

VERSATILITY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

PURPOSE OF THE VERSATILITY PROGRAM

The purpose of BHCA's versatility program is to provide an incentive to encourage Basset Hound owners to have their dogs participate in multiple fields of endeavor such as the following:

- 1) AKC conformation shows or BHCA Conformation Certificate evaluations, to display an acceptance of the breed standard as approved by AKC as the only conformation standard of excellence for the breed;
- 2) AKC field trials, AKC tracking tests, AKC scent work trials, or BHCA hunt performance tests, to demonstrate consistency in scent work; and
- 3) AKC obedience, rally, or agility trials or AKC therapy to demonstrate that the Basset Hound is a useful and reliable partner to mankind.

VERSATILITY COMMITTEE

The Versatility Committee is made up of a chair, who is appointed annually by the BHCA board, and members chosen by the chair and approved by the board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1) Keep updated on new AKC and other titles that might be of interest for inclusion in the program.
- 2) Keep on file the records of the program, including: list of titleholders, history of the program, owner applications, Conformation Certificate (CC) paperwork, *Tally-Ho* versatility columns.
- 3) Prepare certificates for new titleholders.
- 4) Announce new titleholders in the *Tally-Ho* as well as at the Nationals awards dinner.
- 5) Plan and coordinate CC evaluations, including at Nationals and several other locations each year.
- 6) Encourage BHCA members to participate in the versatility program through *Tally-Ho* columns and educational programs.
- 7) Prepare update reports about the committee's activities as requested by the board.

8) Prepare for the yearbook chair for inclusion in the yearbook the following: list of current versatility titleholders, description of the versatility program, and list of new titleholders for that year. Encourage owners of new titleholders to include an ad in the yearbook.

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Committee members: Dave Crawford, Melody Fair, Sara Katzmark, Marianne Lovejoy, Chris Wallen