

NWRRC OWNER HANDLER PROGRAM

Rules and Participation Guidelines

PURPOSE:

1. To celebrate and encourage Owner Handler participation in the various dog sports/activities in which our members are already competing and enjoying. To foster healthy competition, greater participation in diverse events and ultimately, to recognize and reward those who are excelling as or fostering teamwork with their dogs.
2. Fostering pride and accomplishment in being an Owner-Handler, whether in the show ring, the performance ring, or on the hiking trail, and at all times following the AKC code of sportsmanship for dog competition. (note: this program is not affiliated with the AKC, the AKC NOHS, nor the RRCUS OHP)

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:

1. Must be currently enrolled as a member of good standing with the NWRRC
2. Show/enroll only dogs co-/owned by the NWRRC member.
3. Have not received remuneration for handling dogs not co-/owned by the member.
4. Register with the Program Coordinator and submit a fee of \$10 for each dog for the current year. Multiple dogs may be entered in the Program but must be co-/owned by the entrant and thereby necessitating a separate fee (see Registration Information)
5. It is at the discretion of the Coordinators to dismiss any member from the Owner-Handler Program for any unsportsmanlike and/or disruptive behavior in accordance with the AKC Code of Sportmanship

EARNING POINTS

1. Points are submitted for co-/owned dogs that are currently registered in the Program
2. A dog may be entered in any/all of the following categories:
 - A. **Conformation:** AKC approved shows only
 - B. **Performance:** including Obedience, Rally, Lure Coursing, Agility (both Regular and Preferred), CAT and FastCAT
 - C. **Partnership:** includes Tracking, Scent/Nose Work, Barn Hunt, Trick Dog, Herding
 - D. **Companion Dog:** including Therapy Dog, Leisure Activities (walking, running, hiking), CGC/Temperament certification, Achiever certificates, dog-involved Charity activities (food drives, 5-10K's), and NWRRC events (meetings, Fun Days)

(*) If you don't see an activity listed here or the Points Schedule, contact the Program Coordinator and will see about adding it.

SUBMITTING POINTS

1. It is the responsibility of the participant to submit accurate and honest information of points earned to the Program Coordinator or Co-Coordinator. Information will include name of Owner Handler, dog's name, date of event and club sponsoring (if applicable), dog's placement, score, mileage, time, etc, for verification and OHP points.
2. If there was participation without some sort of placement, a 0.5 point will be given for participation.
3. In **Conformation**, another dog must be defeated for a "placement" to count as an OH point(s).
4. In **Performance** events, a non-qualifying score will earn a 0.5 point for participation.
5. In **Specialty** events, a non-qualifying score or incomplete will also earn a 0.5 point for participation.
6. For **Companion Events**, a "selfie" showing participation/pedometer reading will serve to verify the entrant's score/time/miles

7. We request points be submitted quarterly for our accurate reporting of current point totals to date. The Program runs December 1 thru November 30 and will pro-rate all events/wins in this time frame for this first year only. Membership entry will end 4 (four) months from the first start day of this Program.

POINT REPORTING EXAMPLES

You and your dog are a team. You report what you and your dog(s) accomplishes in any event in any venue you choose.

Example 1:

Teri and Amos: Conformation, her class dog wins his class beating several dogs, Tualatin KC show on 4/12/23 and earns 2 OHP points (OHP- owner-handler program)

Companion, Teri walks Amos 5 miles when they get home from show, 4/12/23 and earns 2.5 OHP points

Teri and Beau: Agility, her dog gets a Q (qualifying score) in Open Jumpers Portland Dog Training Club show on 6/27/23 and earns 4 OHP points

Teri and Beau: Companion, she and her dog enter and complete a 10K run to support Canine Cancer Research, 8/3/23, she submits a picture via text to Cindi showing them at finish and earn 2 OHP

YEAR END AWARDS

The highest scoring entrant in each of the four categories will receive the grand prize rosette and trophy. All entrants placing 2nd thru 4th in their respective categories will also receive a rosette and modest trophy. ALL entrants not placing 1st thru 4th will receive a Participant rosette and dog toy. A trophy may be a dog lead, collar, gift certificate, fleece coat, etc. Entrant input as to trophies desired will be considered and greatly appreciated. It will also depend on funding and any extra funds for trophy procurement will be

appreciated. A report of # of entrants in the Program and funds accumulated will be provide to the participants.

THIS IS YOUR PROGRAM, THE MEMBERS OF THE NWRRC.

We are hopeful you will find the point system fair and amenable. In turn we are confident in honesty of reporting. If a discrepancy is found, we will simply notify you of the changes made to points earned.

If you have suggestions, questions, or constructive comments, we welcome them. Because it is YOUR PROGRAM!!!

Funding permitting, we will have several silly “contests” thru the year also, such as how many treats can your RR balance on their nose/head, craziest RR costume, or RR’s in the most awkward places (a counter-surfer delight!)

This is supposed to be a FUN competition and one in which we can all participate; from show dogs, to performance dogs to beloved pets.

We are a large number of Owner Handlers and it will be awesome to challenge ourselves to excel and have a great time with our beloved Ridgebacks.

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