

CCA Versatility and Herding Instinct Certification Committee

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The CCA Versatility and Herding Instinct Certification Committee reviews applications and processes certificates for both the CCA Versatility Program and the CCA Herding Instinct Program. The annual summary report for each of these programs is given below.

2019 CCA Versatility Program Report

The CCA Versatility Awards Program is designed to recognize collies which have distinguished themselves in both the breed ring and in AKC recognized performance events. It also provides a means to encourage breeders to put more emphasis on the structural soundness, working capabilities and temperament of their breeding stock.

This program was created around AKC sanctioned activities. These activities serve to test not only the physical and mental characteristics of the dog but also the preservation of herding capability which was the original basis for the breed. This year Scent Work was added to the list of venues for earning versatility points under the Performance Category.

To qualify for a versatility award a dog must demonstrate his capabilities in each of the three major areas: Conformation, Performance and Herding. Three levels of awards are given, a Versatility Award (VA), a Versatility Excellent Award (VX) and a Grand Versatility Award (GV). The VA requires that the dog accumulate a total of at least 5 points with at least one point from each of the three major areas. The VX requires that the dog accumulate a total of at least 10 points with at least one point from each of the three major areas. The GV requires that the dog accumulate a total of 15 points with at least two points from each of the three categories, and the dog must be at least a double champion. The breadth of the criteria that must be satisfied to qualify for a CCA versatility award makes the goal very challenging, but enhances its value to those who achieve it. The points table for CCA versatility awards is given below.

CCA Versatility Program Points Table

Point Value	Conformation	Performance Category				Herding ^E	
		Obedience ^A and Rally ^B	Tracking	Scent Work ^C	Agility ^D		
1		CD, GN, PCDX	RE, RAE		SCN, SIN, SEN, SBN, SWN, SWNE, SHDN	NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF, NFP	HT
2	Major	CDX		TD, TDU	SCA, SIA, SEA, SBA, SWA, SWAE, SHDA	OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, OF, OFP	PT
3		GO, VER, PUTD	RM		SCE, SIE, SEE, SBE, SWE, SWEE, SHDE		HS
4	CH	UD, PUDX	RACH	TDX	SCM, SIM, SEM, SBM, SWM, SHDM	AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP	HI
5	GCH	UDX, OM, POC		VST	SWME, SHDME, SWD	MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF, MFP PAD, PADP, PJD, PJDP	HX
6		OTCH, OGM		CT		MACH, PACH, AGCH	HC

- (A) No points are awarded for the Beginner Novice (BN) or the Preferred Novice (PCD) titles.
- (B) No points are awarded for the Rally Novice (RN) or Rally Advanced (RA) titles. No additional points will be awarded for the Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title.
- (C) No additional points are awarded for the Novice Elite, Advanced Elite, Excellent Elite or Master Elite Odor Search Division Element titles or Division Elite Level titles with the exception of the Scent Work Master Elite (SWME) title which will receive an additional point. Similarly, for the Handler Discrimination Division Elite titles, only the Scent Work Handler Discrimination Master Elite (SHDME) title will receive an extra point.
- (D) No additional points are awarded for numbered MACH or PACH titles beyond the first MACH or PACH. No points are awarded for the PAX or T2B agility titles.
- (E) No additional points are awarded for earning the Master herding titles (HSM, HIM, HXM).

Versatility awards are presented once a year at the CCA National Specialty. Since 1993, a total of two hundred thirteen (213) Versatility Awards and one hundred six (106) Versatility Excellent Awards and sixteen (16) Grand Versatility Awards have been presented. In Peoria, IL, seven (7) Versatility Awards, six (6) Versatility Excellent Awards, and four (4) Grand Versatility Award were presented.

The list of 2019 CCA versatility award recipients is provided in the 2019 CCA National Results Performance Section of this yearbook.

2019 Herding Instinct Certification Report

The CCA Herding Instinct Certification program recognizes Collies who have demonstrated that they possess the herding instinct that was a key element of the original foundation of the breed. It is designed to encourage breeders and owners to evaluate their dog's herding instincts through participation in a simple test requiring no pre-training. It is hoped that this program will generate increased interest in preserving this breed characteristic in breeding programs.

Any Collie at least 6 months of age can earn a CCA Herding Instinct Certification (HIC) through successful completion of the test at an organized event. Any organized Introduction to Livestock, Herding Instinct Test, or AKC Herding Test sponsored by any legitimate club or group is acceptable. Acceptable sponsoring organizations do not have to be licensed by the AKC and are not limited to Collie clubs. In advance of the test, the owner will secure an Application for HIC form from the HIC Chairman or the CCA website. Upon successful completion of the test, the owner will have the application form signed by the Judge and the Secretary of the event. The completed form is then sent with the appropriate processing fee to the HIC Chairman.

