

CHAPTER 1 — GENERAL REGULATIONS

SECTION 1.1 – ORGANIZATION PURPOSE & STRUCTURE

The United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. (USDAA) was founded in 1986 for the purpose of *“Promoting International Standards in Dog Agility”*SM. USDAA rules and regulations were derived from rules in practice in Great Britain and have evolved within a framework to maintain and promote the highest standards compatible with standards in practice throughout the world. USDAA's high standards for competition have been proven for more than twenty years as a basis for the safety of dogs and the excitement and enjoyment by competitors, dogs and spectators alike.

By the end of the 1990's, many countries around the world had adopted standards of performance in line with the British standards; so in 2001, USDAA adopted a new motto – *“Promoting Competitive Excellence in Dog Agility”*SM in order to reflect its dedication to the adherence to the highest standards of performance, permitting the top of the field to continue to strive for higher achievements. USDAA's success in that regard is evidenced by the caliber of competition seen in its annual tournament series and its comprehensive certification programs.

USDAA has become a leading authority in the sport around the world, and has more than one hundred affiliated groups throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Japan. With heightened international interest, in 2001 USDAA became a charter member in the International Federation of Cynological Sports, which promotes dog agility as a competitive sport in its own right and without bias, thus furthering USDAA's international affiliations.

A club, private training center or other organization may affiliate with USDAA through the execution of an “Affiliation Licensing Agreement” for the purpose of promoting dog agility and USDAA in their community as an athletic sporting event and to encourage family involvement in promoting responsible pet ownership. As a “Licensed Group”, the club or training center may apply for sanction of USDAA agility tests, matches and events pursuant to policies set forth by the USDAA Board of Directors. In addition, a Licensed Group may hold itself out as being a USDAA Affiliated or Licensed Group pursuant to the limited license contained in the Agreement. By becoming part of the USDAA affiliated network, a group can benefit from referrals and inclusion in USDAA's promotional efforts and materials, as well as draw upon USDAA's experience and resource network.

SECTION 1.2 – DOGS & HANDLERS IN COMPETITION

USDAA events are open to any and all persons without discrimination who shall exhibit good sportsmanship and uphold the standards as set forth in these rules and regulations. Where charges of noncompliance are filed against a person or persons, such charges shall be handled in accordance with policies and procedures set forth in these regulations for handling of disciplinary actions as set forth in Appendix C herein.

All persons enrolling in or serving in official capacity at USDAA events agree by their enrollment or engagement of service to comply with all aspects of these regulations and to recognize and accept the decisions rendered through due process of disciplinary rules of action as set forth herein without recourse.

Competitors may compete with any dog, purebred and crossbred alike, subject to limitations stated below. The key elements of the sport are to demonstrate the competitor's skill and expertise in training and performance, which in turn highlights the fundamental elements of agility in dogs – strength, suppleness, confidence, speed and all around athleticism. Such elements are seen in a dog's strength and balance by scaling ramps, suppleness while weaving through a line of poles, and mobility by racing through tunnels and leaping over hurdles, which when combined on a timed obstacle course, requires that the competitor also exercise sound response control in order to direct the dog through the course.

A competitor must register a dog with USDAA in order to enter in competition at sanctioned events pursuant to policies and procedures outlined in Appendix D to these regulations. A registration form may be obtained from USDAA or one of its member groups. A competitor may only enter a dog in a class for which they are eligible for competition pursuant to these rules & regulations.

Limitations

Dogs under eighteen months of age, bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness that may be viewed to affect the dog's performance, and dogs demonstrating signs of aggression toward people or other dogs shall not be eligible to compete in USDAA agility tests or events. Dogs found to meet any of the foregoing conditions after entry at a test or event shall be immediately dismissed from the test and the competitor reported to USDAA in the event Organizing Committee Report.

Competitors (handler or their dog) may not enter any class held for title under a judge who resides in the same household or with whom they have trained in the past ten (10) days.

SECTION 1.3 – CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM & TITLES

The purpose of the Championship Program is to develop competitors to a level of athleticism that meets with international standards. The Program includes tournament event series where they compete head-to-head, as well as title certification classes that measure performance against a pre-defined set of standards throughout a competitor's career with a specific dog.

