

Record of Merit Program Overview

MASCUSA recognizes those sires and dams that have produced titled offspring through the Record of Merit Program. It consists of three sections:

- Record of Merit (ROM) recognizes sires and dams that have produced titled offspring in Conformation, Obedience/Rally, or Performance. There are three levels based on the number of titled offspring from one category.
- Record of Merit Excellent (ROMX) recognizes sires and dams that have produced titled offspring in all three categories: Conformation, Obedience/Rally, and Performance. There are three levels of ROMX based on the number of titled offspring in each category.
- Hall of Fame Excellent (HOFX) recognizes sires and dams that have completed all six categories (ROM I, ROM II, ROM III, ROMX I, ROMX II, and ROMX III). There are three levels of the HOFX program. Level one, or HOFX I, requires the sire or dam has earned ROMX III including one herding titled offspring as well as one category of ROM III. Level two, or HOFX II, requires the sire or dam to have earned ROMX III including one herding titled offspring as well as two categories of ROM III. Level three, or HOFX III, requires the sire or dam to have earned ROMX III including one herding titled offspring as well as all three categories of ROM III.

Refer to the [Record of Merit Program Rules and Application Form](#) for more details.

Hall of Fame Breeder Program

MASCUSA offers special recognition to those breeders who have bred titled dogs in all areas of competition and meet specific criteria through the prestigious Hall of Fame Breeder Program. Breeders must earn at least 100 points with at least two titles in conformation, two titles in obedience and at least four titles in performance (agility or herding) with at least two of the titles being earned in herding.

Refer to the [Hall of Fame Breeder Program Rules and Application Form](#) for more details including the point schedule.

Hall of Fame Excellent Breeder Program

In addition to the Hall of Fame Breeder Award, MASCUSA offers the Hall of Fame Excellent Award to extend special recognition to those breeders who have not only bred titled dogs in all areas of competition, but who have also reached higher level of achievement. Breeders must earn at least 250 points where multiple titles count and have the following requirements:

- 20 dogs with Conformation Champion Titles
- 10 dogs with obedience and/or rally titles (A dog with an CD and RA can count only one. At least three of the obedience and/or rally titles must be CDX or RE or higher.)

- 10 dogs with Agility Titles (A dog can count NA or NAJ, but only one agility title per dog AND at least three (3) of the agility titles must be AX/AXJ or higher.)
- 4 dogs with Herding titles (A dog can obtain Started titles or higher, but each dog can only count one title.)
- 5 dogs with Performance Champion Titles from the following options:
 1. Master Agility Champion (MACH) or Preferred Agility Champion (PACH)
 2. Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)
 3. Herding Champion (HC)
 4. Rally Champion (RACH)

Refer to the [Hall of Fame Excellent Breeder Program Rules and Application Form](#) for more details (including the point schedule).

Versatility Awards

MASCUSA also offers four awards that specifically recognize individual Miniature American Shepherds and their breeders and owners for their varied accomplishments that represent our breed. To earn the Versatility Certificate, Versatility Excellence Certificate, Performance Certificate, and Performance Excellence Certificate dogs must have earned titles in multiple venues, proving that they are indeed, versatile.

VC REQUIREMENTS: Dog must have earned titles with points in 3 of 4 AKC categories (Conformation, Obedience/Rally, Herding, Agility). At least one title **must be earned in conformation** and **one must be a herding title – any stock or course, started level or beyond.** **A total of 20 points or more are required to earn the VC.**

VCX REQUIREMENTS: Dog must have earned titles with points in all 4 of the 4 AKC categories (Conformation, Obedience/Rally, Herding, Agility). **One of these titles must be earned in conformation and one must be earned in herding.** **For the VCX, the herding requirement may be fulfilled one of two ways – 1) by earning an intermediate title (any stock and course) or by earning two started titles (two different stock, any course).** **A total of 30 points or more must be earned.**

PC REQUIREMENTS: Dog must have earned titles with points in 2 of the 3 following AKC categories (Obedience/Rally, Herding, Agility). **At least one title must be a herding title – any stock or course, started level or beyond.** **A total of 20 points or more are required to earn the PC.**

PCX REQUIREMENTS: Dog must have earned titles with points in all 3 of the following AKC categories (Obedience/Rally, Herding, Agility). **One of these titles must be earned in herding.** **For the PCX, the herding requirement may be fulfilled one of two ways – 1) by earning an intermediate title (any stock and course) or by earning two started titles (two different stock, any course).** **A total of 30 points or more must be earned.**

Please refer to the Versatility and Performance Awards Rules and Application Form for more details.