

United English Shepherd Association **Versatility Awards Program**

Introduction

The UESA versatility awards program was designed to recognize the versatile nature of the English Shepherd. These dogs will distinguish themselves in a variety of activities, such as athletic companion, herding and performance sports. These dogs demonstrate the temperament, intelligence, and working capabilities that represent the breed.

The UESA will award versatility titles to dogs that have completed the necessary requirements for each level of the program. These dogs will be recognized for their accomplishments in the English Shepherd Journal and on the UESA website, as well as receiving an award. For those of us who had many wonderful experiences with dogs that have passed on, we would like to honor their memory by recognizing their accomplishments. Simply submit the regular required forms and documentations. When filling out the Title Registration Form provide what year your dog passed.



Versatility Titles

The Versatility Awards Program offers six titles:

- Versatility Ambassador, VA
- Versatility Emissary, VE
- Versatility Excellent, VX
- Versatility Ultimate, VU
- Total English Shepherd, TES
- Total English Shepherd-Champion, TES-CH
- Memorial titles will have "M" added to title

Versatility Awards Program Requirements

To be awarded a versatility title a dog must earn the total number of points required for each title. This is done by participating in any of the activities listed in the Categories & Activities List below. When the activities for a title are completed, fill out the Title Registration form and send copies of documentation verifying completion. Documentation examples: performance titles, health records, videos, pictures or proofs. (See "Versatility Title Application Process" below.) Proofs are forms used where titles are not offered, such as hiking, school visits, demo's, etc. For each individual activity complete one proof form. (A proof is not necessarily equivalent to a point.)

Point System and Categories

There are 7 categories: Dog Sports, Education, Herding, Scent, Fitness, Health, and Public Relations/Humanitarian. Under each category there is a list of activities and each activity is worth a determined number of points. To accumulate the required points for each title, one must participate in the activities listed under any of the categories. All titles require activities from multiple categories. There are many possible combinations of activities that will qualify a dog for the different versatility titles (refer to Categories & Activities List below).

Versatility Title Application Process

- Complete the title registration form.
- Make photocopies of certificates, titles, and proof forms. (please only send photocopies)
- Send pictures and videos too!
- Include title fee as follows: \$15 UESA member -- and -- \$20 non member
- Make checks payable to UESA. (Pay Pal payment option will be available upon completion of new UESA website.)
- Submit to: Toni Duralski 2363 Shire Way Turlock CA 95380
- E-Mail: Tduralski@aol.com
- Allow 6-8 weeks for processing.

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Categories & Activities List

HERDING

Provide certificates / titles / documents

Herding Instinct Test	1 pt
Herding Titles	5 pt
*Ranch Inspection	3 pt

HEALTH

Provide certificate / documents

OFA	1 pt
Penn Hip	1 pt
CERF	1 pt
MDR1	1 pt
ATTS	1 pt
DNA	1 pt

EDUCATION

Provide certificate / documents

Seminars w/dog	2 pt
Lessons/classes (6 sessions)	2 pt
Workshops w/dog	2 pt
Gathering event (attendance only)	1 pt
Gathering activities (3 activities)	1 pt

FITNESS & TRICKS

Provide proofs

3 miles = 1 pt

max 5 pts per activity

Hiking	1 pt
Back Packing	1 pt
Jogging	1 pt
Walking	1 pt
Biking	1 pt
Skijoring	1 pt
Home Tricks	1 pt***

**Submit video with

dog performing 5 tricks

DOG SPORTS

Provide certificate / titles / documents

Agility title	5 pt
Obedience title	5 pt
Rally Obedience	5 pt
Weight Pull	5 pt
Flyball	5 pt
Carting	5 pt
Lure Coursing	5 pt
Treibball	5 pt
Dock Diving	5 pt
Free Style	5 pt
Trick dog	5 pt
Disc Dog	5 pt
Conformation CH	5 pt
Conformation class win	1 pt

PUBLIC RELATIONS & HUMANITARIAN

Provide certificates / titles

Therapy Dog	3 pt
Canine Good Citizen	2 pt

All others provide proofs

3 proofs = 1 pt

Public demo's	1 pt
Parades	1 pt
TV Media	1 pt
Modeling	1 pt
Instructor demo	1 pt
Visits (schools, libraries hospitals)	1 pt

SCENT

Provide certificates / titles

Tracking	5 pts
Nose Work	5 pts
Barn Hunt	5 pts
Search & Rescue	5 pts
Scent Hurdle Racing	5 pts

* Ranch Dog Inspection Program: Offered by the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA). The program is open to other breeds recognized as herding dogs. To learn how to apply for this program go to chapter 9 in the Stock Dog Rule book. <http://asca.org/Portals/0/StockdogRules.pdf> Ranch Dog Inspection form <http://www.asca.org/Portals/0/rdinssanc.pdf>

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Titles and Examples

Versatility Ambassador (VA)

To qualify for the VA title a dog needs to earn 10 points (or more) from at least 2 categories.

