

# 2015 Ultimate Miniature American Shepherd (UA)

## National's Special Awards

### **Ultimate American**

The Ultimate American competition is offered to showcase the amazing abilities of the Miniature American Shepherd. Unlike the traditional MV-MAS program, Ultimate American, changes year to year, depending on which events are offered. A Miniature American Shepherd is attentive and animated, showing strength and stamina combined with unusual agility. The Miniature American Shepherd has Exceptional agility combined with strength and stamina allows for working over a variety of terrain. This highly versatile, energetic dog makes an excellent athlete with superior intelligence and a willingness to please those to whom he is devoted. Dogs must be AKC registered Miniature American Shepherds to participate.

New dog sports will be added in the future to further demonstrate the amazing abilities of the Miniature American Shepherd. Hosting clubs must offer at least 3 events.

### **ULTIMATE AMERICAN SCORING**

To qualify for the Ultimate American (UA) in 2015, one must qualify in at least 3 of the following categories (any level including instinct) at Nationals: AKC Herding Instinct/Test/Trial, AKC Agility, AKC Obedience, AKC Rally Obedience, Skyhoundz Disc Dog, NADD Dock Diving, and Barnhunt.

Placements will be awarded for all UA qualifiers. 1st Place winner will earn the title "Ultimate American". If the 1<sup>st</sup> place Ultimate American is also the 1<sup>st</sup> place dog for MV-MAS, they will be given the Iron Dog award. Iron Dog prize to be sent after Nationals, as there may or may not be a winner each year.

Point Calculation: Points are totaled from all event categories offered.

If there is a tie, the first tie-breaker is to take the most categories with a Q. 2nd tie-breaker is to take the highest Herding score. 3<sup>rd</sup> tie-breaker is to take the fastest Herding time.

### **ULTIMATE AMERICAN SCORING**

A scorekeeper/chairperson will be assigned by MASCUSA or the Hosting Club. Scores will be available for exhibitors to double check as soon as practicable after each eligible competition is completed. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to check the scores as posted, and report to the Ultimate American chairperson any discrepancy no later than two hours prior to the time scheduled for awarding Ultimate American. Discrepancies may only be filed by the handler for the event where there is a discrepancy. The Ultimate American awards will be presented at the Award Ceremony. Judges placements/decisions for all events are final. Awards for Ultimate American are final once presented. The Ultimate American Chairperson will keep records for at least one year after the event.

### **ULTIMATE AMERICAN ENTRANTS**

Ultimate American entrants must be 6 months of age as of the first day of the competition, and AKC registered. Individual events may have additional age criteria.

Event Categories – only the highest score for each category will be used, except for Agility will have JWW and Standard, and Disc Dog will have D&A and Freestyle.

### **SPECIAL ULTIMATE AMERICAN RECOGNITION**

Participating in the Ultimate American is an adventure in itself. A certificate will be awarded to recognize and encourage the following participants/dogs in addition to regular awards listed above:

Junior Handler Awards - The handler's must show dog in all events in order to be eligible for Junior Handler awards. Multiple handlers may handle Dog for Veteran.

Best Junior UA - Highest Score (Handler Age 9-11)      Best Junior UA - Highest Score (Handler Age 15-18)  
Best Junior UA - Highest Score (Handler Age 12-14)      Best Veteran Dog UA – Highest Score (Veteran - Dog Age 7+)

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2015 Point Schedule (Only Highest Q per "color" counts)

Obedience					Rally Obedience			Agility - JWW			Agility - Standard			Barnhunt					Disc Dog - D&A			Disc Dog - Freestyle			Dock Diving					
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6
Obedience Beg Nov Points					Rally Excellent Points			Agility Excellent JWW Points			Agility Open Standard			Barnhunt Instinct Points					Disc Dog D&A >6 Points			Disc Dog Freestyle >5' Points			Dock Diving <= 5' Points					
Obedience Pre Novice Points					Rally Advanced Points			Agility Open JWW Points			Agility Open Standard			Barnhunt Senior Points					Disc Dog D&A >9 Points			Disc Dog Freestyle >30 Points			Dock Diving >= 20' Points					
Obedience Open Points					Rally Novice Points			Agility Novice JWW Points			Agility Novice Standard			Barnhunt Novice Points					Disc Dog D&A >12 Points			Disc Dog Freestyle >25 Points			Dock Diving >= 15' Points					
Obedience Utility Points																									Dock Diving >= 10' Points					

Herding					
1	2	3	4	5	6
Instinct					
Herding Tested					
Pre-Trial					
Started (Sheep or Ducks)					
Intermediate (Sheep or Ducks)					
Advanced (Sheep or Ducks)					