

## Breed First - Versatility Title (VER)



**Snowy Pines Hummer  
CD, GN, GO, VER,  
RN, RA, RE, RAE,  
NJP, NFP, DD**

by Terry Popish

Versatility Obedience Class was a Non-Regular Class until January 1, 2009 when AKC changed the class to a Optional Titling Class requiring 3 qualifying legs under 3 different judges. A qualifying score means that the dog has earned more than 50 percent of the points for each exercise with a total score of at least 170 points. There are no pre-title requirements.

The Versatility Class consists of six exercises: two each from the Novice, Open and Utility classes. There are no group exercises. The exercises are performed and judged as in the regular classes. Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide the combination and order of exercises to be performed. There are 12 different combinations to choose from. This combination and order will not be disclosed to exhibitors until it is posted at the ring, approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of the class.

This is one of my favorite classes because you do not know what you will be performing until just before the class. Your dog needs to be able to perform all exercises from Novice, Open and Utility. This class is interesting and fun for both of us.

Hummer earned his first VER leg in March of 2010 and earned his third leg on June 17, 2010. Hummer completed his Graduate Novice and Graduate Open titles in March 2010 so we decided to enter Versatility to help us prepare for Utility Classes and to keep the Novice and Open exercises fresh in his mind. Hummer's favorite thing about this class is that there are no sit and down stays!

We have continued to compete in the Versatility class because it is a wonderful way to get ring experience for Open and Utility exercises (preparing for UDX legs) and for the Obedience portion of the SBCA Team Draft Test which we plan on taking this fall.

I adopted Hummer from the Saint Bernard Rescue Foundation after asking for an active/athletic dog that had been rescued and in need of a home. This long legged, lanky, energetic and intelligent dog has proven to be everything that I was looking for in a training companion and much more!

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**First Saint Bernard to Earn  
The Versatility Title**

**June 17, 2010**

**First Saint Bernard to Earn a Qualifying Score in Versatility & Title**

*Saint Bernard National Archive's AKC Obedience/Performance Record For:*

**Snowy Pines Hummer CD GN GO VER RAE NJP NFP DD**

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<u>CH</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Trial</u>	<u>BN</u>	<u>GN</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>VER</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
	CD GO RAE NJP NFP	March 26, 2010	KC of Salinas, CA				192.00	1				1		
	CD GN GO RAE NJP NFP	April 03, 2010	Lake County KC of CA, CA				191.50	1				2		
	CD GN GO VER RAE NJP NFP	June 17, 2010	Shasta KC, CA				192.00	1				3		
<b>Class score averages and placement totals:</b>				<b>ERR</b>	<b>ERR</b>	<b>ERR</b>	<b>191.83</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Qualifying Scores:</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>							<b>m</b>

# = Number of Qualifying Scores in the Classes of Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility

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