

DCA TRIATHLON AWARD PROGRAM

Effective June 5, 2010

The Dachshund Club of America understands that the events held in conjunction with our National Specialty are more than just conformation. In an effort to promote the entire dachshund and showcase the versatility of our breed, DCA is awarding Triathlon awards to the dachshunds which distinguish themselves in performance and/or companion events at the National Specialty. Any dachshund qualifying in three or more different performance and/or companion event categories plus the Triathlon Conformation Evaluation will be recognized by the DCA with a Certificate of Achievement. The highest combined scoring dog will receive the title "DCA Triathlon Dog of the Year".

SCORING OF THE EVENTS

Dogs may use the points earned from one class or test per category. Obedience and Rally are combined to form a single category for Triathlon purposes.

TRACKING

	<u>VST</u>	<u>TDX</u>	<u>TD</u>
Test pass	10	10	5

FIELD TRIAL

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>NBO/AOM</u>
Stake	10	9	8	7	6
Field Champion	10	9	8	7	6
Open All-Age Dog	5	4	3	2	1
Open All-Age Bitch	5	4	3	2	1

At the discretion of the judges, a maximum of 5 dogs from each Stake may be awarded an Award of Merit for Triathlon recognition.

EARTHDOG

	<u>ME</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>JE</u>
Test pass	6	4	3

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

	Utility	Open	Veteran	Novice
Score	<u>A or B</u>	<u>A or B</u>	<u>Novice</u>	<u>A or B</u>
194.5 to 200	10	8	6	6
188.5 to 194	9	7	5	5
182.5 to 188	8	6	4	4
176.5 to 182	7	5	3	3
170 to 176	6	4	2	2
Rally Class	Excellent	Advanced	Novice	
Score	<u>A or B</u>	<u>A or B</u>	<u>A or B</u>	
70 to 100	2	2	1	

Non-Regular Obedience classes, other than Veteran Novice, do not count towards the Triathlon.

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AGILITY

Class	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Q</u>
Excellent	10	9	8	7	6
Open	8	7	6	5	4
Novice	5	4	3	2	1
Excellent Preferred	9	8	7	6	5
Open Preferred	7	6	5	4	3
Novice Preferred	4	3	2	1	1
FAST Excellent	5	4	3	2	1
FAST Open	4	3	2	1	1
FAST Novice	3	2	1	1	1
FAST Ex. Preferred	4	3	2	1	1
FAST Open Preferred	3	2	1	1	1
FAST Novice Preferred	2	1	1	1	1

CONFORMATION EVALUATION

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Evaluation Average	3	2	1	DQ

The Triathlon Committee will select three judges to complete the Conformation Evaluation. The total judges' scores will be divided by the number of judges and rounded to the nearest whole number. Two or more judges rating the dog "Fail" will disqualify the dog from the Triathlon competition. AKC conformation Champions of record will automatically be granted 3 points and be excluded from the conformation evaluation process.

ADDITIONAL RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

- *Neutered/spayed dachshunds are eligible to compete.
- *ILP dogs are eligible to compete and can earn a Certificate of Achievement, but are not eligible for Triathlon Dog of the Year.
- *Entry in three or more DCA National performance and/or companion categories shall constitute an entry in the Triathlon. There is no entry fee.
- *Any dachshund not able to participate in the Conformation Evaluation portion of the Triathlon shall be considered ineligible for competition.
- *Only those scores earned in the DCA National performance and/or companion events shall count. Host shows and Regional events held in conjunction with the DCA National shall not be considered a part of the Triathlon event.
- *The DCA Board shall appoint a Triathlon Chairman who shall select a Committee to administer the program. The Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of developing a tracking system, prepare advertising, necessary forms and the general coordination of the program.