obedience) OR Rally - a RE from Category C (Rally).
- At least six (6) points must come from a single working category (Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, Herding, Coursing Ability, Fast CAT, Barn Hunt, or Scent Work); not including the required seven (7) points from Obedience or Rally, or a combination of points from more than one category.
- Points are cumulative within a category (CD which is 2, plus CDX which is 5 equals 7 points from that category).

Versatility Master (VM) Scoring Requirements

The Versatility Master (VM) award is given to dogs that have distinguished themselves by earning a Versatility Excellent award and 3 Championships from at least two different categories.

- A Versatility Excellent Award
- Three (3) Championships from at least two (2) different categories (CH, OTCH, RACH, CT, MACH, PACH, HC).

Versatility AND Versatility Excellent Point Schedule

Category A - Conformation

- CH Championship Title - 5 points

Category B - Obedience

- OTCH Obedience Trial Champion - 12 points
- OM Obedience Master - 10 points
- UDX Utility Dog Excellent - 8 points
- UD Utility Dog - 7 points
- CDX Companion Dog Excellent - 5 points

- CD Companion Dog - 2 points
- BN Beginner Novice - 1 point

Category C - Rally

- RACH Rally Champion – 10 points
- RM Rally Master - 6 points
- RAE Rally Advanced Excellent - 5 points
- RE Rally Excellent - 4 points
- RA Rally Advanced - 3 points
- RI Rally Intermediate – 2 points
- RN Rally Novice - 1 point

Category D - Tracking

- CT Champion Tracker - No additional points as this is awarded automatically when one earns a TD, TDX & VST and no additional work or training is required.
- VST Variable Surface Tracker - 10 points
- TDX Tracking Dog Excellent - 8 points
- TDU Tracking Dog Urban - 5 points
- TD Tracking Dog - 3 points

Category E - Agility

- MACH or PACH Master Agility Champion or Preferred Agility Champion - 10 points
- MX or MXP Master Excellent or Master Excellent Preferred - 7 points
- MXJ or MJP Master Excellent Jumper or Master Excellent Jumper Preferred - 7 points
- AX or AXP Agility Excellent or Agility Excellent Preferred - 5 points
- AXJ or AJP Agility Excellent Jumper or Agility Excellent Jumper Preferred - 5 points
- OA or OAP Open Agility or Open Agility Preferred - 4 points
- OAJ or OJP Open Agility Jumper or Open Agility Jumper Preferred - 4 points
- NA or NAP Novice Agility or Novice Agility Preferred - 2 points
- NAJ or NJP Novice Agility Jumper or Novice Agility Jumper Preferred - 2 points

Category F - Herding

- HC Herding Champion (Herding Trial) - 10 points
- HX* Herding Excellent (A/B/C) (d/s/c) - 6 points
- HI* Herding Intermediate (A/B/C) (d/s/c) - 5 points
- HS* Herding Started (A/B/C) (d/s/c) - 4 points
- PT Pre-Trial - 3 points
- HT Herding Tested - 1 point

Category G – Coursing Ability

- CAX2 Coursing Ability Excellent - 5 points
- CAX Coursing Ability Excellent - 4 points
- CAA Coursing Ability Advanced - 3 points
- CA Coursing Ability - 1 point

Category H – Fast CAT

- FCAT – 3 points
- DCAT – 2 points
- BCAT – 1 point

Category I - Barn Hunt

- RATChX Master Champion - 6 points
- RATCh Champion Barn Hunt - 5 points
- RATM Master Barn Hunt - 4 points
- RATS Senior Barn Hunt - 3 points
- RATO Open Barn Hunt - 2 points
- RATN Novice Barn Hunt - 1 point

Category J – Scent Work

- SWME Scent Work Master Elite - 10 points
- SWD Scent Work Detective - 8 points
- SWM Scent Work Master - 6 points
- SWE Scent Work Excellent - 5 points
- SWA Scent Work Advanced - 4 points
- SWN Scent Work Novice - 3 points

Category K –Diving Dogs

- Super Elite – 6 points
- Elite - 5 points
- Master - 4 points
- Senior - 3 points
- Junior - 2 points
- Novice - 1 point

Category L - Miscellaneous

- TDI, THD or Delta (Therapy certification) and 20 hours of service - 1 point
- Search & Rescue Certification - 1 point
- SAR-U1 Urban Search and Rescue - 4 points

- SAR-U2 Urban Search and Rescue - 5 points
- SAR-W Wilderness Search and Rescue - 5 points

Category M – Virtual Obedience

- CDV – Companion Dog Virtual – 1.5 points
- BNV – Beginner Novice Virtual - .5 points

Dogs residing outside the United States may substitute equivalent titles from their country of residence with copies of title certificates.

VERIFICATION MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION. Verification is a copy of the American Kennel Club Summary of Title Progression listing all titles applicable and/or copy of title certificate for each title being used to accumulate points for the Versatility, Versatility Excellent, and Versatility Master Awards. For Barn Hunt, Diving Dogs, Therapy Dog, and Search and Rescue titles, submit a copy of the AKC application form or the AKC Certificate of title.