

# What are the abbreviations on a dog's pedigree?

## Official AKC Titles and Abbreviations with a brief description.

<b>Prefix Titles</b>	<b>Titles that appear before the dog's name.</b>
<b>AFC</b>	<b>Amateur Field Trial Champion:</b> Earning the AFC title
<b>CH</b>	<b>Champion:</b> Dogs must acquire 15 points, including 2 majors won under different judges and at least one point under a third different judge.
<b>CT</b>	<b>Champion Tracker:</b> Dog must hold all 3 tracking titles (TD, TDX and VST)
<b>DC</b>	<b>Dual Champion:</b> Any dog that has been awarded the title of Champion of Record (Ch.) may be designated as a "Dual Champion," after it has also been awarded the title of Field Champion (FC) or Herding Champion (HC)
<b>FC</b>	<b>Field Champion:</b> Earning the FC title
<b>MACH</b>	<b>Master Agility Champion:</b> In order to acquire the title, a dog must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the Excellent B Standard Agility class and the Excellent B Jumpers with Weaves class.
<b>NAFC</b>	<b>National Amateur Field Champion:</b> Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Amateur Championship stake.

<b>NFC</b>	<b>National Field Champion:</b> Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Open Championship stake.
<b>OTCH</b>	<b>Obedience Trial Champion:</b> Dog must have won: 100 points; Dog must receive at least one first place Open B, one first place Utility and a third first place ribbon in either class First places must be awarded by 3 different judges Must be at all-breed events one of the required first places may have been won at a Specialty Show. Open B must have 6 in competition Utility must have 3 in competition
<b>TC</b>	<b>Triple Champion:</b> Any dog that has been awarded the title of Dual Champion (DC) and the title of Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) or Tracking Champion (CT) or Agility Champion (MACH) may be designated as a Triple Champion.
<b>Suffix Titles</b>	<b>Titles that appear after the dog's name.</b>
<b>AXJ</b>	<b>Excellent Agility Jumper:</b> For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Excellent A Jumpers with Weaves class under at least 2 different judges.
<b>AX</b>	<b>Agility Excellent:</b> For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Excellent A Agility class under at least 2 different judges.
<b>CD</b>	<b>Companion Dog:</b> The letters CD may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified by 3 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.
<b>CDX</b>	<b>Companion Dog Excellent:</b> The letters CDX may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by 3 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Open classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

- JH Junior Hunter:**  
For a title, dog must receive qualifying scores at 4 licensed or member tests.
- MH Master Hunter:**  
For a title, a dog must receive qualifying scores at 6 licensed or member tests. If the dog has already received a SH, the dog need only qualify 5 times.
- MJP Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves "B" Preferred:**  
For a title, dog must earn 10 qualifying scores in Excellent B Jumpers with Weaves Preferred Agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AX was earned does not count toward the 10.
- MX Master Agility Excellent:**  
For a title, dog must earn 10 qualifying scores in Excellent B Agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AX was earned does not count toward the 10.
- MXP Master Agility Excellent "B" Preferred:**  
For a title, dog must earn 10 qualifying scores in Excellent Agility Preferred "B" class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AXP was earned does not count toward the 10.
- MXJ Master Excellent Jumpers with Weaves:**  
For a title, dog must earn 10 qualifying scores in Excellent B Jumpers with Weaves Agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AX was earned does not count toward the 10.
- NA Novice Agility:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B Agility class under at least 2 different judges.
- NAJ Novice Agility Jumper:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B Jumpers with Weaves class under at least 2 different judges.
- NAP Novice Agility Preferred:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Novice Agility Preferred A and/or B Agility class under at least 2 different judges.

- NJP**                    **Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B Jumpers with Weaves Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.
- OA**                    **Open Agility:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Open Agility class under at least 2 different judges.
- OAJ**                    **Open Agility Jumper:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Open Jumpers with Weaves class under at least 2 different judges.
- OAP**                    **Open Agility Preferred:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Open Agility Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.
- OJP**                    **Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred:**  
For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.
- SH**                    **Senior Hunter:**  
For a title, a dog must receive qualifying scores at 5 licensed or member tests. If the dog has already received a JH, the dog need only qualify 4 times.
- TD**                    **Tracking Dog:**  
Dog has been certified by two judges to have passed a licensed or member club TD test or at a combined TD/TDX test, or at a combined TD/VST test or a TD/TDX/VST test.
- TDX**                    **Tracking Dog Excellent:**  
Dog has been certified by two judges to have passed a licensed or member club TDX test or at a combined TDX/VST test, or a combined TD/TDX test or a combined TD/TDX/VST test.
- UD**                    **Utility Dog:**  
The American Kennel Club will issue a Utility Dog certificate for each registered dog, that has been certified by three obedience trial judges as having received qualifying Utility scores at three licensed or member obedience trials.

- UDX**                      **Utility Dog Excellent:**  
To earn a Utility Dog Excellent title, the dog must have received qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility B at 10 separate licensed or member obedience trials. The letters UDX will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements of the UDX title as defined in the Regulations. (UDX2 for 20 qualifying scores, UDX3 for 30 qualifying scores, UDX4 for 40 qualifying scores, etc.)
- VCD1**                      **Versatile Companion Dog 1:**  
Must complete CD, NA, NAJ, TD or CD, NAP, NJP, TD
- VCD2**                      **Versatile Companion Dog 2:**  
Must complete CDX, OA, OAJ, TD or CDX, OAP, OJP, TD
- VCD3**                      **Versatile Companion Dog 3:**  
Must Complete UD, AX, AXJ, TDX or UD, AX, AXJ, TDX
- VCD4**                      **Versatile Companion Dog 4:**  
Must complete UDX, MX, MXJ, VST or UDX, MXP, MJP, VST
- VST**                        **Variable Surface Tracking:**  
Dog has been certified by both judges to have passed a licensed or member club Variable Surface Tracking test or at a combined TD/VST test or at a combined TDX/VST test or at a combined TD/TDX/VST test.

## Commonly Used abbreviations

AKC	American Kennel Club
BIS	Best in Show (conformation)
BISS	Best in Specialty Sweepstakes
BB / BOB	Best of Breed
BOW / BW	Best of Winners
BOS	Best of Opposite Sex
BOSS	Best of Opposite Sex Specialty Sweepstakes
BJH	Best Junior Handler
CGC	Canine Good Citizen
HIT	High in Trial
HSDT	Highest Scoring Dog in Trial
JAM	Judges Award of Merit
TDI	Therapy Dogs International Certification
WC	Working Certificate
WCX	Working Certificate Excellent
WB	Winners Bitch
WD	Winners Dog
RWB	Reserve Winners Bitch
RWD	Reserve Winners Dog

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