

AMERICAN CHESAPEAKE CLUB
REGISTER OF MERIT PROGRAM (2021 Update)
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INTRODUCTION

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The Ad hoc Committee was charged with updating the original 2003 program. What appears below is essentially what was approved by the Board (Motion 03:21) and presented to the membership back in 2003. Some minor editing has been done to bring it up to date for 2021 but the document holds to the original intent of the program.

The Register of Merit (ROM) is a program that rewards those sires and dams who have made outstanding contributions to the Chesapeake Bay Retriever breed through their offspring. The ROM program, unlike other programs, does not reward the individual dog based on its achievements, but rather on the achievements of its offspring.

Three dogs are used here to illustrate how the original program was developed in 2003:

The first dog to be awarded an ACC Register of Merit certificate is Dual Champion and Amateur Field Champion Koolwaters Colt of Tricrown. Although Colt was only bred a handful of times, he sired quality animals in each litter. This is the hallmark of the consistent sire. To calculate his points based on the ROM system, first he must have belonged to an ACC member. Then the merits of his offspring are looked at. His offspring include 1 FC/AFC/CFC/CAFC, 4 with Ch (one group placing in Canada), 3 CD dogs, 1 CDX, a WD and a WDX out of a total of six titled offspring. He meets the first criteria of having six titled offspring, in 3 different areas, at least 1 show Champion, at least 1 field title, and one advanced title. Colt's ROM level point total is 41.

The first ROMX title is to Colt's sire, Amateur Field Champion and Champion Bomarc of SouthBay, Companion Dog. Bomarc was owned by August Belmont, IV and Louise Belmont, both members of ACC for many years. August was also the ACC President at one time. Bomarc was not only successful in field, show and obedience, he produced offspring that were successful as well. In addition to Colt, he produced 10 Ch (including 1 with group placements, and one National Specialty Show Best of Breed winner), 5CDs, 1 CDX, 1 TD, 3 WDs, and 4 offspring with field trial awards. Bomarc's ROMX level point total is 88.

Bomarc's grandson, and Colt's son, Field Champion, Amateur Field Champion, Field Trial Champion (Canadian) and Amateur Field Trial Champion (Canadian) Chesdel Chippewa Chief, is the first ROMQ. Chip is the only Chesapeake Bay Retriever to have earned all four field trial titles available in North America. But it is his production record that gives him this latest award. Chip belonged to the late Alex Spear, a member of

ACC and participant in field trials since the 1930s. Chip sired 85 titled offspring. Included in that total are 1 Dual Champion, 1 FC/AFC, 1CFC/CAFC, 12 Champions (including several who were also awarded field trial placements or were Qualified All-Age trial dogs), 11 CDs, 1 CDX, several hunt test titles (including 3 MH dogs), numerous WDs, WDXs, WDQs, and 36 field trial placing offspring. Chip's ROMQ level point total is 358.

These three generations of ROM winners are an illustration of how the categories, qualifications, and point schedule are used to calculate a dog's qualification for these awards. Not only that but having several generations of ROM winners illustrates that quality progresses from generation to generation in our breed and deserves to be rewarded! A list of dogs and bitches eligible for ROM/X/Q was developed and published in the July/August 2003 ACC Bulletin. The ROM, ROMX and ROMQ designations for these dogs has been added to their profiles in the ACC CBR Breed database.

This list is not comprehensive, as new dogs will be added when their qualifications are verified. If you have a dog/dogs that meet(s) the qualifications, please fill out the ROM application, provide the required documentation or references and submit to the ROM Program Coordinator. Once verified, your dog will be added to the ROM and ACC CBR Breed database and a printable certificate will be emailed to you.

ROM Program Coordinator
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ROM GUIDELINES

The Register of Merit (ROM) program was established to bring recognition to Chesapeake Bay Retrievers who are outstanding producers. This acknowledgement is based entirely on the achievements of the produce/get of a particular dog. The ROM program will be administered and maintained by the ROM Program Coordinator. This is a volunteer position of indefinite term approved by the ACC Board of Directors. The ROM Program Coordinator will be responsible for verifying titles and points as submitted by applying owners, emailing printable certificates, submitting list of achievers to the ACC CBR Breed Database and ACC Bulletin as necessary and maintaining files and records.

GENERAL RULES

1. Awarded to Chesapeake Bay Retrievers whose owners are members in good standing of the American Chesapeake Club.
2. ROM titles are awarded only upon application by the owner. The ROM Program Coordinator will work with the ACC CBR Breed Database Team to maintain a database of eligible Chesapeakes. It is the owner's responsibility to supply the ROM Program Coordinator with proof of parentage and/or titles of offspring at the Coordinator's request. Proof may consist of photocopies of registration, award certificates, links to valid online databases, or other official documentation from the American Kennel Club,

ACC, or other recognized source. Much of the required information is available from the official ACC Breed Database.

