

ROM GUIDELINES

The future of the Vizsla rests with the sires and dams that have demonstrated their ability to provide for successive generations. In recognition of their contributions to the breed, the VCA awards the Registry of Merit Certificate (ROM) to those Vizslas whose offspring reflect the breed's character and purpose, as evidenced by the titles achieved.

ROM status is given to a dog who:

- 1) Sires progeny earning at least 36 title points among them, but no fewer than 5 and no more than 12 progeny may so qualify. To qualify, each progeny must earn either:
 - a) a 3-point or higher title, or
 - b) any combination of two 2-point titles, **except** that no more than three progenies may so qualify.
- 2) Sires must produce qualifying progeny in at least two of the four areas represented OR one Versatility Certificate progeny. The four areas are: conformation, field/hunting, obedience/rally/agility/therapy, and nose work.

ROM status is given to a dam who:

- 1) Produces progeny earning at least 24 title points among them, but no fewer than 5 and no more than 9 progeny may so qualify. To qualify, each progeny must earn either:
 - a) a three point or higher title, or
 - b) any combination of two 2-point titles, **except** that no more than three progenies may so qualify
- 2) Dams must produce qualifying progeny in at least two of the four areas represented OR one Versatility Certificate progeny. The four areas are: conformation, field/hunting, obedience/rally/agility, and nose work.

GENERAL GUIDELINES & TABULATION

The ROM recognizes the dog or bitch that qualifies. Certificates will be mailed to the name and address that is included on the application.

Registry of Merit credit is given for AKC titles earned in all areas of endeavor, as well as the VCA Versatility Certificate. Points for titles on each dog are added across from column to column, but not vertically within the same column. For example, a dog with a UD earns 5 points, not the total for CD + CDX + UD. An FC or AFC earns 7 points, but an FC+AFC earns only 9 points because some of the amateur points can count for both titles. The VC is 3 points if earned by versatility tests passes or 8 points if earned as CH + CD + SH as a result of AKC competition. However, one may not total the two for 11 points. Dogs earning an NA and NAP may only take 3 points, not 2 points for the NA and an additional 2 points for the NAP. In addition, triple champions accumulate points for CH + FC + OTCH. Dual champions earn points for CH + FC.

It is not possible for a parent to qualify for Registry of Merit status entirely within one category, i.e., several progeny with *all* obedience/agility/rally or field/hunting titles. At least two of the four areas must be represented in the point total. Or one Versatility Certificate must be represented in the titles earned by their qualifying progeny. No sire or dam may qualify for ROM status without a **majority** of 3 point or higher titles.

You must include all dogs' AKC registered names, and/or Stud Dog Registry numbers in addition to the conformation, field/hunting, obedience/rally/agility/therapy or tracking/search and rescue/scent or barn hunt titles of each progeny, along with supporting documentation. Acceptable documentation includes: AKC Progeny Report, AKC records, or copies of AKC title certificates. Proof of sire and dam of the progeny must also be provided, which may include litter registration records, copies of individual puppy registrations, and/or AKC Progeny Report.

Applications must be filled out completely, including OFA numbers of Sires and Dams, and must be signed and mailed. Attach copies of all documentation to the form so they can be cross-referenced to your application. Once the information is verified, you will receive your ROM certificate. There is a \$10 ROM fee for each dog for VCA members. The fee for dogs that belong to non-members is \$35 per dog. Checks should be made payable to the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. Applications received without an accompanying check cannot be processed. Please contact Karen Lake (VCA ROM Chair) at karen@moonlightvizslas.com with any questions. Applications and supporting documentation can be mailed to Karen Lake, VCA ROM Chair, PO BOX 131681, Carlsbad, CA 92013.