

NWRRC OWNER HANDLER PROGRAM
Rules and Participation Guidelines

PURPOSE:

1. To celebrate and encourage Owner Handler participation in the various dog sports/activities in which our members are already competing and enjoying. To foster healthy competition, greater participation in diverse events and ultimately, to recognize and reward those who are excelling as or fostering teamwork with their dogs.
2. Fostering pride and accomplishment in being an Owner-Handler, whether in the show ring, the performance ring, or on the hiking trail, and at all times following the AKC code of sportsmanship for dog competition. (note: this program is not affiliated with the AKC, the AKC NOHS, nor the RRCUS OHP)

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:

1. Must be currently enrolled as a member of good standing with the NWRRC
2. Show/enroll only dogs co-/owned by the NWRRC member.
3. Have not received remuneration for handling dogs not co-/owned by the member.
4. Register with the Program Coordinators and submit a fee of \$10 for each dog for the current year. Multiple dogs may be entered in the Program but must be co-/owned by the entrant and thereby necessitating a separate fee (see Registration Information)
5. It is at the discretion of the Coordinators to dismiss any member from the Owner-Handler Program for any unsportsmanlike and/or disruptive behavior in accordance with the AKC Code of Sportmanship

EARNING POINTS

1. Points are submitted for co-/owned dogs that are currently registered in the Program. Dogs **MUST** be handled in competition by the owner.
2. A dog may be entered in any/all of the following categories:
 - A. **Conformation:** AKC approved shows only
 - B. **Performance:**
 1. **Obedience**
 2. **Rally**
 3. **Lure/Fast CAT**
 4. **Agility**
 - C. **Partnership:** includes Tracking, Trick Dog, Scent/Nose Work, Search and Rescue, Herding, Barn Hunt and Achiever Certificates (issued by AKC)
 - D. **Companion Dog:** includes Therapy Dog, Canine Good Citizen, Farm Dog certificate, Temperament Test and Star Puppy Certificate (all issued by AKC)
 - E. **Leisure Activities:** includes walking, hiking, running and biking and dog-involved Charity activities (food drives, 5-10K's), volunteering at Club events and NWRRC meetings and event attendance (*)

(*) If you don't see an activity listed here or the Points Schedule, contact the Program Coordinator and will consider adding it to the Program of that year or the following.

SUBMITTING POINTS

1. It is the responsibility of the participant to submit accurate and honest information of points earned to the Program Coordinator or Co-Coordinator. Information will include name of Owner Handler, each dog's name, date of event and club sponsoring (if applicable), dog's placement, score, mileage, time, etc, for verification and OHP points. If a handler, other than the owner registered in the program, shows the dog, no points will be accrued.
2. If there was participation without some sort of placement, a 0.5 point will be given for participation.
3. In **Conformation**, another dog must be defeated for a "placement" to accrue an OHP. This can be indicated easily by writing 1:3, indicating a first place out of 3 dogs. Or 1:1, indicating your dog was the only one in it's class, so a participation point of 0.5 is accrued.
4. In **Performance** events, a non-qualifying score will earn a 0.5 point for participation. Otherwise, points are listed for various placements.
5. In **Specialty** events, a non-qualifying score or incomplete will also earn a points for participation.
6. For **Companion and Leisure Events** we will rely on your integrity in reporting accurate and honest mileage, visits, and attendance of events.
7. We request points be submitted quarterly for our accurate reporting of current point totals to date. However we will accept ALL points earned thru-out the Program year.
The Program year runs from Dec 1 thru Nov 30 of the following year. We do this so we may honor and reward the members at the end of the calendar year for which their win was achieved.
Membership entry will end 4 (four) months from the first start day of each Program year.

* PLEASE SUBMIT ALL POINTS TO BOTH TERI KRUSE
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POINT REPORTING EXAMPLES

You and your dog are a team. You report what you and your dog(s) accomplishes in any event in any venue you choose.

Example 1:

Dog: Amos

Conformation:

1/10/23, Tualatin KC, 1st 1:3, WD 1:4 / 2pts +2 addl' = 4 OH pts

1/13/23, Dog Fanciers of OR, 1st 1:1 RWD 1:2 / 0.5pts + 1 addl' =

1.5 OH pts

Dog: Beau

Agility:

6/27/23, Portland Dog Training Club, Open Q 4 OH pts

6/28/23, Portland DTC Open, NQ 0.5 OH pts

Leisure:

7/13/23, Jogged 5 mi, $1.5 \times 5 = 7.5$ OH pts

10/20/23, Clark County KC, CGC earned 5 OH pts

Example 2:

Any Excel or similar spreadsheet is gladly accepted. We politely ask you organize it first by dog then events in each venue, using a chronological order (by date)

For Excel/Spreadsheets

Dog: Gypsy

All Conformation for Jan, followed by the same for Feb, followed by Mar results

Then Agility would run the same way, as would Rally, etc

For those who walk/run/hike every week, please feel free to list a cumulative amount of mileage.

Dog: Gypsy

Leisure:

Jan 1-7, 40 mi. walking, Jan 8-14, 10 mi. hiking, Jan 15-24, 26 mi. walking,

Jan 27-31, 4 mi. hiking Total: 47 OH pts $40 \times .5 = 20$, $10 \times 1 = 10$,

$26 \times 0.5 = 13$, $4 \times 1 = 4$, then total those (47)

YEAR END AWARDS

The highest scoring entrant in each of the seven categories will receive a grand prize rosette and prize. All entrants placing 2nd thru 4th in their respective categories will also receive a rosette and modest prize. ALL entrants will receive a Participant rosette and dog toy whether they placed or not. A prize may be a dog lead, collar, gift certificate, fleece coat, etc. Entrant input as to trophies desired will be considered and greatly appreciated. It will also depend on funding, and any extra donations for prize procurement will be appreciated.

Approximately half-way thru the Program year, we will post standings. The winners will be announced mid- to late Dec and awards mailed/given to recipients by January at the latest. Each member will be notified when to expect a rosette/prize delivery.

THIS IS YOUR PROGRAM, THE MEMBERS OF THE NWRRC.

We are hopeful you will find the point system fair and amenable. In turn we are confident in honesty of reporting. If a discrepancy is found, we will simply notify you of the changes made to points earned.

Suggestions and corrections should be submitted to Teri and Cindi.

This is supposed to be a FUN competition and one in which we can all participate; from show dogs, to performance dogs to beloved pets. We can encourage others to participate and foster the formation of deep bonds with our beloved Ridgebacks

Thank You for making this program a success

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