

## AWC Versatility Competition

The AWC Versatility Competition was developed to recognize whippets that excel in four areas of competition: conformation, lure coursing, rally, and agility. The competition is open to all whippets entered in eligible conformation, rally, agility classes, and lure trial stakes offered at the 2009 AWC National Specialty in Atlanta, Georgia. Teams may enter both the Triathlon and the Versatility Competition.

### 2009 AWC National Versatility Competition Rules and Scoring

Teams will be given ranks based on their scores in the respective competitions. The ranks will be averaged with the lowest total average winning.

**Conformation:** The raw score for conformation is determined by the judge in the Versatility conformation class. A raw score will be given utilizing a Conformation Score Sheet based on the breed standard having a perfect score of 100. Dogs will be ranked according to the raw score received. This year's conformation judge will be Chris Durance. Handlers with multiple dogs will need to find helpers to bring their dog into the ring and for a final go around. ILP dogs may compete in this class.

**Lure Coursing:** Dogs will be ranked based on their total raw score regardless of stake entered with the versatility competition dog getting the highest score receiving a rank of 1, the second highest score receiving a rank of 2, and so on until all competitors are ranked.

**Rally:** Dogs that qualify will be ranked according to their class and then their raw score. Qualifying dogs competing in Rally Excellent A and B will be ranked first, then qualifying dogs in Rally Advanced A and B, and finally dogs in Rally Novice A and B. Non-qualifying dogs will be ranked by class with all NQ dogs in the same class receiving the same rank. Dogs that compete in both Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent must declare which class they want scored on their entry form; only **ONE** class is allowed for scoring and must be declared at the time of entry.

**Agility:** Dogs must enter both the Standard and Jumpers classes. Qualifying dogs will be ranked in the same manner as rally according to class (Excellent, Open, Novice in that order) and then raw score. Non-qualifying dogs will also be ranked as in rally. Dogs entering preferred classes will be scored in the corresponding class (Excellent, Open, Novice.) However, dogs that normally run in regular classes may not enter a preferred class solely for the purposes of this competition. The raw scores from the Standard and JWW classes will be added together and divided by 2 to get a final agility ranking.

**Ties:** For tie scores, each dog will receive the same rank with the next highest scoring dog receiving a lower rank depending on how many dogs tie. For example, if dog A and dog B receive a score of 285 and dog C receives a 283, dog A and B would receive a rank of 1 and dog C would receive a rank of 3.

**Overall Placement:** The ranks from lure coursing, rally, agility, and conformation will be added together and divided by 4 to receive the final score for overall placements. In the case of ties, raw scores will be used in this order: Lure Coursing, Conformation, Agility, and Rally.

**All dogs must be handled by their owner in all sports (including conformation).**

### VERSATILITY COMPETITION AWARDS AND TROPHIES

First Place Versatility Competition: Large Rosette and Silver Photo Album (The Calvin Prize)  
Second through Tenth Place: Rosette

The **Calvin Prize** is awarded annually to the winner of the Versatility Competition in honor of BIF, DC, UGRCH, UAGII, UCD Appraxis Callaban Kristobel, CD, MC, LCM3, V-FCH, NA, NAJ, OJP, NAP, CGC, CAVX by Fred and Bobbie Lutz. It is a silver photo album with space for the winner to engrave their dog's name.

Belaya Whippets, Carol Chittum and Celeste Carter, offer the **TJ Challenge Trophy** in honor of the first winner of the AWC Versatility Competition (April 2007), DC Can. Ch. Belaya Cirquedusoleil SC AX AXJ RN CGC FCh,

Registered Therapy Dog. The trophy is awarded for the overall Winner of the AWC Versatility Competition and is a wooden plaque with a solid brass bas-relief standing Whippet and a brass plate for the engraving of each year's winner. The trophy will be retired when it has been won by the same owner-trainer for 3 years, not necessarily consecutively, and not necessarily with the same dog.

### **VERSATILITY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

The Versatility Competition Chairman will handle the automatic entry in the Versatility Competition Class. Entries in any regular conformation, rally and agility class and lure coursing stakes are the responsibility of the owner.

There is \$10 entry fee required for the Versatility competition. Dogs **must** compete in all their events. Dogs must also compete in the Versatility Competition Conformation class, which is for Versatility Competition entrants only. Upon receipt of this entry form, entry into the Versatility Competition Class is automatic.

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC # \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name (include all titles including non-AKC titles):

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Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Agility Classes Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Rally Class Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Lure Coursing Stake Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail entries to:

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**ENTRIES CLOSE: MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009!**