Section 1.3(a) – Program Structure

The Championship Program is divided into three basic class types that are offered at three different levels based upon the degree of experience attained in competition. These are described below.

Class Types

“Standard” classes are the classical form of dog agility, wherein a competitor must direct their dog through an obstacle course that requires performance of each of the required obstacles as set forth in Chapter 3 of these regulations in a course sequence designed by a judge. Performance standards for the Standard *“titling”* classes are set forth in Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of these regulations.

“Nonstandard” classes encourage an additional depth of training and the exercise of a wider range of competitive skills within the sport. These are offered in four basic classes –

- Gamblers – to demonstrate proficiency in distance control and competitive strategy
- Jumpers – to demonstrate a dog's jumping ability with a fluid working habit
- Relay – to demonstrate cooperative team effort and team sportsmanship
- Snooker Agility – to demonstrate versatility in competitive strategy

Each of these classes offers different strategies that challenges the competitor, bringing together key elements of the sport, with an exhibition of a dog's natural agility and working habit, thus demonstrating a competitor's training and competitive skills. Performance standards for the Nonstandard *“titling”* classes are set forth in Chapter 6 of these regulations.

“Tournament” classes feature competitive spirit and excellence through head-to-head competition and are open to all competitors, regardless of eligibility or prerequisites within the titling classes. USDAA conducts three tournament series annually –

- *Grand Prix of Dog Agility*® World Championships – The *“Grand Prix”* showcases the sport in its standard form and is conducted pursuant to tournament rules established annually by the USDAA Board of Directors. Competitors compete in local qualifying events to earn the right to compete in the regional championships and the world quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. The winners from each of four height classes are named *Grand Prix of Dog Agility*® World Champions and have their names inscribed on USDAA's Champions Cup.

- *Dog Agility Masters*[®] Team Championship – The “Team” championship showcases three-dog/three handler teams through five classes of competition – Standard Agility, Gamblers, Jumpers, Snooker and Three-Dog Team Relay. The tournament challenges the competitor’s versatility within the sport with emphasis on team strategy, consistency and endurance. A team may be comprised of any three dogs and three handlers, however a team may not be comprised of dogs jumping in more than two different height classes. Teams compete in local qualifying events pursuant to tournament rules established annually by the USDAA Board of Directors to earn the right to compete in the championship event. The winners at the championship event are named *Dog Agility Masters*[®] Team Champions and have their names inscribed on USDAA’s Champions Cup.
- *Dog Agility Steeplechase*[®] Championships – The “Steeplechase” is a two-round competitive tournament that emphasizes speed on a fluent, jumpers-style course with at least two spread hurdles and that also includes an A-frame and weave poles, one of which must be performed twice. Top competitors in each height division advance to a final round where they compete for placements, including prize money. Those qualifying in local competition pursuant to tournament rules established annually by the USDAA Board of Directors earn the right to enter the championship event. The winners in each of the four jump height classes at the championship event are named *Dog Agility Steeplechase*[®] Champions and have their names inscribed on USDAA’s Champions Cup.

Competitive Levels

Standard and Nonstandard classes are offered at three competitive “levels” for certification (“titing”) purposes, based upon the degree of training and competitive skills demonstrated in competition – Starters, Advanced and Masters.

At the Starters level (the introductory level), a handler is charged with demonstrating their skill in training their dog for basic obstacle performance and employing fundamental handling techniques in competition on an abbreviated course. (A group may offer a “Novice” class as an additional competitive division for competitors who have earned title, in order that experienced competitors compete in a separate class from less experienced handlers. When such a class is offered, a competitor must enter the “Novice” class if they have earned a title with any other dog in USDAA’s Championship, Performance or Veterans programs. Competition standards for the Novice class are the same as for the Starters class.)

At the Advanced level (the second level), courses are longer and contain sequences that require competitors to demonstrate a higher degree of training expertise and a wider range of competitive handling techniques under a more difficult time standard. This is the level at which competitors make the transition from the basics to the more proficient and technical aspects of training and competition as seen in the Masters level commensurate with international standards.

At the Masters level, (the third and top level), course designs offer a variety of handling challenges and tests integrated throughout the course. Time standards are further tightened, requiring competitors to demonstrate the highest degree of proficiency in training and competitive performance handling expertise consistent with that of international standards and competition. Highlighted at this level is a heightened degree of confidence in performance overall, with handler and dog working in a highly synchronized fashion, exhibiting quick and reliable responsiveness to the demands of the course.

