

Glossary of Abbreviated Terms

PLEASE NOTE that any explanation of the number of points necessary for a particular achievement, such as a Bench/Show Championship, also includes other more detailed conditions and stipulations not included in this brief listing. For a complete understanding of the requirements of any of the following titles and degrees, please refer to the WCA Rating Test Rules (WCA Handbook, Activities with Your Weim section) or the appropriate AKC rulebook. AKC Rulebooks are available from the AKC, www.akc.org or 212-696-8245. These rule books are: "Rules Applying to Dog Shows;" "Obedience Regulations;" "Tracking Regulations;" "Regulations for Agility Trials;" "Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds;" and "Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds". Each is invaluable in understanding the requirements and conditions necessary for each activity.

AF - American Field; a registry of Pointing Breeds; American Field also holds field trials for Pointing Breeds.

AFC - Amateur Field Champion; awarded by AKC to dogs winning 10 points in Amateur Field Trial stakes; precedes a dog's name.

AFC - Also designates American Field Champion; awarded to the winner of an American Field Championship stake; there is no accumulation of points necessary.

AGD - Amateur Gun Dog; a field trial stake in which the dog must be handled by an Amateur handler.

AJP - Agility Excellent Jumper Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

AKC - American Kennel Club.

ALGD - Amateur Limited Gun Dog; a field trail stake for dogs who have won a qualifying number of Amateur Gun Dog stakes

Am/Can CD - indicates a dog who has won his Companion Dog degree in both the U.S. and Canada; follows a dog's name

Am/Can Ch. - indicates a dog who has won his Bench Championship in both the U.S. and Canada; precedes a dog's name.

AX - Agility Excellent; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

AXJ - Agility Excellent Jumper; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

AXP - Agility Excellent Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

B - bitch

BB - Best of Breed; a dog show class for Champions only

Bench - Sometimes used as a synonym for "Conformation Show".

BIF - Best in Futurity (bench/show Futurities only). No longer awarded.

BIS - Best in Show; usually refers to an All-Breed show only.

BISS - Best in Specialty Show; used infrequently.

B/O - Breeder/Owner.

BOB - Best of Breed.

BOS - Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.

BOW - Best of Winners; awarded to either the Winners Dog or the Winners Bitch.

BRIT - Brittany

BROM - Breed Register of Merit; a program recognizing those sires and dams who produce fine offspring. Nothing the sire or dam does counts; only the accomplishments of the sons and daughters count.

CD - Companion Dog; an Obedience title awarded by the AKC after achieving three qualifying scores from the Novice Class; follows a dog's name.

CDX - Companion Dog Excellent; an Obedience title awarded by the AKC after achieving three qualifying scores from the Open Class; follows a dog's name.

CH. - Champion (Bench/Show Champion); awarded by the AKC to a dog or bitch who has accumulated 15 points. Points at a dog show are only awarded to the Winners Dog and the Winners Bitch. Precedes a dog's name.

CKC - Canadian Kennel Club

CT - Champion Tracker; awarded by the AKC to a dog who has earned all three tracking titles: TD, TDX and VST; precedes a dog's name.

D - dog

DC or DI. Ch. or DCh. - Dual Champion; awarded by the AKC to a dog who is both a Bench/Show Champion and a Field Champion; precedes a dog's name.

DTC - Dog Training Club

FCT1-FCT4 - Fast Century 1, etc; an agility title awarded by the AKC.

FCTP1-FCTP4 - Fast Century Preferred 1, etc; an agility title awarded by the AKC.

FC, FLD. CH., or Fld. Ch. - Field Champion; awarded by AKC after winning 10 points in regular field trail stakes; precedes a dog's name.

G1 - First place in the Sporting Group; used as a column heading Top Ten Show Dogs list

G2 - Second place in the Sporting Group

G3 - Third place in the Sporting Group

G4 - Fourth place in the Sporting Group

Group I or Gr. I - used to designate a first place win in the Sporting Group; does not apply to Specialty Shows, as there is no Group competition. At All-Breed shows, each Best of Breed winner competes in the Group competition.

Group II or Gr. II - second place in the Sporting Group

Group III or Gr. III - third place in the Sporting Group

Group II or Gr. IV - fourth place in the Sporting Group

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GS - Gordon Setter

GSP - German Shorthaired Pointer

GWP - German Wirehaired Pointer

HIT - High in (Obedience) Trial; the highest qualifying score from the regular classes.

JH - Junior Hunter; a hunt test title awarded by the AKC after achieving four qualifying scores in the Junior Hunting Test; follows a dog's name.

KC - Kennel Club, in general.

KC - Kennel Club, UK's version of the American Kennel Club.

MACH - Master Agility Champion; an agility title awarded by the AKC; precedes a dog's name.

MFP - Master Excellent Fast Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

MJP - Master Agility Excellent Jumper Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

MX - Master Agility Excellent; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

MXF - Master Excellent Fast; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

MXJ - Master Agility Jumper; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

MXP - Master Agility Excellent Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

MH - Master Hunter; a hunt test title awarded by the AKC after achieving four qualifying scores in the Master Hunting Test; follows a dog's name.

NA - Novice Agility; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

NAFC - National Amateur Field Champion; AKC title awarded to the annual winner of the WCA National Amateur Field Championship; precedes a dog's name.

NAJ - Novice Agility Jumper; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

NAP - Novice Agility Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

NAVHDA – North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (www.navhda.org); training and testing for hunting, retrieving and tracking. Local chapters across the US and Canada.

NF - Novice Fast; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

NFC - National Field Champion; AKC title awarded to the annual winner of the WCA National Field Championship; precedes a dog's name.

NFP - Novice Fast Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

NJP - Novice Agility Jumper Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

NRD - Novice Retrieving Dog; a WCA rating test title; follows a dog's name.

