

Guide to AKC Dog Agility and Obedience Titles

Learn what American Kennel Club titles mean and what it takes to obtain them.

You find all kinds of abbreviations before and after the names of agility and obedience competitors. Here are a few of the common titles you might see.

Agility Titles

NA: Novice Agility, an AKC agility title awarded to dogs who earn three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Novice A and/or B Agility class.

OA: Open Agility, an agility title for dogs who receive three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Open Agility class.

AX: Agility Excellent, an AKC agility title for dogs who earn three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Excellent A Agility class.

AXJ: Excellent Jumpers With Weaves, an AKC agility title that requires three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Excellent A Jumpers With Weaves class.

MX: Master Agility is a suffix agility title for dogs who have earned the Agility Excellent title and have qualified the required number of additional times in the Agility Excellent class at AKC agility trials.

MXJ: Master Jumper With Weaves, an AKC agility title that requires 10 qualifying scores in Excellent B Jumper With Weaves Agility class under two different judges.

MACH: Master Agility Champion, an AKC agility title a dog earns by achieving a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the Excellent B Standard Agility class and the Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves class. The MACH title is often placed before the dog's full name.

Obedience Titles

CD: Companion Dog, an AKC obedience title for dogs who have received qualifying scores from three different judges in Novice classes at three obedience trials. The CD title is usually placed after the dog's AKC-registered name.

CDX: Companion Dog Excellent, an AKC obedience title awarded to dogs who have received qualifying scores from three judges in Open classes at three obedience trials. The CDX title is often placed after the dog's full name.

UD: Utility Dog, an AKC obedience title that may be added after a dog's name after receiving qualifying scores in Utility classes by three different judges at three obedience trials. Exercises in UD obedience trials include Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, and Directed Jumping.

UDX: Utility Dog Excellent, awarded to the AKC-registered dog with a UD title who has earned qualifying scores at 10 trials. UDX title appears after the dog's registered name.

OTCh: Obedience Trial Champion is a prefix used with the name of a dog who has been recorded an Obedience Trial Champion by the AKC as the result of having won the number of points and First Place wins according to the current regulations.

NOC: National Obedience Champion, an AKC obedience title awarded annually to the dog who wins the AKC National Obedience Invitational. The NOC title is typically placed before the dog's name and remains a part of his AKC-registered permanent title.

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