3. Titles earned under the following registries will apply: AKC, ACC, CKC, UKC, NAHRA, FCI, other Kennel Club registry that is the ruling body for any country not covered by FCI. The ROM Program Coordinator shall determine equivalency for any non-AKC title not specifically listed in the official Point Scale. Owners are responsible for supplying the ROM Program Coordinator with rules and regulations for non-AKC titles to determine equivalency. Only hunt test titles where testing uses real birds shall earn equivalent points as compared to AKC tests.

4. Points may only be awarded once for equivalent titles. Equivalent titles are those with the same basic skills required for work within a category, as such, a JH would be considered equivalent to an SR and WD, an American CH or CD is equivalent to a Canadian CH or CD, etc. Obedience and Rally are considered one category and points will be awarded for the highest title earned (for instance, if a dog earned both a UD and RAE, the dog would get credit for the higher UD points and not the RAE points). For the ROM program, Hunt Tests and Field Trials are considered different categories, and dogs are eligible for points in both disciplines.

5. Points are not cumulative for subsequent titles. For example, a dog earning a CD gets 4 points, and if the same dog earns a CDX it will get two additional points, bringing the total points for the CDX to 6. Points are only awarded for the original title and not alpha/numeric additional titles (for instance, points awarded for Grand Champion (GCh) but not for Bronze/Gold/etc. or Preferred Agility Excellent (PAX) but not PAX2.

6. To qualify for any ROM award, the Chesapeake must meet ALL the following requirements:

- a. Have at least one offspring with a conformation Championship, and one offspring with a field title; and
- b. Have a minimum of six (6) AKC (or equivalent) titled offspring for dogs, three (3) for bitches; and
- c. Have offspring titled in three (3) different AKC (or equivalent) event areas (i.e., one CH, one CD, one JH); and
- d. Have at least one offspring with an advanced title (i.e., All-Breed BIS, CDX, TDX, FC/AFC, WDQ, SH, AX, or better); and
- e. Meet all point requirements.

7. A ROM award will be based on an approved and established point scale, as attached. (Since the program was updated in 2021, we will allow a grace period where members may submit information on dogs/bitches born before 2010 based on the original 2003 point scale.)

8. There are three levels to the ROM award based on cumulative points and will be designated as follows:

- a. ROM — Dogs 60 points, Bitches 30 points
- b. ROMX — Dogs 120 points, Bitches 60 points
- c. ROMQ — Dogs 200 points, Bitches 90 points

POINT SCALE

Conformation

Bench Champion (CH) – 6
Grand Champion (GCh) - 8
First Group One - 5
First Group Two through Four - 4
First All-Breed Best in Show (BIS) - 13
Second All-Breed Best in Show (BIS) – 10
First Best of Breed at ACC National Show Specialty (BISS) - 10
Second Best of Breed at ACC National Show Specialty (BISS) - 8
Best of Opposite Sex (BOS), Select Dog (SD), Select Bitch (SB) or Judges Award of Merit (JAM) at ACC National Show Specialty – 5
Best in Show AKC National Championship - 24

Obedience and Rally

Beginner Novice (BN) – 1
Preferred Companion Dog (PCD) - 2
Companion Dog (CD) - 4
Preferred Companion Dog Excellent (PCDX) – 5
Graduate Novice (GN) - 5
Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) – 6
Preferred Utility Dog (PUTD) – 6
Graduate Open (GO) – 7
Preferred Utility Dog Excellent (PUDX) – 7
Versatility (VER) - 8
Utility Dog (UD) - 9
Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) – 11
Obedience Master (OM) – 11
Obedience Grand Master (OGM) - 12
First All-Breed High Combined - 10
First ACC National Show Specialty High Combined - 7
First All-Breed High In Trial - 8
First ACC National Show Specialty High In Trial - 5
Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) – 13
Preferred Obedience Champion (POC) – 12
National Obedience Champion (NOC) – 24

Rally Novice (RN) – 1
Rally Intermediate (RI) – 2
Rally Advanced (RA) – 4
Rally Excellent (RE) – 5
Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) – 6
Rally Master (RM) – 6
Rally Champion (RACH) – 8
Rally National Champion (RNC) - 15

Tracking

Tracking Dog (TD) - 5
Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) - 5
Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) - 8
Variable Surface Tracking (VST) – 11
Champion Tracker (CT) – 13
National Tracking Invitational (NTI) pass - 20

