



MT. DIABLO DOG TRAINING CLUB
Member Awards/Recognition Policy
March 2024

It is the MDDTC Policy that members are recognized for their accomplishments in several different ways. This document outlines the policy and procedures established by the Board of Directors for members to participate in the recognition program. This policy covers the following awards:

- On-going plaques and plates
- On-going on-line title recognition
- Championship Trophy
- Year-end High Combined Awards
- Year-end Special Recognition Awards

On-Going Plaques and Plates

The first time a member submits a title plaque and plate order, when their dog earns his/her first title, the member is entitled to receive a plaque with the dog's name and a brass plate indication the date and title earned.

For subsequent titles for the same dog, or additional dog's earning titles, members may purchase, at their expense, a brass plate that indicates the title earned and the date earned. Additional plaques may also be purchased at the member's expense. Each plaque holds 9 plates.

1. In order to request a plaque and/or plate(s), complete page 1 of the Award Recognition Form, available on the members only section of the web site, and submit it to the Awards Chair.
2. The Awards Chair will verify that the member is in good standing, place the order for the plaque and/or plate(s) and present the award at the next membership meeting. Every effort should be made to get the plaque and/or plate(s) to the member in a timely manner.

On-Line Title Recognition

MDDTC retains an on-going list of club members' title accomplishments in any dog sport.

1. Click on the CONTACTS and POLICIES tab.
2. Click on the Titles Earned Button.
3. Enter your information for the title earned.

Championship Trophy

As an AKC 'Registered' Dog Training Club, the core dog sports upon which the club was founded are Obedience and Rally. Any dog that earns a championship title in either of these dog sports is entitled to special recognition. Dogs that earn either an Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) or Rally Champion (RACH) titles are entitled to have their name and their dog's name engraved on a large brass plate that is placed on the Club's Championship Trophy, which will remain on display in the club house in perpetuity.

1. When the dog earns either an OTCH or RACH, the handler should complete page 1 and 2 of the Award Recognition Form. Do not provide details for each leg earned.
2. The Award Chair will verify the information with the handler, arrange for the plate to be engraved and placed on the Championship trophy.

Year End Awards

At the end of the calendar year, the Club recognizes those teams with the highest combined score for the titles listed below, which require 3 or 10 qualifying legs to earn. The highest combined award winners are awarded a certificate and their dog's name and combined score are engraved on a plate to place on the plaque for the title the dog earned (this plaque is kept by MDDTC).

Three (3) Qualifying Legs Required

Obedience

Companion Dog (CD)
Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)
Utility Dog (UD)
Beginner Novice (BN)
Graduate Novice (GN)
Graduate Open (GO)
Preferred Novice (PCD)
Preferred Open (PCDX)
Preferred Utility (PUTD)
Versatility (VER)

Rally

Rally Novice (RN)
Rally Intermediate (RI)
Rally Advanced (RA)
Rally Excellent (RE)

Ten (10) Qualifying Legs Required

Obedience

Utility Dog Excellent (UDX#) **

Rally

Rally Master (RM#) **
Rally Choice (RC#) **
Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) **

** For titles where multiple awards are possible, only the first title (#) earned will be eligible for Year End Awards.

In order to compete for Year End Awards for any title listed above, complete page 1 and 2 of the Award Recognition Form only if you have not already submitted the form for a plaque and/or plate earlier in the year. If more than 3 (or 10) legs were earned towards a title, only include the 3 (or 10) highest scores.

Significant Achievement Recognition

Dogs and handlers that achieve significant accomplishments will be awarded a Special Achievement Certificate. Examples of significant achievements may include but are not limited to:

- Invitation to compete at national championship competition
- National ranking, either all breed or breed specific
- Championship/master level titles, such as:

AKC Obedience	Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) National Obedience Champion (NOC)
AKC Rally	Rally Champion (RACH) Rally National Champion (RNC)
AKC Agility	Master Agility Champion (MACH) Agility Grand Champion (AGCH)
AKC Conformation	Champion (CH) Grand Champion (GCH) Grand Champion Bronze (GCHB) Grand Champion Silver (GCHS) Grand Champion Platinum (GCHP)
AKC Lure Coursing	Coursing Ability Master (CAM)
AKC Earth Dog	Endurance Earth Dog (EE)
AKC Field Trials	(Amateur) Field Champion (A)FC Grand (Amateur) Field Champion (G(A)FC) National (Amateur) Field Champion (N(A)GDC) National (Amateur) Gun Dog Champion (N(A)GDC)
AKC Herding	Herding Champion (HC)
AKC Scent Work	Elite Titles in: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master, Detective Dog
AKC Tracking	Champion Tracker (CT)
North American Sporting Dog Association (NASDA)	Trailing & Locating Grand Champion (TLGCh) Urban Locating Grand Champion (ULGCh) Shed Dog Grand Champion (SDGCh) Lost Item Grand Champion (LIGCh)
Barn Hunt Association	Barn Hunt Champion (RATCh) Barn Hunt Master Champion (RATChX)
National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW)	Nose Work Level 3 Elite (NW3-E) Elite Champion (ELT-CH) Summit League Title (SMT) Nose Work Skills Achievement Master (NSAM)