

DABSA ALL BREEDS VERSATILITY HALL OF FAME

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The **VERSATILITY HALL OF FAME (VHOF)** award is an award for which any breed, size or type of Donkey, Mule, or Hinny registered with Donkey All Breeds Soc of Australia Inc. (DABSA) is eligible.

The purpose of the award is to recognise people who use their animals in a variety of ways which assists in educating and creating awareness of this wonderful animal. It is designed to acknowledge those animals and their owners who promote the breeds to the public through activities that demonstrate their animals' versatility and usefulness.

Entrants are awarded points in many fields of endeavor, reflecting the above values. The award is designed to reward the versatile and hard-working Donkey, Mule, or Hinny, and their owners.

PROGRAMS

Single animal entry (Individual Animal)

To enter, forward the following items:

- The program name (**SINGLE ENTRY**)
- The Name and The registration number of the animal
- Owner's name, address, phone number and email address
- Your entry fee of \$15

Youth Entry (one youth and any number of animals registered with DABSA).

To enter, forward the following items:

- The Program Name (**YOUTH ENTRY**)
- Youth's name, age, address, phone number and email address
- Name of family which is a member
- Relationship of that member to the youth entered
- Your entry fee of \$10

Stud Entry_(all listed, registered animals on the entrant's farm contribute towards the award)

To enter, forward the following items:

- The Program Name (**STUD ENTRY**)
- Member, Stud Prefix, List of all the names & registrations of the animals to be included (additional donkeys may be entered later if desired)
- Your entry fee of \$15

GENERAL RULES

Points do not begin to accumulate until the entrant has been formally enrolled, so be sure to enroll before that big show, event or parade.

CATEGORIES:

Animals that may be enrolled: Any Donkey, Mule or Hinny owned by the entrant and registered with DABSA may be enrolled in VHOF. (Horses, Ponies or other animals **do not** count towards this award.)

If you wish the owner/handler to be honored with the animal, please put down the name of this person.

Youth Entrants: Any person **18** years or under who is, or whose parent or grand parent is a current member of DABSA.

Stud Entrants: Any DABSA member who wishes to enter his/her Stud for the award must first have a registered Stud Prefix with DABSA.

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TIME LIMIT

There is a five-year time limit. However, if you have not earned your award at the end of five years, you simply need to notify us that you are still working on it. The time limit is to give us the opportunity to purge our files of enrollment which are no longer active.

MEMBERSHIP

Handler or owner of individual Animal, Youth, and owners of the Stud must maintain their membership (without any lapse) for the duration of the enrolment for the award. If you do not renew your membership and skip a full year before renewing again, **all your points will be invalid** and you will have to enroll in the program and begin your points over again.

CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP

If ownership of the animal, or the ownership of the farm changes, the vendor should inform the purchaser about the enrollment in the VHOF awards. The new owner may transfer the accumulated points and enrollment if they wish by joining DABSA, and transferring enrolled animals to the new owners name, all within that calendar year, plus advise DABSA of their desire to continue with the award.

KEEPING POINTS

When you enroll you will receive sheets on which to keep your points. Please record your points carefully. You may make copies of this sheet if you wish. You may also use your home computer or any kind of spreadsheet if you keep the same basic format.

If you have any doubt about how many points an event is worth, drop us a line describing an event. Please keep in mind that it is **your appearance** at the actual event itself that counts. A particularly important show or an audience that is very enthusiastic about your animals is of a great deal of value to you personally, but does not have any extra value in the VHOF point score than a small show or an unappreciated performance.

Have an official of the organized event sign your point sheets, or send us a copy of the results showing your name/animal(s) name in the results as verification. This signature adds validity of points in case they should be questioned for any reason, and for your own protection a signature is valuable. Obviously this is not always possible. This award is truly on the honor system.

UNLISTED ACTIVITIES

Donkey and mule people are some of the most versatile in the world! You have wonderful imaginations and your animals can take part in any activity that horses do, and some they don't. May of those activities fit into the general categories given, even if they are not specifically mentioned. However, if you have questions or cannot fit your activity into those categories, please give us a call or drop us a note and we will help you figure out how many points and event is worth.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR STUD ENTRANTS

- A Stud may use any number of animals to accumulate points,.
- Each animal used to accumulate points must be registered with DABSA and have their name and registration number listed when enrolling.
- When you intend using a new animal, you must first advise us of its name so it can added to our file.
- If you have a new foal born and want the baby photos to count for their first points, register them and send their name in right away so the postings will count. If an animal that is accumulating points is sold, it must stop accumulating points as of the sale date. However, the points it has accumulated up until that point are valid.
- Animals on the stud are **not** given the basic 10 points each for yearly work. Their points must be accumulated under the **other categories**.

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POINTS SYSTEM FOR THE VHOF AWARDS

Animal's Normal Job: (other than Farm/Stud category)

You may start by giving your animal **10 points** each year for whatever its normal job is. That is, your animal may be a pleasure riding animal, a breeding Jack, a work animal, a guard Donkey. If your animal would get more points by counting each individual thing it does (if its regular work is showing or endurance riding) then you would be better off not taking this ten points; but count each activity separately instead. If however, your animals' regular job is something not counted for points, such as breeding companion or guard work, then you should take the ten points.

Regular work: (for the serious work animal)

2 points per day (minimum one hour actual working time) you can **ADD**
3 points if observed working by the general public. (excludes co-workers, family & regular visitors)
 Please write per month totals on your point sheet when possible.

