

## United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club Versatility Awards

The mission of this awards program is to recognize the versatility of the Kerry Blue Terrier and recognize United States Kerry Blue Terrier members and their dogs upon achieving titles in more than one discipline of competition. Current USKBTC membership is necessary to be eligible for this awards program.

### List of Disciplines eligible for awards (including minimum title requirements, where applicable):

**AKC Agility Title** A novice-level standard or jumpers title (regular or preferred)

**AKC Conformation Title** CH or higher

**Barn Hunt:** Barn Hunt Association's RATN or higher, or Hunting Certificate (HC) awarded by American Working Terrier Association

**Herding Trial Dog Title:** AKC Herding Tested (HT) or Pre-Trial Tested (PT) titles, or the Herding Capability Tested (HCT) title awarded by American Herding Breeds Association

**AKC Obedience Title** CD or higher

**AKC Tracking Title** TD or higher

**AKC Scent Work Title** SWN or higher, or NW1 or higher awarded by the National Association of Canine Scent Work

**AKC Rally Title** RN or higher

**Miscellaneous:** A novice-level or higher performance or working title from a discipline not otherwise listed may be used for one of the award levels, subject to approval. Examples include Flyball, AKC Coursing Ability, AKC Therapy Dog titles, and Dock Dog.

### Eligible dogs will be submitted for award(s) by owner(s) in the following manner: Properly completed application including:

- Enclosure of a copy of non-AKC titles as needed for verification.
- (For Platinum Level and above) Comments or brief biography of dog's accomplishments which will be published in the Blueprints (subject to editing) along with award presented, including name of owner(s) and breeder(s). Photos sent by owner for inclusion in *Blueprints* will be printed subject to room available.

Award applications will be accepted within the following one year time period: September 1 to August 31st. Members may submit applications at any time during this period. Any applications received after August 31st will be held over for the next year for qualification and presentation. Award presentation will be made at the Annual General Meeting in October (Montgomery County). Awards not picked up at the AGM will be mailed to recipients.

**ACTUAL AWARD:** The award will be a certificate suitable for framing signed by the President of the Club and Versatility Committee representative to include the following information:

The name: **United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club Versatility Award**

The name of the Award tier (see below)

The registered name of the dog (with all titles, as the owner wishes it to appear on award)

The names of the owner(s) of record (at least ONE owner must be a current USKBTC member) and the breeder(s) of record.

The date the Award is presented

ONE certificate will be presented per dog for the highest award tier applied for (Additional certificates will be awarded for higher tiers applied for in subsequent years). A keepsake memento commemorating the award will be awarded at the club's discretion.

### Award tier structure is as follows:

**The Bronze Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in two different disciplines.

**The Silver Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in three different disciplines.

**The Gold Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in four different disciplines.

**The Platinum Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in five different disciplines.

**The Emerald Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in six different disciplines.

**The Diamond Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in seven different disciplines.

**The Sapphire Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles in eight different disciplines

**The Blue Diamond Award** is presented to the Kerry Blue Terrier earning titles all eight listed disciplines, plus at least one Miscellaneous title.

**\* Please Note:** Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Farm Dog (FDC), Trick Dog, Temperament Testing (TT), and Therapy Dog International (TDI) along with other therapy or service dog certifications, with the exception of AKC's Therapy Dog (THD) titles, are not considered working titles. Therefore they do not qualify as eligible disciplines for these awards. These certifications may however be included in the dog's name as stated on a Versatility Award should the owner wish them. The owner is responsible for submitting the dog's name as it should appear on the award. Members wanting their Kerries' therapy or service dog accomplishments recognized are encouraged to apply for the USKBTC's "Kerry It Forward" awards.

**Additional Notes:** The accomplishment of any of these disciplines may take more than one calendar year to achieve. Therefore the applicant may submit an application along with proof of awards at any time provided that the owner submits the application by the stated deadline to qualify for that year's award presentation, provided that awards are applied for within 5 years of the last title being earned.