



Akita Club of America

Versatility Program

PURPOSE

The **Akita Club of America** (ACA) Versatility Program honors Akitas and their owners who are skilled in multiple activities with certificates of achievement. These achievements showcase the Akita’s diversity, athleticism, and adaptability through activities emphasizing strength, fitness, agility, speed, dexterity, soundness, health, temperament, intelligence, and natural instincts inherent to the breed. The Versatility Program was developed to foster, encourage, and support enriched socialization and responsible training of the Akita as well as breeding healthy dogs with stable temperaments suitable for companionship.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Akita shall be registered with the **American Kennel Club** (AKC).
 - A PAL/ILP registration number is also permitted.
- The applicant (owner or breeder) shall be an **ACA member in good standing** at the time of application.
- Deceased Akitas meeting registration requirements and having fulfilled certificate requirements are eligible if the applicant was an ACA member in good standing when the dog was alive.

POINTS

- **One point for each title, health certificate, or community service/public education event.**
 - Duplicate titles/certificates can be counted for VAX2+ certification (example: AKC RN and UKC R01 are duplicate titles).
 - Instinct/introductory titles/certificates (ACT, RATI, ORT, etc.) are counted towards VAX2+ certification only.
 - “Virtual” titles/certificates are excluded.
 - Community Service – events that benefit the community such as organized fundraisers.
 - Public Education – organized event that educates the public about the breed such as a pet fair or meet the breed event.
 - OFA health certificates accepted for:
 - Hips – fair, good, or excellent rating
 - Elbows, knees, thyroid – normal rating
 - Eyes – clear/normal rating

QUALIFICATIONS

TITLE	POINTS	CATEGORIES	PERFORMANCE TITLES	PREREQUISITE TITLE
Beginner Versatile Akita (BVA)	7	4	1	none
Versatile Akita (VA)	3	5	1	BVA
Versatile Akita Excellent (VAX)	5	6	2	VA
Versatile Akita Excellent 2 (VAX2)	15	7	2	VAX
Versatile Akita Excellent 3 (VAX3)	15	8	2	VAX2
Versatile Akita Excellent 4 (VAX4)	15	9	2	VAX3
Versatile Akita Excellent 5 (VAX5) *	15	10	2	VAX4
* And beyond VAX5	15	10	2	VAX5+



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CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	ORGANIZATIONS
Agility *	AKC / UKC
Barn Hunt *	BHA
Canine Good Citizen / SPOT	AKC / UKC
Community Service / Public Education	Per event
Conformation	AKC – Championship titles and NOHS certificates UKC – VAX2+ only ACA - ROM
Coursing	AKC / UKC
Dock Diving	NADD
Farm Dog	AKC
Flyball	NAFA
Health	OFA Certificates – normal/passing results only
Obedience *	AKC / UKC
Rally *	AKC / UKC
Scent Work / Nosework *	AKC / UKC / NACSW
Shed Dog	UKC
Temperament	AKC ATT or TT
Therapy	AKC
Tracking *	AKC
Trick Dog	AKC
Weight Pull *	UKC
* Performance Categories - achievement in this category meets performance title requirement. Instinct titles or certificates (ACT, RATI, ORT, etc.) may not be used to meet performance title requirement.	

DOCUMENTATION

- Photocopy of **American Kennel Club** registration papers and member ID card for all applicable titling organizations (**United Kennel Club, Barn Hunt Association, National Association of Canine Scent Work, North America Diving Dogs, and/or North American Flyball Association**).
- Photocopy of all titling and/or **Orthopedic Foundation for Animals** health certificates.
- For Community Service and Public Education, provide photos, flyer, and written description of event.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Documentation and Versatility Program Application may be submitted by email or mail as indicated on the application form.