

## **STCA Performance Awards**

There are more performance venues than ever before in the AKC history. In addition to obedience events, agility and rally offer titles at beginning, intermediate and expert levels. Our naturally athletic dogs enjoy these activities as well as tracking. The AKC is presently considering approving drafting and draw dog (earthdog for large terriers) for am staffs and several other breeds. There is no question that, in an atmosphere of increasing irrational public hostility toward our breed, the presence of our dogs in performance venues is a strongly positive example of their stable temperaments. Quite often their comic personalities entertain onlookers during these events as well!

The Register of Honor (ROH) has been a highly coveted award to American Staffordshire Terriers that have earned a CH (AKC Champion title), AKC obedience title and CGC equivalent and are owned by STCA members. The ROH Bronze award is the basic level for a dog meeting the above criteria with a CD (Companion Dog) title. The ROH Silver, ROH Gold and ROH Platinum awards are for dogs achieving the titles of CDX, UD and UDX respectively, as described in detail below.

The STCA Versatility Award rewards am staffs that perform in several performance venues and/or achieve very high levels in a single venue whether or not they have a championship title. The basic (Bronze) award is for American Staffordshire Terriers (including ILP am staffs) that have earned enough points in any AKC-recognized performance event to achieve the stated point total (see below for specifics). This award will also recognize dogs that continue to earn higher performance titles (Silver, Gold and Platinum as defined by the point system below). Similar to the ROH, a CD and CGC or equivalent are required and owners must be STCA members. Unlike the ROH, this award does not require a championship, and it encourages and rewards titles in multiple venues.

These titles were awarded retroactively to any living dog in 2008. From this date forward, the awards will be presented yearly at the STCA National Specialty. The Performance Committee and Board of Directors hope that this recognition will encourage Am Staff owners to train and show their dogs in performance events. The challenge is on - let's show them all what our dogs can do!

### **STCA ROH Award**

Requirement for Basic ROH Bronze = CH, CD and CGC (or TT)

ROH Silver = Basic + CDX

ROH Gold = Basic + UD

ROH Platinum = Basic + UDX

OTCH - special award presentation

### **STCA Versatility Award**

Requirement for basic Versatility Bronze award = CD, CGC (or TT) and other performance titles in obedience, rally, agility and tracking to reach 25-49 point total (e.g. CD RN NA NAJ = 25 pts)

Versatility Silver = Basic plus additional titles to reach 50-99 point total

Versatility Gold = Silver plus additional titles to reach 100-149 points

Versatility Platinum = Gold plus additional titles to reach 150 or more points - MACH will receive special award presentation

### **Point Schedule for Versatility Award**

#### **Obedience**

CD (Companion Dog) = 5 pts

CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) = 10 pts

UD (Utility Dog) = 25 pts

UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) = 50 pts (each)

OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) = 75 pts (each)

#### **Agility**

NA NAJ (Novice Agility/ Novice Agility Jumpers) = 5 pts each

OA OAJ (Open Agility/Open Agility Jumpers) = 10 pts each  
AX AXJ (Excellent Agility/Excellent Agility Jumpers) = 15 pts each  
MX MXJ (Masters Agility/Masters Agility Jumpers) = 25 pts each  
MACH (Masters Agility Champion) = 50 pts each

**Rally**

RN (Rally Novice) = 5pts  
RA (Rally Advanced) = 10 pts  
RE (Rally Excellent) = 10 pts  
RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) = 15 pts

**Tracking**

TD (Tracking Dog) = 10 pts  
TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) = 25 pts  
VST (Variable Surface Tracking Dog) = 50 pts

**Temperament Tests**

CGC or Equivalent (TT) = 5 pts  
Therapy Dog Award (any system) = 10 pts

*Only AKC Titles (with the exception made for temperament testing) will be recognized. Preferred or regular agility titles will be counted, but not both. Points will be cumulative in each category (e.g. CD + CDX = 5 + 10 = 15 pts. Carting (and other performance events) will be added when approved by the AKC. Multiples of titles allowed by AKC (e.g. MACH, OTCH, UDX) will be counted separately (e.g. UDX2 = 100 pts, MACH3 = 100 pts, etc.)*