Examples:

Dog 1

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Fitness	Walk 9 miles	3
Fitness	Hike 3 miles	1
Education	Obedience class (6 sessions)	2
Education	Puppy class (6 sessions)	2
Education	Workshop	2
TOTAL		10

Dog 2

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
PR/Hum	CGC	2
Health	OFA	1
Dog Sports	Agility – Novice	5
Education	Agility class (6 sessions)	2
TOTAL		10

Versatility Emissary (VE)

To qualify for the VE title a dog needs to earn a VA title plus an additional 10 points (or more) from at least 2 categories with at least 1 being a new activity.

Examples:

Dog 1

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Fitness	Walk 6 miles	2
Fitness	Hike 12 miles	4
Fitness	Biked 3 miles (new activity)	1
Education	Puppy class (6 sessions)	2
Education	Workshop	2
TOTAL		10

Dog 2

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Scent	Barn hunt – Instinct	5
Education	Obedience classes (6 sessions)	2
Dog sport	Rally obedience - Novice	5
TOTAL		12

Versatility Excellent (VX)

To qualify for the VX title a dog needs to earn a VA and VE plus an additional 10 points (or more) from at least 2 categories with at least 1 being a new activity.

Examples:

Dog 1

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Fitness	Walk 6 miles (max 5 pts per fitness activity, walk points max already reached)	0
Herding	Herding instinct test	1
Fitness	Biked 15 miles (max reached, -1)	4
Education	Obedience (6 sessions)	2
Education	Gathering (3 events) (new activity)	1
PR	Therapy dog	3
TOTAL		11

Dog 2

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Scent	Barn hunt - Novice	5
Education	Agility seminar	2
Dog sport	Agility – Open title	5
TOTAL		12

Versatility Ultimate (VU)

To qualify for the VU title a dog needs to have earned a VA, VE, VX, plus an additional 10 points (or more) from at least 3 categories with at least 1 being a new activity.

Dog 1

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Fitness	Hiked 12 miles (max reached)	0
Fitness	Backpack 15 miles	5
Education	Seminar (new activity)	2
Health	OFA	1
PR	Hospital visits (3x)	3
TOTAL		11

Dog 2

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Fitness	Hiking 3 miles	1
Health	MDR1	1
Education	Gathering (3 activities)	1
Dog sport	Agility – Excellent	5
Fitness/trick	5 home tricks - video	1
Herding	Herding instinct test	1
TOTAL		10

Total English Shepherd (TES)

To qualify for the TES Title a dog needs to have earned a VA, VE, VX, VU plus an additional 10 points (or more) from at least 3 categories with at least 1 being a new activity.

In addition to the above, the dog needs to have participated in at least 1 activity from each of the following categories: Herding, Health, Scent and Public Relations/Humanitarian. These may have been completed in previous versatility titles.

Dog 1

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Fitness	Jogging	0
Education	Seminar w/dog - odors	2
Scent	NW1	5
PR	CGC	1
PR	Hospital visits (2x)	2
TOTAL		10

Dog 2

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Fitness	Biking 3 miles	1
Fitness	Backpacking 6 miles	2
Education	Seminar w/dog- agility	2
Dog sport	Agility – Masters	5
TOTAL		10

Current and past versatility titles include: Herding, Health, Scent and Public Relations, so English Shepherd Dash has now earned the Total English Shepherd title.

Total English Shepherd Champion (TES-CH)

To qualify for the TES-CH Title a dog needs to have earned a VA, VE, VX, VU and TES plus an additional 10 points (or more) from at least 3 categories with 1 being a new activity. In addition the dog must have earned at least one Championship title or equivalent from any of the categories.

Example:

Dog 2

<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Herding	Arena dog HTAD1s	5
Fitness/tricks	Home tricks - video	1
Dog sport	Agility – MACH	5
TOTAL		11