

Otterhound Club of America Annual Awards Qualification Criteria

EFFECTIVE 2013

Applications for consideration of these awards must be received by the OHCA Club Secretary by February 15th each calendar year.

Information must include the following:

- 1) Name of Owner(s)
 - 2) Otterhound's Registered Name
 - 3) Titles Earned Along with Accompanying Dates Earned
 - 4) Total Number of Lifetime Points Accumulated
 - 5) Number of Points Accumulated in This Calendar Year
- Unless otherwise noted all titles are AKC and any titles that AKC shall add in the future will then be included with points, if applicable, awarded accordingly, based on the point schedule listed below.
 - Unless otherwise noted at least one recipient owner or co-owner must be a member in good standing with the Otterhound Club of America, Inc. at the time the title or award is achieved.
 - Unless otherwise noted all Otterhounds receiving these awards, as well as the Martha Thompson and Versatility Awards, must be owned or co-owned by at least one OHCA member in good standing with the Otterhound Club of America, Inc. at the time the award is achieved.

REGISTRY OF MERIT

1. At least one owner or co-owner must be a member of The Otterhound Club of America, Inc.
2. If the Otterhound is a dam, it must have produced five (5) AKC Champions. If the Otterhound is a sire, it must have produced eight (8) AKC Champions.
3. The Otterhound may be deceased or living. There are no time limitations.
4. Application must be made to the Secretary, or the person who the Club names, at least twenty one (21) days in advance of the awards meeting,

REGISTRY OF MERIT EXCELLENT

1. The sire must have fifteen (15) AKC Champions from at least three (3) different bitches.
2. The dam must have ten (10) AKC Champions from two (2) sires.

TOP STUD DOG/BROOD BITCH

Points awarded for each offspring may only be awarded for one category in that year, so choose the higher, except for OFA.

1. 10 points for each AKC Champion.
2. 10 points for each AKC Tracking Dog Excellent title or VST title.
3. 5 points for each AKC Tracking Dog title.
4. 5 points for each OFA hips number offspring (may include in addition to points for titles listed above).

HALL of FAME

To be eligible for the OTTERHOUND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. Hall of Fame, your hound must have:

- Won a BEST IN SHOW at a member or licensed AKC all-breed competition.
- Won a HIGH IN TRIAL at a member or licensed AKC all-breed competition.
- Achieved their UTILITY DOG title.
- Achieved their TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT title.
- Achieved an EXCELLENT level AGILITY title (if PREFERRED two EXCELLENT level titles or one MASTER level).
- Achieved their VARIABLE SURF ACE TRACKING title.
- Been deemed a "hero dog" in the opinion of the OHCA Board of Directors
- Otherwise thought to be eligible for entry in the Hall of Fame in the opinion of the OHCA Board of Directors.

OTTERHOUND VERSATILITY AWARDS (EFFECTIVE 2013)

The purpose of these awards is to encourage people to get out and do things with their Otterhounds. All eligible Otterhounds must be owned or co-owned by a member in good standing in the Otterhound Club of America. These awards will be presented by the Otterhound Club of America as club recognition for AKC titles earned, and other organizations' sponsored events. Versatility Awards became effective September 2005. These changes will be effective January 1, 2014. All Rally and Conformation titles will count at the basic level only.

VO:

Versatile Otterhound - Must have titles in two (2) different categories at the minimum level of CH, BN, TD, Novice level Agility, RN.

VOI:

Versatile Otterhound Intermediate – Must have titles in two (2) different areas, and one is at the intermediate level (intermediate starts at the Open level Agility, CDX, TDX).

VOX:

Versatile Otterhound Excellent - Must have titles in three (3) different categories with one (1) title at the intermediate level as specified in Versatile Otterhound Intermediate.

VOCH:

Versatile Otterhound Champion - Must have titles in three (3) different categories with one (1) at the excellent level (excellent starts at the Excellent level Agility, UD, VST), and one (1) additional at the intermediate level (as specified in Versatile Otterhound Intermediate) in another category. An OTCH or CT or MACH or PACH are also considered excellent titles.

