

WGSDCA Awards Program

In order to recognize outstanding white German Shepherd Dogs and outstanding white-factored German Shepherd Dogs, the WGSDCA will offer the following awards:

WGSDCA Award of Merit

This award is presented to a white German Shepherd Dog, living or deceased who meets the following criteria. The owner of the dog must be a member of the WGSDCA and must apply for the award and supply all needed documentation.

1. The dog must be WGSDCA Champion of record.*
2. The dog must have earned a performance title (see section below for acceptable performance titles).
3. The dog must have passed the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen test or the Therapy Dogs International test or the American Temperament Test Society Temperament test or the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Temperament test.

A dog who is awarded the WGSDCA Award of Merit is entitled to add the letters "WAM" at the end of their registered name.

WGSDCA Award of Excellence

This award is presented to a white German Shepherd Dog, living or deceased who meets the following criteria. The owner of the dog must be a member of the WGSDCA and must apply for the award and supply all needed documentation.

1. The dog must have earned the WGSDCA Award of Merit (see above)
2. The dog must have been awarded a select award at a WGSDCA National Show.

A dog who is awarded the WGSDCA Award of Excellence is entitled to add the letters "WAX" at the end of their registered name. This replaces the WAM title.

Versatile Dog Award

This award is presented to a white German Shepherd Dog, living or deceased who meets the following criteria. The owner of the dog must be a member of the WGSDCA and must apply for the award and supply all needed documentation.

1. The dog must have earned a conformation championship in the WGSDCA** or in the United Kennel Club (as a German Shepherd Dog), in the White German Shepherd Dog Club International, or in the American Rare Breed Association or have earned a WGSDCA Register of Merit award.
2. The dog must have earned two performance titles (see section below for acceptable performance titles) in different areas (such as obedience and agility or herding and rally).
3. The dog must have passed the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen test or the Therapy Dogs International test or the American Temperament Test Society Temperament test or the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Temperament test

A dog who is awarded the WGSDCA Versatile Dog Award is entitled to add the letters "WVDA" at the end of their registered name.

Versatile Dog Excellent Award

This award is presented to a white German Shepherd Dog, living or deceased who meets the following criteria. The owner of the dog must be a member of the WGSDCA and must apply for the award and supply all needed documentation.

1. The dog must have earned the WGSDCA Versatile Dog Award (see above)
2. The dog must have earned an additional performance title in one additional area for a total of three different venues (such as obedience, agility and rally or herding, obedience and schutzhund)

A dog who is awarded the WGSDCA Versatile Dog Excellent Award is entitled to add the letters "WVDX" at the end of their registered name. This replaces the WVDA title.

Versatile Stock Dog Award

This award is presented to a colored German Shepherd Dog with a white parent or grandparent or proven to carry the white gene, living or deceased who meets the following criteria. The owner of the dog must be a member of the WGSDCA and must apply for the award and supply all needed documentation.

1. The dog must have earned a stock dog conformation championship in the WGSDCA*** or a conformation championship in the United Kennel Club or in the American Kennel Club.
2. The dog must have earned two performance titles (see section below for acceptable performance titles) in different areas (such as obedience and agility or herding and rally).
3. The dog must have passed the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen test or the Therapy Dogs International test or the American Temperament Test Society Temperament test or the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Temperament test

A dog who is awarded the WGSDCA Versatile Stock Dog Award is entitled to add the letters "WVSD" at the end of their registered name.

Versatile Stock Dog Excellent Award

This award is presented to a colored German Shepherd Dog with a white parent or grandparent or proven to carry the white gene, living or deceased who meets the following criteria. The owner of the dog must be a member of the WGSDCA and must apply for the award and supply all needed documentation.

1. The dog must have earned the WGSDCA Versatile Stock Dog Award (see above)
2. The dog must have earned an additional performance title in one additional area for a total of three different venues (such as obedience, agility and rally or herding, obedience and schutzund)

A dog who is awarded the WGSDCA Versatile Stock Dog Excellent Award is entitled to add the letters "WVSDX" at the end of their registered name. This replaces the WVSD title.

** WGSDCA Champion of record refers to a regular conformation championship for white dogs. It does not include the altered titles or stock dog titles.*

*** Conformation championship in the WGSDCA includes one of the following – WGSDCA Champion of record (regular championship) or WGSDCA Master Altered Champion. The ECHO Altered title does not qualify as a championship for this requirement.*

**** Stock dog conformation championship in the WGSDCA refer to the WGSDCA Stock Dog Championship or the WGSDCA Master Stock Dog Championship.*

Performance Titles

For the purposes of these awards, a performance title is defined as a title earned by an acceptable registry/club in obedience, agility, rally herding, schutzund, etc. Acceptable titles are listed below, but additional titles may be accepted at the discretion of the Awards Director.

- Obedience – a CD or higher from the American Kennel Club, United Kennel Club or Australian Shepherd Club of America
- Agility – any agility title from the American Kennel Club, United Kennel Club, North American Dog Agility Council, Canine Performance Events, or United States Dog Agility Association.
- Rally – any rally title from the American Kennel Club or Association of Professional Dog Trainers
- Herding – any herding title or certificate from the American Kennel Club or American Herding Breed Association
- Schutzund – a BH or any schutzund title.

- Additional activities such as carting, drafting, lure coursing, weight pull, etc shall be evaluated by the Awards Director.

All evaluations of whether a dog has earned one of these awards shall be left to the Awards Director. If an applicant disagrees with the evaluation of the Awards Director, he may appeal the decision by making a request in writing to the National Show and Trial Coordinator within 15 days of the notice of denial of the award from the Awards Director. The show committee will then vote on the issue within 30 days and the decision of the show committee will be final.