

May 27, 2010

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Your opinion matters! Please submit
your questions, comments, and/or
suggestions no later than June 25th.

Dawn

Dear Members of the NSDTR Club of Canada,

As many of you know the Register of Merit program has been under Executive review. Changes have been made to clarify the requirements, to ensure the program is administered effectively, and to ensure the ROM is a meaningful program recognizing the outstanding sires and dams in our breed. These changes have been approved by the current Executive and a draft copy has been attached to this letter for your review.

We are now asking for your comments on this final draft. We would like to start this program July 1st, 2010 so please send any comments or questions to me by email at doleary@explornet.com or by post at **6830 Fernbank Rd., Stittsville, ON K2S 1B6** by June 25th, 2010.

For comparison purposes, if you would like to see the ROM in its original format, please visit the Club web site, www.toller.ca where you will find it under "Club Information".

If you have a sire or dam who would have earned this award under the originally presented requirements, please send me any information you may have confirming qualification and we will honor this until the beginning of the new program on July 1st, 2010.

Thank you for your assistance with this program that recognizes the sires and dams who have contributed so much to our breed.

Sincerely,

Dawn O'Leary
President NSDTR Club of Canada

REGISTER OF MERIT PROGRAM

Revised version published for comment.

THE NSDTR CLUB OF CANADA REGISTER OF MERIT AWARD IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB OF CANADA

The Register of Merit (ROM) and Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) Awards have been established to recognize a sire or dam's outstanding contribution to the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever breed in Canada through the accomplishments of their offspring.

Approved ROM and ROMX applicants will receive a congratulatory letter and certificate from the NSDTR Club of Canada recognizing their accomplishment, and will be recognized in Toller Talk and on the official Club web site.

All titles must be earned in Canada and it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all required documentation.

REQUIREMENTS:

REQUIREMENTS FOR SIRES

ROM

- a) Accumulate at least 100 points from titles of his progeny; and**
- b) The 100 points must be accumulated from ten (10) individual qualified progeny; and**
- c) A minimum of four (4) to a maximum of five (5) individual progeny must have been awarded the title of CKC Champion; and**
- d) At least three (3) individual progeny must have been awarded a CKC Working Certificate or Hunt Test title.**
- e) To maintain the versatility of our breed, remaining points are to be from any category EXCEPT conformation.**

ROMX

- a) Accumulate at least 200 points from titles of his progeny; and**
- b) The 200 points must have been accumulated from twenty (20) individual qualified progeny; and**
- c) A minimum of eight (8) to a maximum of ten (10) individual progeny must have been awarded the title of CKC Champion; and**

- d) **At least six (6) individual progeny must have been awarded a CKC Working Certificate or Hunt Test title.**
- e) **To maintain the versatility of our breed, remaining points are to be from any category EXCEPT conformation**

REQUIREMENTS FOR DAMS

ROM

- a) **Accumulate at least 60 points from titles of her progeny; and**
- b) **The 60 points must have been accumulated from six (6) individual qualified progeny; and**
- c) **A minimum of two (2) to a maximum of three (3) individual progeny must be awarded the title of CKC Champion; and**
- d) **At least two (2) individual progeny must have been awarded a CKC Working certificate or CKC Hunt Test titles.**
- e) **To maintain the versatility of our breed, remaining points are to be from any category EXCEPT conformation.**

ROMX

- a) **Accumulate at least 120 points from titles of her progeny; and**
- b) **The 120 points must have been accumulated from twelve (12) individual qualified progeny; and**
- c) **A minimum of four (4) to a maximum of six (6) individual progeny must be awarded the title of CKC Champion; and**
- d) **At least four (4) individual progeny must have been awarded a CKC Working certificate or CKC Hunt Test titles.**
- e) **To maintain the versatility of our breed, remaining points are to be from any category EXCEPT conformation.**

RULES:

1. **All applicants must be the owner(s) of record of the sire or dam.**
2. **All applicants must be a Member of the NSDTR Club of Canada for at least one year before an application is made.**

