

PWDCA OBEDIENCE RANKING SYSTEM

This system is devised to rank Portuguese Water Dogs who compete in Obedience.

Dogs are ranked by their division i.e.: Novice, Open, and Utility. The top ten dogs in each division will be recognized. (Recognition is also given to the top dogs over all.) No distinction will be made for A and B classes.

Three different phases of a dog's competition record will be taken into consideration.

Delaney point system: Class placements. Points determined by number of dogs beaten in the class. (See Delaney explanation.)

Shuman point system: Points awarded for each qualifying score earned. (Determined by point schedule. See Shuman explanation.)

Average score: Average score for qualifying performances. (See average score explanation.)

Dogs are ranked according to each of these 3 phases of Competition. Delaney, Shuman, and an Average Score. The PWD System Points are awarded to the top ten dogs for each phase. The first dog will receive 10 points, second dog 9, third 8 and on down.

Examples:

1. Dog A has 56 Delaney points (he has beaten 56 dogs) and is ranked number *one* in the Delaney System. That dog would receive 10 PWD System points.
2. Dog A has 12 Shuman points and is ranked number *six* in the Shuman System. That dog would receive 5 PWD System points.
3. Dog A has an Average Score of 189.66 and is ranked number *two* according to score. That dog will receive 9 PWD System points.
4. The PWD System points are totaled and Dog A has 24 PWD points. The dog with the most points is the number One dog in his division; the next score down is number 2 etc. The maximum number of PWD System points a dog can receive is 30. There are only 10 (ten) placing dogs. All ties will be broken.

Top Overall Dogs: The 10 dogs from any division with the most PWDCA points will be recognized as the top overall dogs. No distinction for class or division will be made for the award.

Examples:

The top dog (Dog A) in the Novice Division has 28 PWDCA System points.

The top Open dog (Dog B) has 29 points and the top Utility dog (Dog C) has 30 points.

Dog C is 1st, Dog A is 2nd, and Dog B is 3rd then on down through the divisions.

Multiple titled dogs: If a dog receives 2 or more titles in one year, he is eligible for ranking in more than one division in the same year. Therefore, it is possible for one dog to be ranked in 3 divisions in one year.

Ties: All ties are broken by the dog with the higher average score. All average scores are calculated to 2 decimal places. A second tie will be broken by the dog with the single higher score.

Time eligibility: Each ranking year runs from January 1st to December 30. However, a dog who takes more than a year to achieve his title can still be ranked. All three trial scores regardless of the year attained will be used in tabulations; i.e.: if a dog gets his first two legs towards his title one year and finishes 2 years later, he will be considered for ranking in the year he finishes and all three scores will be used. Shuman and Delaney points will also be used in the same fashion.

Competitive dogs in the B classes will be ranked on a year-to-year basis.

EXHIBIT P-1

Notification: All top ten ranking dogs will be printed in the Top Ten issue of *The Courier*. Individual numbers and calculations can be attained upon request from the Obedience Statistician.

Awards: The number One dog in each division, the number One dog over all and the single dog with the highest average score (first 3 legs towards title) who is a member of the Portuguese Water Dog Club Of America will be presented with awards by the PWDCA.

Statistics: All statistics are kept by the Obedience Committee. Tabulations are based on the printed statistics in the *Awards Books* published monthly by the American Kennel Club. All statistics cover January 1st to December 30 of the calendar year. To receive a print out of your specific dog's record send self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ms. Verne Foster.

Average Score Explanation:

1) Average scores are taken by averaging the first three scores on all dogs going for their titles.

2) Competitive Dogs (dogs in the B classes) will average all scores achieved in the year. Each dog must have a minimum of three qualifying scores in his/her division in order to be eligible for ranking.

Competitive Dogs are defined as any dog that competes in the B classes for all three title legs, or any dog that moves to the B classes after a title is earned.

If a dog attains his title in the A classes in a calendar year and then goes on to compete in a B class in the same year will be categorized as a Competitive Dog. All his scores for the year will be averaged including the first 3 legs. Example: A PWD receives his title in January out of the A classes and then enters in a B class in March, all scores in that division, including the January scores, will be averaged and the dog will be considered a Competitive Dog.

Delaney Explanation: Delaney is the name of the person who devised this system, which has been used to rank obedience dogs for many years.

For dogs who place 1st thru 4th, one point is given for each dog defeated in a class at an all breed trial or Portuguese Water Dog Specialty.

Example:

A dog who wins an Open A class of 25 dogs will receive 24 points. Second place receives 23, third 22 and fourth 21 Delaney points.

High in trial dogs receive one point for every dog in the trial only (The class points will not be recounted.).

Shuman Points: The Shuman system for the PWDCA is a variation of the National all breed Shuman ranking system. The PWDCA counts Shuman points for Novice, Open and Utility. Points are awarded for each qualifying score according to the following schedule:

Score PtsScorePts

2008189.5-1854

199.5-1987184.5-1803

197.5-1956179.5-1752

194.5-1905174.5-1701