

# Effects of AKC status on LCA Titling Programs

Due to some of the recent discussion on the various Leo related lists, the Show Committee has been asked to post a quick down & dirty response that we hope will answer some of the questions being asked. Please bear in mind that we cannot anticipate all of your questions, but we are more than willing to answer them if we know what they are. Please address your questions to the SC Chair – Jim Carretta at the following e-mail address [j.carretta@comcast.net](mailto:j.carretta@comcast.net) . We don't expect that all questions have already been addressed, so your help is appreciated. As you ask questions, we may find that there are issues that still need to be addressed, and we will get to work on them. We are all learning from this experience, and we want to make the transition as smooth as possible for all concerned. All that being said, here are answers to a few of the basic questions that are apparently being floated around:

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q) Is the LCA continuing to administer its Titling Programs?

A) Yes, the LCA will continue to issue Championship, Obedience, Rally, and Agility titles until we complete our stay in the Miscellaneous Class. At that time we will discontinue issuing those titles that mirror AKC programs. Leonbergers will only earn Championship titles through the AKC. Obedience titles will also be earned through the AKC as well as other venues such as UKC, ASCA, etc. Agility titles will be earned through AKC, UKC, ASCA, NADAC, USDAA and CPE. Draft and Water titles will not be affected since the AKC does not administer those programs. They are breed-specific and the LCA will continue to work with the Newf, Berner and St Bernard clubs and issue our own titles.

Q) Can my dog earn LCA Championship points at an AKC B Match or Licensed Show that offers entry to Leonbergers in the Miscellaneous class?

A) Yes, the LCA will award points toward LCA Championship titles from wins at both of these types of events. Points will be awarded in accordance with existing LCA policy. (This policy is listed on the LCA website under Forms/Show Committee Forms/LCA Competition Rules and can be accessed through the following link):

<http://www.leonbergerclubofamerica.com/pictures/pdfs/showcommittee/lcacompetitionrules.pdf>

Since there are no Winners classes permitted by AKC at either type of event, Championship points will be awarded to the BOB and BOS. If the dog winning that honor is already an LCA Champion, there will be no points awarded for that gender for that event.

Q) Will Top Leo points will be awarded from wins at these types of events?

A) Yes, Top Leo Points will be awarded according to existing LCA policy (see above link), just as they are for events sponsored by UKC, ARBA, IABCA, Rare Heirs, and Canine Rarities for conformation and ASCA, UKC, etc for Obedience & Rally. Top Leo Points for conformation will be given to the BOB only, and if that dog also wins Best in Miscellaneous, points will be awarded in accordance with a group 1 placement at those other venues. Remember, Top Leo is an LCA Club award, so points are only awarded to dogs owned by LCA members.

Q) Does the LCA require that I be a club member to earn an LCA Championship?

A) No, the LCA has never required owner membership to earn LCA Championships.

Q) Does the LCA require that my dog be registered with the LCA to earn an LCA Championship.

A) No, the LCA has never required that a dog be registered with the LCA to earn an LCA Championship. The LCA has required that the dog be registered with the LCA to enter LCA sanctioned National and Regional events. As of about 18 months ago with the acceptance of Leos as an FSS breed and our ability to enter AKC sanctioned matches and companion events our rules were revised to also accept AKC/FSS registration for LCA events. Therefore presently the only requirement is that your dog be registered either with the LCA (in the past this was the only option) or with AKC/FSS (which will be all of us going forward).

Q) Will I have to send in a point form to the LCA Points Secretary in order for my dog's placement at AKC Matches/Shows to be recognized towards an LCA Championship or Obedience/Rally title?

A) Yes, you will still need to send in a points form for any event that is not an LCA Sanctioned National or Regional Specialty. The reason for this is that only LCA Sanctioned Show Events are required to report results directly to the LCA Points Secretary.

Q) How do I get an LCA Points Form signed at an AKC event?

A) You do not need to have the Point for signed at AKC events. We know this would be difficult, if not impossible to do, so the LCA is going to wave this requirement for AKC events ONLY. The Points Secretary can verify these placements on line. You will still be required to get a signature for ARBA, IABCA, UKC, Rare Heirs, and Canine Rarities events, as well as other Obedience events.

Q) What about the LCA's Versatility Program?

A) The Show Committee is looking at a revision of the Versatility Program based on the same combinations of titles, but the Championship, Obedience, Rally, and Agility titles

will be AKC titles instead of LCA titles. Draft & Water titles will remain the same since AKC does not issue those titles.