

Titles

Titles may be earned under various organizations and in various disciplines, the most familiar to most people being the American Kennel Club (AKC) Obedience and Breed titles.

Titles are abbreviated and put either in front ("prefix title") or after ("suffix title") the dog's registered name. In general, a prefix title denotes a Breed or Obedience/Performance championship while a suffix title denotes an Obedience/Performance title.

Example: CH OTCH Steve's Rising Star, AXJ - This dog is a Breed Champion (CH), an Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) and has earned an Excellent Agility Jumper (AXJ) title.

Below is a list of some of the more common titles. For complete listings of AKC titles, go to:

AKC Prefix titles: <http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm>

AKC Suffix titles: <http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm?page=2>

Many performance titles are also offered by the [United Kennel Club](#) (UKC).

Common Dog Sport Titles

Abbreviation	Name	Discipline
OTCH	Obedience Trial Champion	Obedience
OGM	Obedience Grand Master	Obedience
NOC	National Obedience Champion	Obedience
BN	Beginner Novice (Optional Title)	Obedience
CD	Companion Dog	Obedience
GN	Graduate Novice (Optional Title)	Obedience
CDX	Companion Dog Excellent	Obedience
GO	Graduate Open (Optional Title)	Obedience
UD	Utility Dog	Obedience
UDX	Utility Dog Excellent	Obedience
VER	Versatility Dog	Obedience
RN, URO1	Rally Novice (AKC, UKC)	Rally
RA, URO2	Rally Advanced (AKC, UKC)	Rally
RE, URO3	Rally Excellent (AKC, UKC)	Rally
RAE	Rally Advanced Excellent	Rally
NFC	National Field Champion	Field Trial
AFC	Amateur Field Trial Champion	Field Trial
FC	Field Champion	Field Trial
JH	Junior Hunter	Field Trial
MH	Master Hunter	Field Trial
MACH	Master Agility Champion	Agility
MJS	Master Silver Jumpers With Weaves	Agility
MXB	Master Bronze Agility	Agility
NAC	National Agility Champion	Agility
NA	Novice Agility	Agility
NAJ	Novice Agility Jumper	Agility
OA	Open Agility	Agility
AX	Agility Excellent	Agility
AXJ	Excellent Agility Jumper	Agility
CT	Champion Tracker (Dog has earned TD, TDX and VST)	Tracking
TD	Tracking Dog	Tracking
TDX	Tracking Dog Excellent	Tracking
VST	Variable Surface Tracker	Tracking

HC	Herding Champion	Herding
HT	Herding Tested	Herding
HS	Herding Started	Herding
HX	Herding Excellent	Herding
BH	Begleithund (Traffic-sure Companion Dog)	IPO / Schutzhund (Working Dog Sport)
IPO / SchH 1,2,3	IPO (Internationale Prüfungs-Ordnung: International Test Rules) / Schutzhund Levels 1 through 3 (3 being hardest)	IPO / Schutzhund
OB 1,2,3	Obedience phase of corresponding level of IPO test	IPO / Schutzhund
TR 1,2,3	Tracking phase of corresponding level of IPO test	IPO / Schutzhund
FH	Tracking Dog	IPO / Schutzhund
RATN	Novice Barn Hunt	Barn Hunt
RATO	Open Barn Hunt	Barn Hunt
RATS	Senior Barn Hunt	Barn Hunt
RATM	Master Barn Hunt	Barn Hunt
RATCh	Barn Hunt Champion	Barn Hunt
RATCHX	Master Champion	Barn Hunt
NW1	Nose Work 1	Nose Work
NW2	Nose Work 2	Nose Work
NW3	Nose Work 3	Nose Work
NW3E	Nose Work 3 Elite	Nose Work
NW1-C,I,E,V	NW1 Elements (Container, Interior, Exterior, Vehicle)	Nose Work
NW1-C,I,E,V	NW2 Elements (Container, Interior, Exterior, Vehicle)	Nose Work
NW1-C,I,E,V	NW3 Elements (Container, Interior, Exterior, Vehicle)	Nose Work
Awards/Titles		
THD	Therapy Dog	
CGC	Canine Good Citizen	