Section 1.3(b) - Eligibility for Entry

In the titing classes, eligibility for entry is determined based upon the performance record of the competitor with a specific dog as set forth below.

- A Starters level class is open to competitors who have not earned the class title at the Starters level or a qualifying score in the higher level of that class (i.e., Advanced or Masters).

- An Advanced level class is open to competitors who have earned the Starters level title in that class, or the *Agility Dog*[®] title, and who have not earned the class title at the Advanced level or a qualifying score in the Masters level of that class.
- A Masters level class is open to competitors who have earned the Advanced level title in that class, or the *Advanced Agility Dog*[®] title, or if a nonstandard class, have earned two qualifying scores in the Advanced level of that class prior to January 1, 2004.

Eligibility requirements are more fully set forth for each class in tabular form in Appendix E to these regulations.

Section 1.3(c) - Certificates of Achievement or “Titles”

In measuring the accomplishments of a competitor, a certificate of achievement or “title” is awarded at each level within each of the five “titling” classes as set forth in Section 1.3(a). Tables showing more fully the titles and their requirements are presented in Appendix F to these regulations.

Each of the Starters and Advanced level class titles requires three qualifying scores earned in a class, with scores being earned from at least two different judges –

STARTERS TITLE CLASSES	ADVANCED TITLE CLASSES
Starters Standard Agility	Advanced Standard Agility
Starters Gamblers	Advanced Gamblers
Starters Jumpers	Advanced Jumpers
Starters Relay*	Advanced Relay*
Starters Snooker	Advanced Snooker

**Each of the three qualifying scores in the Relay class must be earned with a different partner.*

Each of the Masters level class titles requires five qualifying scores earned in a class, with scores being earned from at least two different judges –

MASTERS TITLE CLASSES
Masters Standard Agility
Masters Gamblers
Masters Jumpers
Masters Relay*
Masters Snooker**

**Each of the five qualifying scores must be earned with a different partner.*

***Three of the five qualifying scores must be earned with a placement in the top 15% of the class.*

In order to measure the depth of a competitor’s accomplishments or “versatility”, a title certificate is also awarded to recognize a competitor’s collective achievements with a dog in a variety of classes within each level. This title certificate is awarded at each level upon earning three qualifying scores, being earned under a minimum of two different judges in the Standard class and one qualifying score in each nonstandard class, with such nonstandard class qualifying scores being earned under a minimum of two different judges, one of which must be different from two of the judges under which the Standard class qualifying scores were earned, as follows:

Agility Dog[®] - three qualifying scores in Starters Standard Agility, plus four qualifying scores in the nonstandard classes, with one earned each in Starters Gamblers, Starters Jumpers, Starters Relay and Starters Snooker.

Advanced Agility Dog® - three qualifying scores in Advanced Standard Agility, plus four qualifying scores in the nonstandard classes, with one earned each in Advanced Gamblers, Advanced Jumpers, Advanced Relay and Advanced Snooker.

Master Agility Dog® - three qualifying scores in Masters Standard Agility, plus four qualifying scores in the Masters nonstandard classes, with one earned each in Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers, Masters Relay and Masters Snooker.

Agility Dog Champion® - Earning titles in Masters Standard Agility class, Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers, Masters Relay and Masters Snooker, plus five qualifying scores in tournament competition, with at least one qualifying scores in each of the three tournaments as set forth in section 1.3(a). These requirements are effective January 1, 2004, except that competitors who have earned the *Master Agility Dog®* title prior to January 1, 2005, may continue to compete for this title pursuant to the 2003 criteria (i.e., earn seven qualifying scores in Masters Standard Agility, plus earn the title in Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers, Masters Snooker and Masters Relay. Additionally, competitors who have earned the *Master Agility Dog®* title with a dog prior to January 1, 2000, require no additional qualifying scores in Master Standard Agility.

Agility Dog Champion® - Bronze - fifteen qualifying scores each in Masters Standard Agility, Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers, Masters Relay, Masters Snooker, and Tournament competition, with at least three qualifying scores in each of the three tournaments (section 1.3(a)).

