

# **AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

## **EARLY BIRD (EB) AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To encourage owners of American Eskimo Dogs to participate in events with their dogs. This award mimics the Versatility Companion and Versatility Companion Excellent award with the exception of the required health testing. As more events are available to younger dogs, some as young as 6 months, this award is available to AEDs under the age of 2 years.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- 1) All American Eskimo Dogs must be AKC registered. Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) numbers and Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) numbers are AKC registrations.
- 2) The American Eskimo Dog must be under the age of two (2) years.
- 3) Owners of eligible dogs must be active members of the AEDCA, all dues being paid and current, and have no outstanding debts due to the club. In the case of multiple owners, only one owner must be a member.

**Early Bird (EB):** Title to be earned by gaining five (5) points from a minimum of three (3) categories.

#### **Category 1        OBEDIENCE and RALLY (AKC, foreign titles as added)**

- a. Obedience – 1 point for each title
- b. Rally – 1 point for each title
- c. Canine Good Citizen – 1 point for each title
- d. Rally FrEe – 1 point for each title

#### **Category 2        SCENT WORK**

- a. Tracking (AKC) – 1 point for each title
- b. Barn Hunt – 1 point for each title
- c. Nosework – 1 point for each title

#### **Category 3        SIGHT WORK**

- a. Coursing Ability Test (AKC) – 1 point for each title
- b. Fast CAT (AKC) – 1 point for each title
- c. Herding Instinct Certification (AHBA or certification from approved AKC Herding Judge) – 1 point
- d. Herding – 1 point for each title beyond Instinct Certification

#### **Category 4        CONFORMATION**

- a. Champion of Record – 1 point
- b. Grand Champion of Record – 1 point

#### **Category 5        SOUNDNESS**

- a. Hip Exam (certification number) – 1 point
- b. OFA ECR/CERF (certification number) – 1 point
- c. Optigen PRA DNA test or “Clear by Parentage” OFA DNA Registration – 1 point
- d. Temperament Test (AKC or other as approved) – 1 point
- e. Other – 1 point for each approved test/certification

**Category 6 CANINE SPORTS**

- a. Agility (AKC) – 1 point for each individual title
- b. Flyball (NAFA) – 1 point for each individual title
- c. Schutzhund I, II, III – 1 point for each individual title
- d. Canine Freestyle – 1 point for each title
- e. Dock Jumping – 1 point for each title
- f. Disc Dog – 1 point for each title
- g. Drag Racing – 1 point for each title
- h. Treibball – 1 point for each title
- i. Trick Dog – 1 point for each title
- j. FIT Dog – 1 point for each title

**Category 7 WORKING AND FIELD WORK**

- a. Carting – 1 point for each title
- b. Drafting – 1 point for each title
- c. Weight Pulling – 1 point for each title
- d. Hunting – 1 point for each title
- e. Earthdog – 1 point for each title
- f. Retrieving – 1 point for each title

**Category 8 PROFESSIONAL DOG**

- a. \*Police Dog (Active duty or on loan to a department) – 1 point
- b. \*Military Dog (Active duty or on loan to an agency) – 1 point
- c. \*Guard Dog (Security business or on loan) – 1 point
- d. \*Search and Rescue/Professional Tracking Dog – 1 point
- e. \*Narcotics Dog – 1 point
- f. \*Bomb Dog – 1 point
- g. \*Guide Dog for the Blind – 1 point
- h. \*Signal/Service Dog (Certification and Video required) – 1 point
- i. \*Therapy work or AKC Therapy title (includes only those dogs certified through a program by any of the following: Alliance of Therapy Dogs (formerly Therapy Dogs, Inc.), Pet Partners (formerly Delta Society) – 1 point
- j. Bug Sniffing Dog (NESDCA) – 1 point

**Category 9 OTHER**

- a. \*Acting/Modeling – 1 point for each approved incidence
- b. \*Heroic Feats (Documented) – 1 point
- c. \*Other – 1 point for each approved incidence.

\*For recording these accomplishments, a form must be obtained from the AEDCA, completed and sent to the AEDCA Awards Committee. The form provides for a statement of the work done, signature by a club official or judge with regard to that type of work, signature by a witness, and signature by the owner of the dog.

In the event that an official who has judged a dog and handler can no longer be located, then a minimum of two witnesses who watched the dog work may verify that the dog did perform the work. The training director or secretary of the club that sponsored the event must also verify the performance.

All witnesses must be unrelated to the owner or handler or their families. For the more unusual activities, videotapes or published material, especially that provided by the news media, will be acceptable.

**TO OBTAIN TITLES:** Photocopies of titles, degrees and other pertinent information must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the next National Meeting and sent to:

Diane LaBarbera – Awards Chair  
232 Pine Mountain Road  
Clarksville, TN 37042-8216  
(931) 494-4552

You can also submit electronically by sending everything to AwardsAEDCA@gmail.com

Each year those American Eskimo Dogs who have earned EB title will be honored at the next annual AEDCA National Specialty Show.

The title EB will appear after the dog's name, but these titles may not be used in official AKC publication except in advertisements.

Members may submit suggestions for new events to be added to the existing list. All suggestions must include a description of the event, the name of the governing body and a link to the event rules. Suggestions must be received by the AEDCA secretary prior to the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year for review by the Awards Committee and the AEDCA Board of Directors.

\*\* When new events are added by AKC, titles and points earned from previous venues will count for up to 1 year after AKC's start of the event. For example, if AKC were to start a new event in January of 2018, points earned in other venues from January 2017 to January 2018 will still count.\*\*

*Approved and Added by the AEDCA Board – 2/15/2024*