

ROCK RIVER VALLEY ASC MERIT PROGRAM GENERAL RULES (9/25/14)

The Merit Program runs from June 1st to May 31st.

1. Participants must be a member in good standing of Rock River Valley ASC.
2. Dogs entered in the Merit Program must reside with the member owner or be co-owned and reside with the member co-owner at least six (6) months out of the year.
3. Bonus points will be awarded for volunteering at a RRVASC club show or a full club function (open to all club members) during the merit year. (See point values in job credit listings). Jobs may be performed by an immediate family member (as defined by the ASCA show rules).
4. Bonus job credits must be added on a separate form submitted to the Merit Chairperson.
5. All merit points and bonus job credits **MUST** be submitted to the Merit Chairperson within thirty (30) days of the show or authorized function.
6. A copy of the dog's registration must accompany the submission of that dog's first points of the new merit year.
7. E-mail submissions (scanned) will be accepted.
8. All forms must be filled out in full. Incomplete forms will not be used and will be returned.
9. Merit standings will be submitted to the Aussie Advocate editor every ninety (90) days for publication.
10. An awards event will be held after June 1.
11. Only ASCA sanctioned shows, scores and ASCA titles will be used in computing merit standings.
12. In case of a tie, all dogs will be recognized for the award.
13. Disputes concerning the Merit standings must be reported in writing to the Rock River Valley ASC Board within 15 days of the last published standings.
14. In the event that the dispute involves a dog owned or co-owned by a board member, the member(s) shall be excluded from voting on the dispute.
15. All board decisions will be final.

If you have any questions about these rules, contact the Merit Program Chair Person: Sally Meyers, smeyers1@prodigy.net 262-553-9214 or 262-515-6822.

Conformation Merit Rules

Awards in this category will be given to Aussies only. The following awards will be given:

Puppy Dog and Puppy Bitch

Class Dog and Class Bitch (Altered & Intact)

Special Dog and Special Bitch (Altered & Intact)

1. Animals compete against their own sex only.

2. A dog or bitch entered as a class dog or bitch and goes Winners to finish its Championship and goes on to win BOB or BOS does NOT receive merit points as a champion. It will however receive an additional point for each champion of its own sex that it defeats.

3. Conformation points are awarded as follows:

Class placement: One (1) point for each animal of their own sex defeated in the class.

Example: Buddy wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs. He gets 3 merit points.

Winners Dog or Bitch: One (1) point for each animal of their own sex shown in regular conformation minus one (1) point.

Example: Buddy wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs and goes WD with 30 dogs shown. He gets 29 merit points.

Reserve Dog or Bitch: One (1) point for each animal of their own sex shown in regular conformation minus two (2) points.

Example: Buddy wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs and goes RWD with 30 dogs shown. He gets 28 merit points.

Best of Winners: One (1) point for each ASCA championship point for that day.

Example: Buddy wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs and goes WD with 30 dogs shown and BOW. There are 3 points for dogs and 5 points for bitches. Buddy gets 34 merit points. (29 for WD and 5 for BOW).

Best of Opposite: One (1) point for each animal of the same sex (in Best of Breed class), minus one (1).

Best of Breed: One (1) point for each animal shown, minus one (1).

Best Puppy, Best Opposite Puppy: One (1) point for each animal of same sex shown that day in the puppy classes, minus one (1).

Example: Mick goes BOBP with 2 in the 2-4 class and 3 in the 4-6 class. Mick gets 4 merit points.

Premier (when offered): One (1) point for every premier of own sex offered at the show.

Example: Premier 10 offered at a show and Mick gets a premier ribbon. Mick gets 10 merit points.

Junior Showmanship Merit Rules

1. Each Junior must be entered in at least 4 ASCA sanctioned shows. (a three (3) day weekend equals three (3) shows).

2. Showmanship points are awarded as follows:

One (1) point for each Junior defeated in Class.

Best Junior Handler receives ten (10) merit points.

Reserve Junior Handler receives five (5) merit points.

3. All Pee Wee handlers will be recognized at years end.

Obedience Merit Rules

1. High Score Obedience awards are offered separately for Aussies and other breeds.

2. Merit awards are given in Novice, Open, and Utility.

3. The minimum requirements for Obedience are:

Novice: Three (3) qualifying scores.