Agility Dog Champion® - Silver - twenty-five qualifying scores each in Masters Standard Agility, Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers, Masters Relay, Masters Snooker, and Tournament competition, with at least five qualifying scores in each of the three tournaments (section 1.3(a)).

Agility Dog Champion® - Gold - thirty-five qualifying scores each in Masters Standard Agility, Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers, Masters Relay, Masters Snooker, and Tournament competition, with at least seven qualifying scores in each of the three tournaments (section 1.3(a)).

Agility Dog Champion® - Platinum - fifty qualifying scores each in Masters Standard Agility, Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers, Masters Relay, Masters Snooker, and Tournament competition, with at least ten qualifying scores in each of the three tournaments (section 1.3(a)).

In order to measure a competitor's versatility in tournament competition, the *Tournament MasterSM* title is to be awarded for earning ten qualifying scores in tournament competition, with a minimum of two qualifying scores in each of the three tournaments set forth in Section 1.3(a).

Section 1.3(d) - Agility Top TenSM Awards

Competitors in Masters Standard Agility, Gamblers, Jumpers and Snooker titling classes compete for points to be ranked based upon their accomplishments in head-to-head competition in order to promote competitive excellence. Points are earned based upon the number of dogs that actually compete in each height class and each dog's final placement in the class, as set forth in the table below. An Agility Top TenSM award will be extended to the ten highest ranked competitors annually in each height division of each class.

NO. OF DOGS COMPETING	PLACEMENTS *	POINTS AWARD/PLACE
2 – 3	1	1
4 – 5	1, 2	3, 1
6 – 10	1, 2, 3	5, 3, 1
11 – 20	1, 2, 3, 4	7, 5, 3, 1
21 – 30	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	9, 7, 5, 3, 1

**For each additional group of ten dogs competing in a height class, one additional placement shall be awarded, with each placement receiving two (2) additional points.*

In addition, USDAA will periodically publish ranking to recognize lifetime accumulation of top ten points earned since January 1, 1999, inception of the current standards, in order to recognize the ongoing successes of individuals in head-to-head competition.

Section 1.3(e) – Lifetime Achievement Awards

Competitors are recognized for accomplishments throughout their careers with a dog as measured through consistency of performance in the Masters classes. Those amassing the minimum number of “qualifying scores” in Masters level competition and amass additional qualifying scores, including qualifying scores in the Grand Prix of Dog Agility® Championship tournament, qualifying scores in Level III titling classes, and/or Performance Grand Prix tournament competition shall be awarded one or more titles recognizing their level of lifetime achievement. Standards for recognition are as follows:

Bronze Level – 150 qualifying scores among Masters standard and nonstandard classes, Performance Level III standard and nonstandard titling classes, and *Grand Prix of Dog Agility*® tournament classes (Championship and Performance), with a minimum of 15 qualifying scores in each Masters standard and Masters nonstandard titling class.

Silver Level – 250 qualifying scores among Masters standard and nonstandard classes, Performance Level III standard and nonstandard titling classes, and *Grand Prix of Dog Agility*® tournament classes (Championship and Performance), with a minimum of 25 qualifying scores in each Masters standard and Masters nonstandard titling class.

Gold Level – 350 qualifying scores among Masters standard and nonstandard classes, Performance Level III standard and nonstandard titling classes, and *Grand Prix of Dog Agility*® tournament classes (Championship and Performance), with a minimum of 35 qualifying scores in each Masters standard and Masters nonstandard titling class.

Platinum Level – 500 qualifying scores among Masters standard and nonstandard classes, Performance Level III standard and nonstandard titling classes, and *Grand Prix of Dog Agility*® tournament classes (Championship and Performance), with a minimum of 50 qualifying scores in each Masters standard and Masters nonstandard titling class.

Section 1.3(f) – Hall of Fame Honors

In order to recognize those whose contributions are deemed to be of lasting significance to the growth and development of USDAA and the sport, the USDAA Board of Directors created a “Hall of Fame”. Its purpose is to memorialize those who have made outstanding contribution through service and/or outstanding performance not otherwise deemed to be adequately acknowledged through other awards afforded through these regulations.

