



REGISTRY OF MERIT (ROM) PROGRAM

Information & Instructions

This Registry has been designed to recognize those pugs who, by their genetic makeup, and their use in a breeding program, are improving the health of pugs and are attempting to bring about greater conformance to the breed standard.

Registry of Merit Program

There is a multi-tiered set of awards for admission to the Registry of Merit. To be admitted to the Registry, a pug must be shown to be sound, healthy, and of breeding quality in addition to achieving a championship title or titles, and achieving a performance title or titles in obedience, agility, therapy (THD) or other performance activity.

Higher levels of Registry of Merit awards recognize not only a pug's quality, but also its ability to pass these characteristics on to their progeny. There are five distinct levels of achievement, which are designated as ROM, ROM Bronze (ROMB), ROM Silver (ROMS), ROM Gold (ROMG), and ROM Platinum (ROMP).

These titles are Lifetime awards and do not need renewing. A Registry of Merit can be granted to any pug meeting the criteria, living, or deceased. Registry of Merit recipient pugs must be owned or co-owned by a Pug Club of Canada member.

Achievements of a pug's offspring are required for its parents to qualify for a Gold or Platinum ROM. For these achievements, progeny have to attain a basic ROM or better.

1. Requirements to Qualify for Registry of Merit

To qualify for a Registry of Merit title, a pug must meet all requirements of A to D below and must earn a minimum of **100 points**. Points can be earned by acquiring health, show, and/or performance titles/certificates, and/or by having an offspring that has obtained a ROM title.

- A. Must be owned or co-owned by a Pug Club of Canada member in good standing.
- B. Must be registered with the CKC (Canadian Kennel Club).
- C. Must be positively identified in accordance with the CKC policy.
- D. A pug admitted to the Registry of Merit must have:
 - 1) Proof of passing PDE, CAER/CERF, and DM health tests (N/N and N/S are both considered passing results), plus
 - 2) Proof of receiving at least one Championship title, plus
 - 3) Proof of receiving at least one Performance title.

2. Requirements to Qualify for Registry of Merit Bronze

To qualify for a Registry of Merit Bronze title, a pug must already have a ROM title and earn an additional 60 points for a total minimum of **160 points**. Additional points can be obtained by acquiring more health, show, and/or performance titles/certificates, and/or from an offspring who has obtained its ROM title.



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3. Requirements to Qualify for Registry of Merit Silver

To qualify for a Registry of Merit Silver title, a pug must already have a ROMB title and earn an additional 60 points for a total minimum of **220 points**. Additional points can be obtained by acquiring more health, show, and/or performance titles/certificates, and/or from an offspring who has obtained its ROM title.

4. Requirements to Qualify for Registry of Merit Gold

To qualify for a Registry of Merit Gold title, a pug must already have a ROMS title and **must have two offspring** who have also earned a ROM title. A minimum of **280 points** is required. Additional points can be obtained by acquiring more health, show, and/or performance titles/certificates, and/or by adding additional offspring who have obtained a ROM title.

5. Requirements to Qualify for Registry of Merit Platinum

To qualify for a Platinum level ROM, a pug must already have achieved a Gold level ROMG and have at least four offspring who have earned ROM titles. A minimum of **340 points** is required.

How to Enroll Your Pug in the Registry of Merit Program

To enroll your pug in the Registry of Merit program:

- a) it must first qualify for a ROM title as stated in 1. Requirements to Qualify for Registry of Merit.
- b) you must complete and submit a Pug Club of Canada Registry of Merit application form along with copies of supporting certificates, to the attention of the ROM Chair.

Upon confirmation of its ROM title, your pug will automatically be enrolled in the Registry of Merit program.

How Your Pug Qualifies to be Moved Up to the Next Level

You must submit additional and/or subsequent health and/or title certificates to the ROM Chair for ROM level move ups. Certificates/documents can be submitted as they are acquired or in batches. When a pug is enrolled in the Registry of Merit Program, there is no need to complete an additional application.

Registry of Merit Program Management

The ROM Chair manages the ROM registry and issues ROM certificates. ROM committee members review individual pug qualifications and confirm new titles prior to individual ROM titles being issued. Please include all ROM committee members (standing committee chairs) in all ROM correspondence.