NSD - Novice Shooting Dog; a WCA rating test title; follows a dog's name.

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OA - Open Agility; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

OAA - Open All-Age; a field trial stake

OAJ - Open Agility Jumper; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

OAP - Open Agility Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

OD - Open Derby; a field trial stake for dogs up to two years of age.

OF - Open Fast; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

OFA - Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (www.offa.org); a foundation which studies hip dysplasia and other orthopedic and genetic disorders. The OFA also receives and registers X-rays from owners of purebred dogs of all breeds for evaluation of the presence or absence of hip dysplasia, and assigns an OFA number to each dog certified with Normal hips. Promotes and funds research and health programs.

OFP - Open Fast Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

OGD - Open Gun Dog; a field trial stake

O/H - Owner/Handler

OJP - Open Agility Jumper Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

OLGD - Open Limited Gun Dog; a field trial stake for dogs who have won first place in an Open Derby stake or first through fourth in any Gun Dog stake.

OP - Open Puppy; a field trial stake for dogs under 15 months of age.

OTC - Obedience Training Club

OTCH - Obedience Trial Champion; awarded by the AKC to a dog who has accumulated 100 points in Open B or Utility competition; precedes a dog's name.

PAX - Preferred Agility Excellent; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

PHA - Professional Handlers Association

RA - Rally Advanced; a Rally title awarded by the AKC after achieving three qualifying scores from the Rally Advanced Class; follows a dog's name.

RAE - Rally Advanced Excellent; a Rally title awarded by the AKC to a dog who qualifies ten times in both the Rally Advanced and the Rally Excellent Classes at the same trial; follows a dog's name.

RD - Retrieving Dog; a WCA rating test title; follows a dog's name.

RDX - Retrieving Dog Excellent; a WCA rating test title; follows a dog's name.

RE - Rally Excellent; a Rally title awarded by the AKC after achieving three qualifying scores from the Rally Excellent Class; follows a dog's name.

RN - Rally Novice; a Rally title awarded by the AKC after achieving three qualifying scores from the Rally Novice Class; follows a dog's name.

RWB - Reserve Winners Bitch

RWD - Reserve Winners Dog

SD - Shooting Dog; a WCA rating test title; follows a dog's name.

SDX - Shooting Dog Excellent; a WCA rating test title; follows a dog's name.

SH - Senior Hunter; a hunt test title awarded by the AKC after achieving four qualifying scores in the Senior Hunting Test; follows a dog's name.

SS - Specialty Show Best of Breed; used as a heading on the Top Ten Show Dogs List

T - on the end of an OFA number, it designates that the dog is tattooed with an identifying number such as the owner's Social Security number.

TC - Triple Champion; awarded by the AKC to a dog who has DC and OTCH or MACH or CT; precedes a dog's name.

TD - Tracking Dog; awarded by the AKC to a dog who has passed a Tracking Dog Test; follows a dog's name.

TDX - Tracking Dog Excellent; awarded by AKC to a dog who has passed a Tracking Dog Excellent Test; follows a dog's name.

TT - designates a dog who has passed a Temperament Test, a series of tests given to all breeds of dogs by the American Temperament Test Society, Inc.

UD - Utility Dog; an AKC Obedience title awarded after achieving three qualifying scores from the Utility Class; follows a dog's name.

UDT - AKC title that indicates a dog has been awarded both his Utility Dog degree and his Tracking Dog degree; follows a dog's name.

UDTX - AKC title that indicates a dog has been awarded both his Utility Dog degree and his Tracking Dog Excellent degree; follows a dog's name

UDVST - Utility Dog Variable Surface Tracking; awarded by AKC to a dog who has earned both the UD and VST titles; follows a dog's name.

UDX - Utility Dog Excellent; an AKC Obedience title awarded after achieving qualifying scores from both the Open B and Utility B classes at ten separate trials; follows a dog's name.

V - Versatile Rating awarded by the WCA upon accumulation of a designated number of points in at least three of the following five groups: Bench, Obedience, Agility, Field, Ratings, and Tracking; follows a dog's name.

V - literally, "von", German for "of"; appears in a dog's name, such as "Erra v. Wenigfeld"

VCCH - Versatile Companion Champion; AKC title awarded to dogs who have earned OTCH, MACH and CT; precedes a dog's name.

VCD1-VCD4 - Versatile Companion Dog titles awarded by the AKC for earning titles in Obedience, Tracking and Agility; follows a dog's name.

VD - literally, "von der", German for "of the"; appears in a dog's name, such as "Ch. Burt VD Harrasburg"; may appear in small letters; may also appear punctuated, such as "V.D." or "v.d."

VIZ - Vizsla

VST - Variable Surface Tracker; awarded by AKC to a dog which has passed a Variable Surface Tracking Test; follows a dog's name.

VX - Versatile Excellent rating awarded by the WCA; must have accumulated additional points beyond those required for the "V" rating; follows a dog's name.

VX1-VX7 – Versatile Excellent Ratings awarded by the WCA for earning additional points beyond those required for the "VX" rating; follows a dog's name.

WB - Winners Bitch; chosen from among the winners of each of the bitch classes; the Winners Bitch receives the points awarded to bitches at that show

WCA - Weimaraner Club of America

WD - Winners Dog; chosen from among the winners of each of the dog classes; the Winners Dog receives the points awarded to dogs at that show.

WFF - Weimaraner Foundation Fund; a 501(c)3 charitable foundation to fund and support educational and promotional activities; also used to help finance the careers of promising young field dogs. Pronounced "Wuff."

XF - Excellent Fast; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.

XFP - Excellent Fast Preferred; an agility title awarded by the AKC; follows a dog's name.