

Albany Obedience Club
Working Dogs NY - October 30-31, 2021
Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent
COVID-19 Waiver

Hereafter, American Kennel Club will be referred to as AKC.

Hereafter, Working Dogs NY will be referred to as Site.

Hereafter, Albany Obedience Club will be referred to as Club.

- I attest that to the best of my knowledge, I do not have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event and understand the risks of unknowing exposure to this and other illnesses by or to myself, my family, other participants, and third parties. I have not been tested and found positive; am not waiting for test results; and do not have symptoms. I agree that I will not knowingly expose others to any illness I may have or be at risk to have. I will follow all AKC and Club rules and requirements to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading the virus. I will also fully cooperate with and follow any City, County or State guidelines that have jurisdiction in the area in which the event is taking place. If any of the above should change prior to my arrival at the trial site or during the completion of the event that is the subject of this consent, I will inform AKC and the Club and proceed accordingly in light of the new information.
- I agree that I am attending this AKC and Club event entirely at my own risk and assume all risk and full responsibility for my own health, wellbeing, and safety during this event. I fully agree that AKC and Club, the owners/board members, employees, assistants and volunteers are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after this event. I hereby waive and release AKC, the Site and Club, the owners/board members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all liability for damages or personal injury to me, my dogs or my property.
- Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless AKC, the Site and the Club, the owners/board members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all claims by or liability to any third party arising out of my participation in the Site and Club event. Any liability to anyone for any incident involving myself, the location, or those pets or actions of other participants and spectators will be my sole responsibility and I assume all financial liability and will also assume all and any financial costs associated with my actions.

Signature

Please print your name

Date Signed

Albany Obedience Club COVID guidelines for Working Dogs

Welcome to Agility, COVID style 😊. AOC and Working Dogs have put in a tremendous effort to make this a safe event for exhibitors, judge, trial committee etc.

There is a Facebook group specifically for this trial. Search for AOC Agility Pawprint Trials. We will also have live streaming so you can watch some runs. If you would like to receive text messages regarding walk thrus, install the REMIND.com app on your phone. The links for each day are:

For Friday text messages: <https://www.remind.com/join/aocfriday>

For Saturday text messages: <https://www.remind.com/join/aococt24>

For Sunday text messages: <https://www.remind.com/join/aococt25>

Course maps will be posted on my website but also on FB. In addition, I will post notifications when we are ready for walk thrus using FB and Remind.com. Best part is we will have live streaming! Feel free to send your friends the link!

Here are the guidelines for this trial. Please take the time to read them carefully.

*If you do not feel well, PLEASE do not attend. If you felt okay when you arrived but if at any point, you do not feel well, please be safe and drive home or call someone if you are not able to drive.

*Gate sheets will be posted as the normal running order. Dogs will be spaced appropriately so there will be no need to move dogs the day of the trial. Only the gate steward can you check in. Please do not check yourself in.

*Paper copies of the map will not be available. There will be posted copies available. Copies of the courses will be posted on my website and the facebook page the night before the trial. Per AKC, I cannot post courses before 6pm.

Courses will be posted once they are received by the judge. Sometimes the judge or I am traveling at 6pm but they will be posted as soon as we can.

* ***MOST IMPORTANTLY: Yes, you are allowed in the building to use the nice bathrooms. Just wear your masks and wash your hands. Yeah! You can thank Meryl for this

*AOC will be providing some individually packaged snacks, fruit and water for volunteers and staff. Once again, sanitize, get snack, etc. using tongs provided and sanitize again. We will have some extra disposable masks and gloves available so if you need one, please ask. Please dispose of your gloves and mask in a trash can.

*To avoid people handling the same paper, we will not have carbonless scribe sheets. Having someone video your run is helpful, especially in FAST.

* We are requesting that you crate from your car. The weather should be great for outside crating. Inside crating will be available for handicapped handlers and the trial personnel. Please wait outside until you are called inside to your queue position.

* Inside spectating will be limited to appropriately masked and social distanced spectators. Please do not interfere with the flow of traffic to and from the ring of handlers and their dogs.

* Chairs should have mats under them to protect the flooring.

* Entry will be through the main door and the exit will be through the door at the lower side of the ramp.

* On Friday parking is not allowed in the lot of the other business across from WDNY. It is available for parking on Saturday and Sunday.

* *I will ask those who can, run with their mask on, but I don't want handler's collapsing, so if you have breathing issues, you can run without your mask (approved by judge). Just make sure you go into the ring with it one and replace it as soon as you can when you leave the ring. I ask everyone to please give exhibitors exiting the ring extra social distancing so they can recover safely.

*There will be X marks and #'s on the floor to indicate where exhibitors are lined up. Exhibitors will enter the ring thru a chute opening (not a gate). Handlers will enter through the front door and exit out the side door.

*There will be a small cordoned-off area with a table outside the exit where you can drop-off your jackpot and have some privacy to reward you dog and breathe without your mask.

* Indoor crating will be for show staff and handicapped handlers. Crates should have pad underneath.

* There will be disposable gloves for the ring crew and leash person. People may choose to either carry their leash in their pocket or use the bucket.

* Spectators will be allowed as long as they can stay 6 feet apart and wear their masks.

* Ribbons will be available with the following protocol:

1. Sanitize your hands
2. Get your stickers
3. Get your ribbons
4. Sanitize your hands again

We have an awesome judge, and we are hoping to have lots of fun with all of you...in a distanced way of course.