

The Register of Merit Program

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The Collie Club of Canada established the Register of Merit (ROM) program in 1991 to officially recognize Canada's Top Producing Collies. The goal was to honour those collies who produced not only offspring recognized in the conformation ring but also progeny who demonstrated the ability and desire to work. In 1994 the Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) program was established to further recognize and honour the crème de la crème.

ROM Certificate Requirements

All dogs must have at least 100 points

- earned by seven (7) or more progeny
- with at least five (5) Champion offspring
- at least one (1) Obedience titled offspring and
- at least one (1) title holder from the "Working" category

All bitches must have at least 50 points

- earned by five (5) or more progeny
- with at least three (3) CKC Champion offspring
- at least one (1) Obedience titled offspring and
- at least one (1) title holder from the "Working" category

ROMX Certificate Requirements

- All dogs must have achieved ROM status and have 200 or more points.
- All bitches must have achieved ROM status and have 100 or more points.
- Any ROM dog/bitch with one (1) or more ROM/ROMX titled offspring regardless of points.

Points

- 10 points for each Champion title (CKC, AKC or other)
- 10 points for each Obedience title (CKC, AKC or other) – these are for regular titles only.
- 10 points for each "Working" title or certificate from a recognized National registry such as CKC, AKC, UKC, NADAC, AAC, NAFA, etc.). These include, but are not limited to: Tracking, Herding, Schutzhund, Carting, Drafting, Therapy Dog, Flyball, Agility, Temperament Tests, OWCA/AWCA Versatility titles and AWCA Hall of Fame and Award of Merit Awards, etc.

For application forms: Go to the CCC website. And please follow the instructions.

What is required?

- A completed application form.
- A high-resolution image or picture of the candidate (can be electronic or hard copy).
- A 3-generation pedigree of the candidate (electronic or hard copy).
- Documentation for each of the candidates offspring. For CKC titles, you may either send (1) a copy of the title certificate OR (2) note the month and page number where the title is published in the Downloadable results on the CKC website. For all non-CKC titles, a copy of the title certificate is required. For any offspring that does not have a CKC title, please also submit a copy of the offspring's registration certificate to confirm parentage. For herding instinct tests please ensure the testers name and signature is on the certificate and is legible.
- Full payment (please make your cheque or money order out the Collie Club of Canada). Members \$10 and non-members \$25.