

## **AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

### **VERSATILITY COMPANION (VC) TITLE AND VERSATILITY COMPANION EXCELLENT (VCX) TITLE**

**PURPOSE:** To promote the versatile nature of the purebred American Eskimo Dog. The American Eskimo Dog is descended from the Spitz of northern Europe, which had all-purpose utility backgrounds. The American Eskimo Dog has been used as an all-purpose dog in the United States for such work as hunting, herding, circus work, and all-around family companion.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- 1.) All American Eskimo Dogs must be AKC-registered.
- 2.) All American Eskimo Dogs must have received an Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) certification number for hip screening after the age of two years.
- 3.) All American Eskimo Dogs must have a "normal" Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) certification number within a year that all eligibility requirements were met, or last year of the dog's life, or as of the dog's 10th birthday.
- 4.) If an American Eskimo Dog has received an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) number from The American Kennel Club, it shall be exempted from the OFA and CERF requirements listed above.
- 5.) VC (X) is the only exception to the CERF and OFA requirements if the dog is spayed or neutered, with proof of such neutering accompanying the application.
- 6.) Owners of eligible dogs must be active members of the AEDCA, all dues being paid and current, and have no outstanding debts due to the club. In the case of multiple owners, only one owner must be a member.

**Versatility Companion (VC):** Title to be earned by gaining five points from a minimum of 3 categories.

**Versatility Companion Excellent (VCX):** Title to be earned from gaining 10 points from a minimum of 5 categories.

#### **Category 1 - OBEDIENCE** (AKC, foreign titles as added)

- A. CD - 1 point
- B. CDX - 1 point
- C. UD - 1 point
- D. OTCH - 1 point
- E. RN - 1 point

- F. RA - 1 point
- G. RE - 1 point
- H. RAE - 1 point

**Category 2 - TRACKING** (AKC, foreign titles as added)

- A. TD - 1 point
- B. TDX - 1 point
- C. Variable Surface Tracking Dog (VST) - 1 point

**Category 3 - CONFORMATION** (AEDCA, AKC, foreign titles as added)

- A. Champion of Record - 1 point

**Category 4 - SOUNDNESS**

- A. OFA Certification - 1 point
- B. TT (American Temperament Test Society or equivalent as approved by the AEDCA Board of Directors. AEDCA Secretary maintains the list of equivalent tests.) - 1 point
- C. CERF certified clear eyes- 1 point

**Category 5 - CANINE SPORTS**

- A. Agility (AKC) - 1 point for each individual title.
- B. Flyball (NAFA) - 1 point for each individual title
- C. Schutzhund 1 - 1 point
- D. Schutzhund 11 - 1 point
- E. Schutzhund 111 - 1 point

**Category 6 - PROFESSIONAL DOG**

- A. \*Police Dog (Active duty or on loan to a department) - 1 point
- B. \*Military Dog (Active duty or on loan to an agency) - 1 point
- C. \*Guard Dog (Security business or on loan) - 1 point
- D. \*Search and Rescue/Professional Tracking Dog - 1 point
- E. \*Narcotics Dog - 1 point
- F. \*Bomb Dog - 1 point
- G. \*Guide Dog for the Blind - 1 point
- H. \*Signal/Service Dog for the Disabled - 1 point
- I. \*Therapy work (includes only those dogs certified through a program by any of the following: Therapy Dogs International (TDI), Therapy Dogs, Inc., and the Delta Society) - 1 point

**Category - OTHER**

- A. Canine Good Citizen Test (AKC) - 1 point
- B. Herding Instinct Certification (AHBA) - 1 point
- C. \*Hunting - 1 point

- D. \*Acting/Modeling- 1 point for each approved incidence
- E. \*Heroic Feats (Documented) - 1 point
- F. \*Draft Work (Carting, Sledding, etc.)- 1 point for each approved title
- G. \*Other- 1 point for each approved incidence

\* For recording these accomplishments, a form must be obtained from the AEDCA, completed, and sent to the AEDCA Secretary. The form provides for a statement of the work done, signature by a club official or judge with regard to that type of work, signature by a witness, and signature by the owner of the dog. Requirements must be completed in this order:

In the event that an official who can no longer be located has judged a dog and handler, then a minimum of two witnesses who watched the dog work may verify that the dog did perform the work. The training director or secretary of the club that sponsored the event must also verify the performance.

All witnesses must be unrelated to the owner or handler or their families. For the more unusual activities, videotapes or published material, especially that provided by the news media, will be acceptable.

**TO OBTAIN TITLES:** Photocopies of titles, degrees and other pertinent information must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the next National Meeting and sent to:

Helen Kreger - Awards Chair  
70 Periwinkle Circle  
Belleville, Il. 62220  
Phone: (618) 235-1374

Each year those American Eskimo Dogs who have earned the VC or VCX titles will be honored at the next annual AEDCA National Specialty Show.

The title VC or VCX will appear after the dog's name, but these titles may not be used in official AKC publication except in advertisements.

This Policy was adopted by the AEDCA Board of Directors in 1989 and published in the AEDCA Newsletter.

Amended by a vote of the membership March 5, 1998  
*Amended by Motion #50-00 March 3, 2000 & 20-01 March 24, 2001*  
*Amended by the Board of Directors February 24, 2001*  
*Amended by Membership Vote National Meeting 2002*  
*Amended by the Board of Directors August, 2005*  
*Amended by the Board of Directors September 2006*  
*Amended by Membership Vote National Meeting 2007 (removing fee)*  
*Amended by Membership Vote National Meeting 2008*  
*(re-instated only one owner must be a member)*