The “Hall of Fame Committee” is comprised of current and past Board members, and other individuals who may be appointed at large by the USDAA Board of Directors. They are charged with the acceptance and evaluation of nominations in accordance with policies and procedures established for such purpose by the Board of Directors.

Inductees into the Hall of Fame fall into one (or more) of five categories –

Pioneers of Dog Agility – Those whose accomplishments in competition or through service have contributed to the sport and USDAA’s development and growth. Nominated individuals are evaluated to determine whether their accomplishments have special and lasting historical significance deserving the designation of a “pioneer” in the sport, and whose accomplishments alone are deemed to be inadequately chronicled through other awards.

Meritorious Service Award – Those individuals or “groups” whose contribution through voluntary service to USDAA and the sport has been both noteworthy and resulted in measurable, significant development and growth of the organization and the sport, regionally or nationally, and deemed to be of lasting, historical significance.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Those who have been awarded USDAA’s Lifetime Achievement Awards, as set forth in USDAA Rules & Regulations.

Tournament Champions – Champions from USDAA's sanctioned tournament series and in competition representing USDAA in international competition.

Annual Top Ten Awards - Recipients of Annual Top Ten awards in USDAA's Championship and Performance Programs, as determined pursuant to USDAA Rules & Regulations.

SECTION 1.4 – PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

The Performance Program as set forth in Chapter 7 is to enable dogs and handlers to compete through three progressive competition levels with less emphasis on the physical aspects of training and performance as required pursuant to international standards set forth for the Championship Program. The Performance Program offers lower jumping heights, a lower incline on the A-frame and less stringent time standards. Those participating in the Performance Program may also participate in the Championship Program while continuing to compete in the Performance Program, subject to requirements as set forth herein. Participation in both Programs may be further restricted at a given event through USDAA policy or the discretion of the event hosting group, which shall be stipulated in the event's "Test Schedule".

Section 1.4(a) – Program Structure

The structure of the Performance Program follows the structure of the Championship Program as set forth in Section 1.3(a), except as follows:

- Class Types shall exclude the Relay classes. Tournament classes shall include only the *Grand Prix of Dog Agility*® Championships, or "*Performance Grand Prix*", which shall be conducted pursuant to established Grand Prix of Dog Agility® tournament regulations, with adjustment of standards to conform to the Performance Program for jumping heights and other obstacle requirements.
- Competitive Levels shall be called "Performance I" (or Level I), "Performance II" (or Level II) and "Performance III" (or Level III), instead of Starters, Advanced and Masters, respectively.
- The term "agility" shall be replaced by the word "performance" to denote less emphasis on the physical elements required by the obstacles in competition within the Performance Program.

Section 1.4(b) – Eligibility for Entry

Eligibility standards operate the same for the Performance Program as for the Championship Program by substituting terminology for class levels as described in Section 1.4(a), except that a competitor may earn eligibility to enter a class at a higher level based upon their equivalent titles earned in the Championship Program, though they are not required to do so unless they have already earned a qualifying score within the Performance Program at that level or higher. For example, a competitor who has earned the Agility Dog® title may compete in Level II classes in the Performance Program, though they are not required to do so unless they have earned a qualifying score in that class at Level II. Similarly, a competitor who has earned the *Master Agility Dog*® or *Agility Dog Champion*® title with a dog may enter Level I, Level II or Level III classes at their discretion in the Performance Program; however, if they have earned a qualifying score in Level III Snooker class, they are not eligible for entry at Level I or Level II. Similarly, if they have earned a qualifying score in Level II Snooker, they are no longer eligible to enter Level I Snooker. These eligibility requirements are set forth for each class in tabular form in Appendix E to these regulations.

Section 1.4(c) – Certificates of Achievements or "Titles"

Certificates of Achievement or "Titles" shall be the same as for the Championship Program as set forth in Section 1.3(c) except as follows:

- No titles are awarded for Relay classes.
- "Versatility" titles shall be called *Performance Dog I*™, *Performance Dog II*™, *Performance Dog III*™ and *Accomplished Performance Dog*™ instead of *Agility Dog*®, *Advanced Agility Dog*®, *Master Agility Dog*® and *Agility Dog Champion*®, respectively.

- Requirements specified relative to Relay classes are excluded from the above “versatility” title requirements at the present time.

Tables showing more fully the titling program structure and requirements are presented in Appendix F to these regulations.