Agility

Either Agility Course Test 1 or 2 (ACT1, ACT2) or Agility Course Test Jumpers 1 or 2 (ACTJ1, ACTJ2) - 1
Either Novice Agility (NA) or Novice Jumpers (NAJ) or Novice FAST (NF) – 3
Either Novice Agility Preferred (NAP) or Novice Jumpers Preferred (NJP) or Novice FAST Preferred (NFP) - 2
Either Open Agility (OA) or Open Jumpers (OAJ) or Open FAST (OF) – 5
Either Open Agility Preferred (OAP) or Open Jumpers Preferred (OJP) or Open FAST Preferred (OFP) - 4
Either Agility Excellent (AX) or Agility Excellent Jumpers (AXJ) or Excellent FAST (XF) – 7
Either Agility Excellent Preferred (AXP) or Agility Excellent Jumpers Preferred (AXJP) or Excellent FAST Preferred (XFP) - 6
Either Master Agility Excellent (MX) or Master Excellent Jumpers (MXJ) or Master Excellent FAST (MXF) – 9
Either Master Agility Excellent Preferred (MXP) or Master Excellent Jumpers Preferred (MJP) or Master Excellent FAST Preferred (MFP) - 8
Master Agility Champion (MACH) – 13
Preferred Agility Champion (PACH) – 12
Preferred Agility Excellent (PAX) - 9
Time to Beat (T2B) – 4
Time to Beat Preferred (T2BP) – 3
Either Premier Agility Dog (PAD) or Premier Jumpers Dog (PJD) - 9
Either Premier Agility Dog Preferred (PADP) or Premier Jumpers Dog Preferred (PJDP) – 9
Triple Q Excellent (TQX) – 12
Triple Q Excellent Preferred (TQXP) – 11
Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) – 14
National Agility Champion (NAC) - 16
Preferred National Agility Champion (PNAC) - 15

Field Trial

First Ribbon in minor stakes (**) - 6
Derby List – 8
Qualified All-Age (***)/Qualified All-Age 2 (QA2) - 9
National Derby Champion (NDC) - 12
Double Header - 14
Field Champion (FC) - 15
Amateur Field Champion (AFC) - 15

National Finalist - 15
National Field Champion (NFC)/National Amateur Field Champion (NAFC) – 24
Dual Champion (DC) - 24
Dual Champion (DC) and Amateur Field Champion (AFC) and Master Hunter (MH) - 24

Hunt Test

Junior Hunter (JH) - 5
Senior Hunter (SH) - 7
Master Hunter (MH) - 10
Master National Hunter (MNH) Qualifier – 13
Master National Retriever (MNR) - 14
Master National Hunter (MNH) - 15
Additional Master National Hunter (NMH) Qualifier - 3

ACC Working Dog Program

Working Dog (WD) - 3
Working Dog Excellent (WDX) - 5
Working Dog Qualified (WDQ) - 7

Miscellaneous

Offspring with ROM - 8
Offspring with both Hip and CAER eye certification - 2
Certified guide/assistance dog - 8
Certified working drug/bomb/police dog - 6
Certified Hero dog through national organization – 6

Versatile Companion Dog 1 (VCD1) (CD, NA, NAJ, [TD or TDU]
or CD, NAP, NJP, [TD or TDU]) - 2

Versatile Companion Dog 2 (VCD2) (CDX, OA, OAJ, [TD or TDU]
or CDX, OAP, OJP, [TD or TDU]) - 4

Versatile Companion Dog 3 (VCD3) (UD, AX, AXJ, TDX or UD,
AXP, AJP, TDX) - 6

Versatile Companion Dog 4 (VCD4) (UDX, MX, MXJ, VST or
UDX, MXP, MJP, VST) – 8

Versatile Companion Dog Champion (VCCH) (OTCH, MACH and CT or OTCH, PACH
and CT) – 10

Triple Champion (TC) (Dual Champion (DC) and the title of Obedience Trial Champion
(OTCH) or Tracking Champion (CT) or Agility Champion (MACH or PACH) – 25

Therapy Dog Novice (THDN) - 1
Therapy Dog Title (THD) - 2
Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA) – 3
Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX) - 4
Distinguished Therapy Dog (THDD) – 6

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) – 1
Canine Good Citizen Advanced (CGCA)/Canine Good Citizen Urban (CGCU) – 2

Triple Crown Recipient at NSS – 1

Health Certifications number/tested (DM, PRA, EIC, Hips/Elbows, Eyes) – 1

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy – 1

Other Title Areas – (Flyball; Scentwork/ Nosework; Barn Hunt; Dock Diving; Scent Hurdles; Tricks; Coursing; Spaniel Tests; etc.)

Entry Level Title – 1

Mid-Level Title – 2

Excellent Level Title – 3

Master Level Title – 4

Champion Level Title – 5

National Level Title - 6