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Precision and Perfection: Obedience offers challenges galore.

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Competitive obedience can be a fun, fulfilling way to further the human and canine bond. Ultimately, obedience training can lead to titles, which aren't just about bragging rights, although knowing that you and your dog work well together can be worth a pat or two on the back. Titles also show that you and your dog are a team. Getting to the top levels of obedience proves that you have an exceptional relationship.

Top titles

Competition obedience at the top level requires precision performance. Dogs that achieve titles in obedience competitions have shown that they can perform a set of exercises in a public setting, regardless of whatever distractions may be present.

Any purebred dog or dog with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP) from the American Kennel Club can compete in AKC obedience trials. (The PAL/ILP is a program that allows unregistered dogs of registrable breeds to participate in AKC performance events.)

The United Kennel Club also offers obedience competition, awarding its United Companion Dog Excellent title to dogs that complete exercises similar to those found in AKC competition.

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