

Most Versatile Westie in National Specialty – 2022 Rules

The Most Versatile Westie in the WHWTCA National Specialty and the three runners up will be awarded trophies based on the point system described below. Awards will be presented on the last day of competition which is Earthdog Monday.

Dogs earn points by Qualifying, Placing or Passing in each entered class at selected events during the week of the WHWTCA National Specialty.

Area	Sun 10/2	Mon 10/3	Tues 10/4	Wed 10/5	Thurs 10/6	Fri 10/7	Sat 10/8	Sun 10/9	Mon 10/10
Tracking	Fair Hill (WCA)								
Agility		Palmyra	Palmyra						
Conformation					Hatboro & Kimberton QW (WCA)	Hatboro	Maturity Futurity Sweeps (WCA), Devon	MCKC (WCA)	
Rally			Palmyra			Kimberton (WCA)			
Obedience			Palmyra		Hatboro	Kimberton (WCA)			
FAST CAT						Kimberton (WCA)	Kimberton (WCA)		
Barn hunt				Kimberton (WCA)	Kimberton (WCA)				
Earthdog									Mt Laurel, NJ
Quality Westie					Kimberton (WCA)				

To be eligible:

- A dog must qualify, place or pass in at least two different areas (Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, Coursing Ability, CGC/Trick Dog, Barn Hunt, Scent Work, and Earthdog). There are no known eligible events in Flyball this year. Note Trick Dog and CGC are considered a single combined sport for the purposes of this competition.
- Either the owner or a co-owner must work a substantial amount of time at two events, generally considered to be 2 hours or more. At least one of these events must be a WHWTCA hosted event which are indicated by (WCA) in the chart above.

Points accumulate over all entered classes in these events:

- Each dog may earn a maximum of six (6) points in each sport: Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, Coursing Ability, CGC/Trick Dog, Earthdog, Scent Work, and Barn Hunt. Further places/pass/qualifies in each sport serve only as tie-breakers.
- Each dog earns points based on the following system over the week of competition:
 - +3 points for the first-time the dog places/passes/qualifies in each area over the week of competition except tracking where dogs earns +6 points for earning a new Tracking title.
 - +2 points for the second-time the dog places/passes/qualifies in each area over the week of competition.
 - +1 point for the third-time the dog places/passes/qualifies in each area over the week of competition or for certifying in tracking, passing Intro to Quarry in Earthdog, RATI in Barn Hunt, or earning a QW, CGC, CGCA or CGCU or any Trick Dog Title.
- However, no points for a titled Earthdog entering Intro to Quarry, a titled tracking dog being re-certified, an ME dog in JE, or a dog with any Obedience or Rally title in any CGC test. Tracking Certification must take place on plotting or test day at the tracking site. CGC/Trick Dog will not count as an additional area if the dog has any Obedience or Rally title.
- Further, no points for a dog who qualifies or passes in a class two levels below his top titled class **except for the top three Rally classes in the same trial (Rally Master, Rally Excellent B & Rally Advanced B)**. For example, an ME dog may earn points in the Master, Senior or both classes but not the Junior Class.
- Ties will be broken by adding 0.1 points for each qualifying category beyond 2. Remaining ties by adding 0.01 points for each first place finish. Remaining ties by adding 0.001 points for each placement win in head-to-head competition. Remaining ties by adding 0.0001 points for each place/pass/qualify beyond 3 per sport. These extra points are only used to break ties.
- Due to the nature of tracking tests, a dog passing a tracking test will earn 6 points for passing for a new title, or 3 points for passing a test he had previously passed.

Owners of dogs earning MVWIS points at events not directly monitored by the MVWIS chairman (Sil Sanders) should, on the same day, make their accomplishments known to him at Sil@WestiesNW.com

Examples:

1. **Earthdog:** An ME dog enters all three classes. If he passes all three, he gets 5 points. If he only passes ME and JE, he gets 3 points. If he only passes SE and JE, he gets 3 points.
2. **Agility:** An MX-MXJ dog enters MX & MXJ & NF at one trial. The dog fails MX and MXJ but qualifies in NF will earn 3 points since he is working at his level in FAST. The dog who qualifies in MX and NF but fails MXJ earns 5 points.
3. **Agility:** An MX-MXJ dog enters MX & MXJ & NF at two trials. The dog passes NF at the first trial and all three at the second trial. The dog earns 6 points for passing at his level three times and no additional points for the fourth pass.

4. **Rally:** An RE dog enters both RE and RA at two separate trials. The dog passes RE once and RA once earns 5 points regardless of whether they were at the same trial.
5. **Obedience:** A UD dog enters Preferred Utility and Preferred Open at two trials. The dog qualifies in all four classes. The dog earns +6 points since PUTD and PCDX are both open to entry by a dog with a UD title.