To pass the test the dog must demonstrate a sustained interest in moving the stock. The natural herding style may be either circling (attempting to gather the stock) or following (driving the stock). The judge will evaluate the dog's overall attitude toward the stock, his behavior with the stock, and his response to instruction.

In 2019 the CCA awarded a total of thirty-eight (38) Herding Instinct Certificates. The large majority (71%) of the HIC's awarded in 2019 were to Collies owned by CCA members.

We would like to recognize those collie organizations that took the time and effort to sponsor a HIC test in 2019.

Collie Club of America
Minnesota Collie Club
Columbus Collie Club

Encourage your local Collie Club to organize a herding instinct test in your area so you can experience the delight in watching the ancestral instincts of your faithful companion being awakened by the stirrings of a flock of sheep or ducks.

2019 CCA HERDING INSTINCT CERTIFIED COLLIES

Burlywood The Sporting Life, December 16, 2018, Owner: Audrey & Howard Koble

GCH CH Miholiday Crown Jewel of Party Paws CGC TKI, December 16, 2018, Owner: Laura Mitobe & Marilyn Lindauer

GCH CH Zandria 'N Tercan's Kiss My Freckles, September 16, 2018, Owner: Candace Hunter & Alexzandra Erb

Kara Christo Follow That Star, March 24, 2019, Owner: Donna & Paul Darland

MACH5 Rosepoint's Racin' With My Heart MXS2 MJG2 XF T2B5 PAD PJD, March 24, 2019, Owner: Donna & Paul Darland

Rosepoint's Three-O-Two MX MXJ OJP NF NFP, March 24, 2019, Owner: Donna & Paul Darland

Wild Wind's Twist of Fate AX MXJ BN RN, March 24, 2019, Owner: Linnea Ulrich

CH Allstar Glen Stag AX MXJ RN, March 24, 2019, Owner: Linnea & Victoria Ulrich

Chloe Prokop, March 24, 2019, Owner: John & Bonnie Prokop

Riley Prokop, March 24, 2019, Owner: John & Bonnie Prokop

Rosehaeven's Eclipse at Wrenwoods, March 24, 2019, Owner: Lisa & John Corrigan

Ability's Rising Star Lyra, March 24, 2019, Owner: Natasha & Andrew Wright

Celticmoon Aychess Inverlochy, March 24, 2019, Owner: Keri Campbell & Pearl Fabbro

Ceilidh's Ton Mohr Highland Frost, March 24, 2019, Owner: Lola Leland

Kara Christo Defy The Demon, March 24, 2019, Owner: Robert & Deanne Olson

Qualteri A Pirates Life For Me, July 8, 2019, Owner: Frances & Chandra Flaim
Qualteri's Joie de Vivre At Meadowlark, July 8, 2019, Owner: Cody Campbell & Chandra Flaim
Manor House Midnight Delight CGCA CGCU TKI, July 8, 2019, Owner: Patricia Gilbert
Chimera Kingsmark Spirit of Lad CGC TKA, July 8, 2019, Owner: Janet & Rick Wall
CH Belfair Believe It Or Not! BN RE FDC CGCU TKP, July 8, 2019, Owner: Gloria Laube
Country K Aren't U Special, July 6, 2019, Owner: Nancy K Hvinden
Fairhaven Victory's Winter Valhalla, July 6, 2019, Owner: Tracy & Jay Anderson
Country K Dark Knight, July 6, 2019, Owner: Lee Anderson & Nancy K Hvinden
Oak Knolls Autumn Embers CD RN, July 6, 2019, Owner: Mary B Davis, John E Davis & Amy Ross
Brooke, July 8, 2019, Owner: Trisha Valdivia
Snovalley BelFair Why Not Me, September 14, 2019, Owner: Nancy Liskh, Mary Cox, Terry Cox & Alene Evans
CH Zandria's Blazing Isla, September 15, 2019, Owner: Jeanne & Dean Justice
Snowvalley Little Rascal, July 8, 2019, Owner: Angela Nenn
Fairbanks Bug-A-Boo Bailey Boy, July 8, 2019, Owner: Angela Nenn
The Force Awakens, August 3, 2019, Owner: Denise Blanton
Fantasy Golden Boy, August 3, 2019, Owner: Catherine Brown
CH Flash's F16 of Rockledge, August 3, 2019, Owner: Beverly Bain & Mary E Benedict
Timberlane's Refections of Glory, August 3, 2019, Owner: Beverly Bain & Mary E Benedict
Belfair Colebrae A Promise Kept, September 15, 2019, Owner: Kim Angelis
Belfair Colebrae Playing To Win, September 14, 2019, Owner: Cindy Blanchard
Carousel Cinhaven Monet, October 19, 2019, Owner: Louise Palarik
Sunnivale Midnight Liason, October 29, 2019, Owner: Kathryn & Gretchen Morrison
CH Tercan 'N Zandria's Playing With Fire, September 15, 2019, Owner: Candace Hunter