

# **AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTER OF MERIT (ROM) TITLE AND REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT (ROMX) TITLE**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize those American Eskimo Dogs which are sires and dams of outstanding quality. This quality is based solely on the merits of their get or produce.

## **Eligibility:**

- 1.) All American Eskimo Dogs must be AKC registered.
- 2.) It is recommended that the American Eskimo Dog satisfy one of the following health qualifications:
  - a. The American Eskimo Dog must have received an Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) certification number for hip screening after the age of two years.

AND

b. The American Eskimo Dog must have a "normal" certification number from either the Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) or the OFA Eye Certification Registry (ECR) within a year that all eligibility requirements were met, within the last year of the dog's life, or as of the dog's 10th birthday.

OR

C. The American Eskimo Dog has been issued a Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) number by the OFA.

- 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.

**Register of Merit (ROM):** Title to be earned by:

**Dogs:** A sire must produce a minimum of 12 AEDCA or AKC Champions of Record

**Bitches:** A dam must produce a minimum of 5 AEDCA or AKC Champions of Record

**Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX):** Title to be earned by:

**Dogs:** A sire must produce a minimum of 25 AEDCA or AKC Champions of Record

**Bitches:** A dam must produce a minimum of 10 AEDCA or AKC Champions of Record

**TO OBTAIN TITLES:** Owners should submit their application and supporting documentation to the AEDCA Awards Committee Chairman. Supporting documentation can be the AKC progeny report of the dog/bitch or you can contact Helen for other alternatives.

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You can also submit electronically by sending everything to [AwardsAEDCA@gmail.com](mailto:AwardsAEDCA@gmail.com)

All information must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Each year those American Eskimo Dogs who have earned the ROM or ROMX titles will be honored at the next annual AEDCA National Specialty Show.

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

*This Policy was adopted by the AEDCA Board of Directors in 1989 and published in the AEDCA Newsletter.*

*Amended by a vote of the membership March 5, 1998.*

*Amended by Motions #50-00 March 3, 2000 and #20-01 March 24, 2001.*

*Amended by the Board of Directors February 24, 2001.*

*Amended by Membership Vote National Meeting 2007 (removing fees).*

*Amended by Membership Vote National Meeting 2008 (split eligibility req 2 into 2 & 3 add 4).*

*Amended by the Board of Directors MM/DD/2010 (changed submit to from Statistician to Awards Chairman & added more detail for supporting documentation.*

*Amended by the AEDCA Board of Directors November 29, 2012 (allow either "normal" CERF or OFA ECR).*

*Amended by the AEDCA Board of Directors June 22, 2017 (allow CHIC number under Eligibility)*

*Board approved adding an email address for electronic submission, July 2023.*