3. **All qualifying progeny born after July 1, 2008 must be from a breeding that is in full compliance with the current NSDTR Club of Canada Code of Ethics. The COE can be found at: <http://www.toller.ca/code.html>**
4. **A copy of all registration certificates, from approved registries, is required for each offspring used to accrue points for sires or dams.**
5. **Points are not cumulative. If the dog has earned a WC, it is awarded 10 points. If the same dog earns a WCI, the WCI points REPLACE the WC points (i.e. this dog would have a total of 15 points NOT 25).**
6. **A recognized non-CKC organization refers to AAC, NADAC, UKC, HRC, NAHRA, etc. Other organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.**
7. **ALL TITLES/AWARDS AND ALL PASSES TOWARDS THESE TITLES MUST BE EARNED IN CANADA. If a title is earned through an organization other than the Canadian Kennel Club, a letter from the Event Secretary confirming that all qualifying passes were earned in Canada, the official event results and/or the title certificate is necessary. Such instances will be dealt with on a case by case basis.**
8. **In order to establish qualification all documentation must be sent to the ROM Administrator in one package via regular post. Do not send originals. Documents will not be returned.**

POINT SCHEDULE:

CONFORMATION:

- 10 - CKC Champion

FIELD:

- 5 - any non-CKC field title from a recognized organization

WORKING CERTIFICATE

- 10 - WC Working Certificate
- 15 - WCI Working Certificate Intermediate
- 20 - WCX Working Certificate Excellent

HUNT TESTS

- 15 - JH Junior Hunter
- 25 - SH Senior Hunter
- 30 - MH Master Hunter
- 35 - GMH Grand Master Hunter

FIELD TRIALS

- 20 – Any Placement
- 35 – Any Field Title

OBEDIENCE:

- 5 - any non-CKC obedience title from a recognized organization
- 5 - PCD Pre Companion Dog
- 10 - CD Companion Dog
- 15 - CDX Companion Dog Excellent
- 20 - OTCH Obedience Trial Champion
- 25 - OTCHX Obedience Trial Champion Excellent
- 30 - MOTCH Master Obedience Trial Champion
- 35 - GMOTCH Grand Master Obedience Trial Champion

RALLY OBEDIENCE:

- 5 - any non-CKC obedience title from a recognized organization
- 5 - RN Rally Novice
- 10 - RA Rally Advanced
- 15 - RE Rally Excellent
- 20 - RAE Rally Advanced Excellent

AGILITY:

- 5 - any non-CKC agility title from a recognized organization
- 5 – AG.N. or Ag. N. J. (Novice)
- 10 – AG. I or AG. J. I. (Intermediate)
- 15 - AG. X. or AG. J. X (Excellent)
- 20 – AG. M. X or AG. M. X. J. (Masters)

TRACKING:

- 5 - any non-CKC tracking title from a recognized organization
- 5 - TD Tracking dog
- 10 - TDX Tracking Dog Excellent

DOBIRSTEIN AWARD:

- 5

SERVICE DOG

Dogs working in Therapy, Search and Rescue, Border/ Airport Security etc.

- 5

EXAMPLES

A) ROM - SIRE

CH RED DOG	10
CH BLUE DOG	10
CH ORANGE DOG	10
CH GREEN DOG	10
CH YELLOW DOG	10
PURPLE DOG WC	10
BLACK DOG WC	10
GREY DOG WC	10
WHITE DOG CD	10
BROWN DOG RA	10
TOTAL MUST BE ≥ 100	100

B) ROM - DAM

CH RED DOG	10
CH BLUE DOG	10
CH ORANGE DOG	10
GREEN DOG WC	10
YELLOW DOG JH	10
PURPLE DOG CD	10
TOTAL MUST BE ≥ 60	60

C) ROMX - SIRE

CH RED DOG	10
CH BLUE DOG	10
CH ORANGE DOG	10
CH GREEN DOG	10
CH YELLOW DOG	10
CH PURPLE DOG	10
CH BLACK DOG	10
CH GREY DOG	10
CH WHITE DOG	10
CH BROWN DOG	10
SILVER DOG WC	10
GOLD DOG WC	10
TEAL DOG JH	15
AQUA DOG JH	15
PINK DOG WC	10
BRONZE DOG WC	10
CH CORAL DOG WCI	15
PEACH DOG TDI (non-CKC)	5
INDIGO DOG AGN	5
GMH OTCH CH IVORY DOG RAE TDX	85
TOTAL MUST BE ≥ 200	295

C) ROMX - DAM

CH RED DOG	10
CH BLUE DOG	10
CH ORANGE DOG	10
CH GREEN DOG	10
CH YELLOW DOG	10
CH PURPLE DOG WC	20
BLACK DOG WC	10
GREY DOG JH	15
CH WHITE DOG JH	15
CH BROWN DOG WC CD	25
SILVER DOG AgN (non-CKC)	5
GOLD DOG RN	5
TOTAL MUST BE ≥ 120	145