Open: Two (2) qualifying scores.

Utility: One (1) qualifying score.

4. Obedience merit points will be earned as follows:

Scores are accepted from the regular classes only.

Scores must be qualifying scores.

Scores will be averaged for the standing in the divisions.

Two (2) points will be added for each High in Trial award.

Rally Merit Rules

1. High Score Rally awards are offered separately for Aussies and other breeds.

2. Merit awards are given in Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Masters.

3. The minimum requirements for Rally are:

Novice: Three (3) qualifying scores.

Advanced: Three (3) qualifying scores.

Excellent: Three (3) qualifying scores.

Masters: Three (3) qualifying score.

4. Rally merit points will be earned as follows:

Scores are accepted from the regular classes only.

Scores must be qualifying scores.

Scores will be averaged for the standing in the divisions.

Two (2) points will be added for each High in Trial award.

Agility Merit Rules

1. Awards will be offered to Aussies and other breeds separately.

2. In order for points to count you must have three (3) qualifying scores (title) in the Regular agility class in which your dog ran for the merit year.

3. An Overall High Point agility award will be given.

4. Jumpers and Gamblers classes will only count for Overall High Point when 3 qualifying scores in the Regular classes have been achieved.

High point agility dog MUST have earned a three (3) qualifying scores in the Regular agility class for the merit year. Then all points, including Regular, Jumpers, and Gamblers in all divisions (Novice, Open, and Elite) will be added together for the High Point total.

Elite titled dogs MUST submit 3 qualifying scores in Regular Elite class (Standard, Veteran or Junior) to qualify for this award.

5. Agility awards will be given in Novice, Open, and Elite Divisions.

6. Scoring will be as follows (qualifying scores only):

1st Place 10 points

2nd Place 8 points

3rd Place 7 points

4th Place 6 points

Qualifying score (No placement) 5 points.

Working Merit Rules

1. High Score Working awards are offered separately for Aussies and other breeds.

2. Working awards will be awarded in the following divisions

Started

Open

Advanced

Ranch Trial

Post Advanced

Farm Trial

Working Junior Handler

3. Working merit points will be earned as follows:

Two (2) qualifying scores must be submitted for each class, except for Ranch Trial which requires one (1) qualifying score.

Qualifying scores earn face value.

Two (2) additional points will be awarded for High in Trial.

TRACKING MERIT RULES

1. Tracking merit points are awarded upon passing of a tracking test. Merit points will be earned as follows:

TD – 1 point

TDX – 2 points

Urban – 3 points

Versatility Merit Rules

1. Open to Aussies only.
2. All dogs must compete in Conformation and Stock (must title in stock).
3. All dogs must compete and title in Obedience, Agility or Rally.
4. Versatility Award standings will be computed as follows:

ASCA CH. of record: Six (6) points each time dog is entered and shown in Best of Breed competition.

Class Dogs & Bitches: Total points accumulate during the merit year.

Stock, Obedience, Rally & Agility: Total points in each division accumulated during the merit year.

One (1) bonus point will be awarded for each and every ASCA title earned by the entrant during the merit year.

THERAPY DOG VOLUNTEERS

Members who volunteer with their dog will be recognized upon six (6) hours of volunteer work during the merit year. Examples of therapy work include hospital or nursing home visits, schools (bite prevention, etc.), public library reading programs, or other therapeutic or educational programs. A supervisor at the therapy site should sign the merit form to verify hours volunteered.

Job Credits

Show Secretary 2

Chief Obedience Steward 2

Ring Steward (for entire day) 1

Set Up (conformation & obedience) ½

Breakdown (conformation & obedience) ½

Raffle Chairperson 2

World of Dogs at Wisconsin State Fair Chairperson 2

World of Dogs at Wisconsin State Fair Booth Workers (4 hour shift) ½

Agility Chairperson (1 day) 2

Agility Workers (1 agility class) ½

(2 or more agility classes) 1

Course Director (stock) 2

Scorekeeper (stock) 1

Timekeeper (stock) 1

Set Up (agility & stock) 1
Breakdown (agility & stock) 1
MISC. Show Related Work ½
Hospitality/Lunch 1
Webmaster for Club 2
