Thanks for getting in touch with me on this.

It is up to date on the website and yearbook since the beginning of time through 2022. I've done an article for the Bulletin and working on another, not to mention many articles in Expressions. Will have certificates for them all since the beginning of time later this fall after I finish some personal projects. And I plan to announce the new ones every year at the national and hand out certificates for the new ones at that time. The list is validated and updated every year in January from a download of new champions reported by AKC for the prior year. I am thinking about another level of recognition that we used in Expressions that I called "Sublime Sorority" for ROM bitches that produced champions by 3 or more sires, but also trying to think of an equivalent higher level for sires. I have a template for the certificates and if someone wants to help fill in the names, owners and breeders and mail them out, I could use help for that.

Anyone is welcome to contact me any time with ideas and questions. E-mail is preferred. nancy@collieexpressions.com

Overview

The Register of Merit title is conferred upon Collies that have produced a designated number of Champion progeny. For sires, the number is 20 champions and for dams, the number is 7 champions.

The purpose of the Register of Merit (ROM) program is twofold. To enhance the record keeping capabilities of the Collie Club of America and to honor the lifetime producing achievements of certain

sires and dams that have produced a specific number of champion offspring. Following is an update of ROM numbers and additions. These are current through 2021.

By awarding a Register of Merit title to deserving producers, we will not only have a permanent record for Collie history, but it will also serve breeders as a learning tool in pedigree study and research.

It is an elite honor bestowed upon distinguished sires and dams of the breed.

Rules and information

1. The eligible number of champion offspring is 20 for sires and 7 for dams, as voted on by the Executive Committee

- 2. Smooth and Rough sires and dams will be treated equally
- 3. Smooth and Rough progeny will be treated equally
- **4.** Only American champions count in the tabulation

All statistics are taken from the records of the American Kennel Club, as reported annually. Dogs achieving ROM status may be recognized in pedigrees by using the acronym, ROM as a suffix.

At this time, AKC does not recognize the title or program. Foundation sires and dams prior to 1960 are calculated differently, ROM-PS and ROM-PD (Pillar Sire and Pillar Dam).

If there are any errors, corrections or omissions please notify the ROM chairperson immediately. The burden of proof shall fall on the owner of the dog. Keep in mind that the current tabulations are

pulled from the years 1884 through 2021.