Public events

This category covers many of the events that you may take part in, that present your animals in a positive way to the general public and/or by providing an educational opportunity. Such events may be one of a kind, or may run for several days

Example of event	Points allocated PER DAY
<i>If the event benefits a Registered Charity, school or Nursing home etc</i>	
Appearing in a play or Nativity or Easter Pageant	10
Giving rides at a children's party or fete	10
Attending event at a shopping centre	10
Visiting a school, nursing home, hospital	10
Other public event	10
Doing Tricks	10
<i>If the event is a paid performance or Benefits a Non Charity</i>	
Appearing in a play or Nativity or Easter Pageant	7
Giving rides at a children's party or fete	7
Attending event at a shopping centre	7
Visiting a school, nursing home, hospital	7
Other public event	7
Doing Tricks	7

On the Trail

Trail rides may be for animals under saddle, in harness or led/pack animals.

Example of event	Points
Formal Trail Ride planned & organized by club or group	10

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Informal Trail Ride organized by yourself or friends providing this IS NOT claimed as you animals "normal job". At least one other person must accompany you.	3
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Endurance Rides:

Example of event	Points
Participating in a properly sanctioned	10
Completing the above Endurance Ride	20
If you win a prize in the above Endurance Ride	25
Winner of any category in the above Endurance Ride	40
Completing a 50 km Endurance Ride	Extra 10
Completing a 100 km Endurance Ride	Extra 20

Most of these points are cumulative, e.g. if you participate(10 pts), complete(20 pts), win best conditioned (25 pts) and are also the first place winner (40 pts), you'll have 95 points.

Trekking:

A single handler with one or more eligible DABSA animals

Example of event	Points Per Day
Minimum of 1 hour traveling per day and a new campsite each night	10

Parades:

Animals may be ridden, in harness, led in-hand, or trailed behind a wagon/cart, or ride on a float or other trailer as long as the animal is mostly visible and recognizable as a donkey/mule/hinny (i.e. they cannot ride in a closed trailer where no one can see them). Costumes/parade tack is allowable.

Example of event	Points
Street parade, procession or part of mounted/driving unit	20
Major even (e.g. televised parade)	30
If a trophy is won by your animal or group in any parade category	Extra 10

Media Coverage:

Media coverage is very important to our animals. Media coverage mentioning the animal, stud, or you is a very valuable contribution to the Donkey industry. Even paid advertisement can count toward points.

Example of event	Points
Add in your club newsletter, (e.g. Broomtail), newspaper etc <i>One ad eligible per issue</i>	5
Local newspaper coverage or donkey publication	10
Local newspaper coverage or donkey publication with photo	20
National newspaper coverage	30
National newspaper coverage with photo	40
Article or mention in an article of a commercial magazine	10
Article or mention in an article of a commercial magazine, with photo	20

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Radio interview or mentions	10
Spot or segment on a local TV channel or News	10
TV or Satellite coverage on a National Program	20

Internet posting:

We prefer that the majority of the points be for non-internet (i.e. public events where the general public can actually get out and see your animal).

We understand that a lot of information is shared over the Internet and in print, so we want you to be able to benefit from other forms of educating people about donkeys/mules/hinnies.

Example of event	Points
"New Arrival" photo on your own website or chat group (<i>total of 12 points per year maximum, 12 different photos required</i>)	1
Photo posted in show results or write up about show by the club or host organization	1

Judged Events:

This category is mostly for shows, gymkhanas, races, three-day events, driving marathons etc., which place contestants first, second, third, except those previously listed above.

Example of event	Points
Entering classes in a Show	5
Each Class entered	Extra 1
Donkeys showing against horses or Donkeys showing against mules/horses	2
Winning or placing against horses or Donkeys placing over horses or mules	Extra 3
Supreme Champion of Show	30
Any Championship	15
Any Reserve Championship	7

Add EXTRA points as per the table below:

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# of entries in class	first	second	third	fourth	fifth	sixth
2	1		Points	For	judged	events
3	2	1				
4	3	2	1			
5	4	3	2	1		
6	5	4	3	2	1	
7-15	6	5	4	3	2	1
16-30	7	6	5	4	3	2
31 and up	8	7	6	5	4	3

POINTS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE VHOF AWARD

Individual Donkey	250 points
Individual Mule/Hinny	350 points
Youth	350 points (may use any number of DABSA animals, owned or borrowed)
Stud	400 points (accumulated using all entered animals)

CLAIMING YOUR VHOF AWARD

For each event complete to following on your point sheet:

- The date of the event
- Description of the event & where the even was held
- Each of your animals present the event
- Points that you believe that you have earned
- Signature of office bearer at the event (where possible)

Keep your points sheets at home until you have accumulated the proper number of points and then forward a copy to the VHOF address.

Please ensure your points sheet is legible - if we cannot understand you point sheet, we cannot count your points.

We will check your points and if correct we will prepare and forward your certificate/trophy.

Remember to keep photocopy for yourself just in case they don't arrive!!!

PHOTOS FOR THE AWARDS

Please send one good-quality photo (hard copy or jpeg format) with your point sheets. This will be used for your write-up in the next available space in the Broomtail Magazine.

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VHOF ADDRESS

Send your enrollment and any correspondence or questions to:

**VHOF Awards,
C/o Jan Murray,
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Barongarook West. Victoria. 3249**