Section 1.4(d) – Performance Top TenSM Awards

Competitors in Level III Standard Performance, Gamblers, Jumpers and Snooker titling classes compete for points to be ranked based upon their accomplishments in head-to-head competition in order to promote competitive excellence. Points are earned based upon the number of dogs that actually compete in each height class and each dog’s final placement in the class, as set forth in the table in Section 1.3(d) of these regulations. A Performance Top TenSM award will be extended to the ten highest ranked competitors annually in each height division of each class.

SECTION 1.5 – JUNIOR HANDLER PROGRAM

The Junior Handler Program (JHP) was designed to encourage youth involvement in the sport of dog agility as a fun, recreational, family sport and to promote responsible pet ownership. Four progressive levels of classes – Beginners, Elementary, Intermediate and Senior – as set forth in Chapter 8 to these regulations are available to foster advancement in training and to provide recognition for their accomplishments as a dog and handler team.

Eligibility: Junior Handler Program classes are open to children eighteen years of age and younger. A junior handler must register with each dog with which they would like to compete in order to participate in this program. They may continue to compete at the Senior level after earning the Junior Handler – Senior AgilitySM title.

Titling Requirements: Four classes and related titles are awarded in the Junior Handler Program as follows:

Beginner Agility – A dog and handler who have earned one qualifying score (i.e. run clean without course or time faults) shall be awarded the *Junior Handler–Beginner AgilitySM* certificate.

Elementary Agility – A dog and handler who have earned two qualifying scores(i.e., run clean without course or time faults) shall be awarded the *Junior Handler–Elementary AgilitySM* certificate

Intermediate Agility – A dog and handler who have earned three qualifying scores (i.e., run clean without course or time faults) shall be awarded the *Junior Handler–Intermediate AgilitySM* certificate.

Senior Agility – A dog and handler who have earned three qualifying scores (i.e., run clean without course or time faults) shall be awarded the *Junior Handler–Senior AgilitySM* certificate.

SECTION 1.6 – VETERAN AGILITY PROGRAM (DISCONTINUED IN 1999)

This program was replaced by the Performance Program and was discontinued April 1, 1999. As a result, provisions of this section have been condensed for reference purposes only, in order to provide descriptions of those titles earned while the program was in effect.

The Veterans Program was for competitors with dogs seven years of age or older. Performance standards were generally equivalent to those in the Performance Program, except that nonstandard classes were open to all competitors under regulations generally equivalent to the Level II performance standards.

Novice Veterans Class

Eligibility: The Novice Veterans class shall be for competitors that have not earned the *Veteran Agility DogSM* title.

Titling Requirement: Upon earning three qualifying scores (i.e., clear run without course or time faults) in the Novice Veterans standard class, with scores being earned from at least two different judges, the competitor is awarded the *Veteran Agility DogSM* title.

Advanced Veterans Class

Eligibility: The Advanced Veterans class shall be for competitors that have earned a *Veteran Agility DogSM* title, or an *Agility Dog[®]* title and not have earned the *Veteran Advanced Agility DogSM* title.

Titling Requirement: Upon earning three qualifying scores (i.e., clear run without course or time faults) in the Advanced Veterans standard class, the dog is awarded the *Veteran Advanced Agility DogSM* title.

Masters Veterans Class

Description: The Masters Veterans class shall be for competitors that have earned a *Veteran Advanced Agility DogSM* title or an *Advanced Agility Dog[®]* title with a dog.

Titling Requirement: Upon earning three qualifying scores (i.e., clear of course or time faults) in the Masters Veterans standard class, the competitor is awarded a *Veteran Master Agility DogSM* title.

Nonstandard Classes & Titles

Eligibility: The Veterans nonstandard classes – Gamblers, Jumpers and Snooker shall be for all competitors competing in the Veterans Agility Program.

Titling Requirement: A competitor shall be awarded a *Veteran GamblerSM*, *Veteran JumperSM*, *Veteran SnookerSM*, titles upon earning five qualifying scores in the each class.

Versatility Certification

In order to recognize a competitor for their demonstration of versatility in training and competition with a dog in the highest level classes of the Veteran Program, a competitor shall be awarded the *Veteran Performance DogSM* title upon completion of all Veterans Program titles.