The “Olivia” Criteria

This trophy is in the memory of Ottertail’s Olivia UDX TDX and honors the Otterhound who is owned or co-owned by a member of good standing of the Otterhound Club of America who most exemplifies the overall working hound. The trophy will be awarded each year at the OHCA Annual Awards Banquet subsequent to the year earned. The honoree will get a commemoration trophy and the actual trophy will remain in the custody of the Otterhound Club of America. This trophy need not be awarded each year if there are no applicants that meet the criteria outlined below:

Points	Conformation Area	Performance Area			Humanitarian Area
		Obedience	Agility	Tracking	Therapy
12 points		OTCH	MACH	CT	
10 points		OGM	PAX or FTC or FTCP		
9 points		UDX	MX or MXJ or MXF	VST	
8 points		OM	MXP or MJP or MFP		Certified Service Dog
7 points	Best in Show <u>and</u> Nat’l Specialty BOB	UD	AX or AXJ or XF	TDX	Certified SAR Dog
6 points	Best in Show <u>or</u> Nat’l Specialty BOB	GO or VER	AXP or AJP or XFP		
5 points		CDX	OA or OAJ or OF	TD	60 + volunteer hours**
4 points		GN or RAE	OAP or OJP or OFP		40 volunteer hours**
3 points	CH	CD or RE	NA or NAJ or NF		20 volunteer hours**
2 points		RA	NAP or NJP or NFP		10 volunteer hours**
1 point		RN or CGC or PN*			Certified Therapy Dog

*Subject to AKC approval

** Per calendar year

- Points are not cumulative within a category. Only the highest point title is recognized.
- Points are earned each calendar year of January 1 to December 31.
- Applicant must have points from at least two categories and a lifetime total of at least five points.
- Applicant must earn at least one new point in the calendar year applying though lifetime points are counted in total. Titles with numerical achievement (i.e. UDX1, UDX2) are considered separate titles and though gain no more points their points carry over to current year earned.
- In case of a tie the applicant with the most new points earned in the calendar year is the winner.
- Only AKC titles (besides “Humanitarian” category) are recognized.
- The OHCA Secretary must receive an application for The “Olivia” no later than February 15th subsequent to the close of the calendar year.

MARTHA THOMPSON OBEDIENCE AWARD

- Points will be based on the period: January to January
- Points will be earned at American Kennel Club or Canadian Kennel Club events.
- Dogs which have a higher title cannot drop down and receive points for a lesser title of a different organization (ie. AKC CDX dog cannot receive points for a CKC CD title)
- Dogs which attain more than one title in a calendar year of a different level may combine the points (ie. In March receive a CD and September of the same year a CDX)
- Dogs which attain more than one title of the same level may use the highest points earned out of anyone title (ie. Received AKC CD and CKC CD in same year ... can use the best score of the two ... cannot be added together).
- Scores will be based upon an average of the first three qualifying scores for the title earned.

If for some reason the first one or two legs toward a title were earned in the previous calendar year(s) the scores would be brought forward to be averaged in the calendar year the title was earned. In the case of UDX, the scores for the first ten qualifying shows will be averaged together for a mean final score, and the points will be awarded in the year of the tenth qualifying score.

POINT SCHEDULE	SCORES	CD	CDX	UD	UDX
	170-180	2	4	7	4
	181-185	3	5	8	5
	186-190	4	6	9	6
	191-195	5	7	11	7
	196-200	6	8	13	8
	*Dog World Award	7	9	15	n/a
	High Combined	n/a	n/a	10	10
	High in Trial	20	20	20	20
	OTCH Points	n/a	n/a	1 = 1 OTCH point (AKC only)	
	OTCH Title	n/a	n/a	50 (AKC only)	
*DOG WORLD AWARD = obtained when a dog receives 195 or better for each of its first three shows when qualifying for an AKC title.					