

Due to the volume of information we will be sending you regarding the Cluster, we felt it would be best to break it into multiple emails.

Please review your classes and email me as soon as possible with corrections. You may process all Move-Ups online.

If you need to move your dog up, please click on My Entries/MOVE UP on my website and move to the appropriate class. **Deadline for Move-Ups is Monday, November 21st, 6pm, per AKC.** You may not move up online, during the trial. You must complete a Move-Up form and hand it in to the scoring table.

We would like you to take advantage of all the technological opportunities that we are offering. It will provide a safer and more efficient trial, which is especially important in today's environment.

### Text Alerts

- To receive Text Alerts, go to <https://my.pawprinttrials.com/profile/viewalerts>. After you have completed the process of signing up, go back to ALERTS and enable your preferred ALERTS. Prior Day Check-In and Run Results will be helpful for the Cluster.

### Prior-Day Check-In

- Prior-Day Check-In will help ease the morning rush to check-in and alleviate crowding around the gate sheets. You may check in the day before the trial online by clicking Prior-Day Check-In at the top of my website. Prior-Day Check-In will only show the day before the trial and is available from noon -7pm only. After 7pm, this feature will be shut off to allow us to print gate sheets for the next day. You can receive a text alert, at noon, as a reminder to check-in. You may enable this feature under ALERTS.

### Real-Time Run-Order

- Real-Time Run-Order will be in use for this trial. Click on Run-Order at the top of my screen each day. Each ring will be displayed with a list of exhibitors and a time of their run. The run order will update every few minutes. This will allow you to plan when you will be in the ring with your dog. You will be able to view it if you are in another building, your car or still at home! Note: a published run order will still be posted a few days before the trial, under the Cluster. The published run order is only an estimate of run times and running order of exhibitors. The **Real-Time Run-Order** is on the front page of my site and will be updated continually throughout the day.

### Team Competition

- Sign up for Team competition for Saturday. [Choose or create a team](#). If you don't have enough dogs for a team, join one of our **special** teams. **\*Big Dogs Rock, \*Fast and Furious, \*Just for Fun or \*Winner Take All**. Scores from Standard and JWW will be used to determine winners. All levels count (Nov,Op,X/M, Pref). There are four dogs per team. Maximum 2 dogs per handler per team. All teams must sign up online by Friday, November 25th . Scores will automatically be tabulated. Rosettes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place teams!

### Versatility

- If your dog has earned a title in another AKC recognized sport click [your dog's name and OTHER SPORTS](#) Select a sport and click "Add". Qualifying scores from Standard and JWW will be used to determine the winner. We will automatically calculate the highest scoring dog with the required title. Exhibitors must sign up by Thursday, November 24th. The winner in each category will receive a rosette! For a full list of sports and which days apply, view Versatility under the Cluster information on my site.

### **Results Matter**

- All results will be posted on my website at the end of the day. You may also access results by clicking on your dog's name in your record/results OR by clicking on My Entries/Results. Results will be posted throughout the day. You can get a text alert with your results sent directly to your phone, by the end of each class. Sign up for Run Result by enabling this feature under Alerts.

### **Make A Difference Online Store**

- This year we are Making a Difference by supporting AKC Canine Health Foundation Epilepsy Research. There is no other organization or dog registry dedicated to the health of our canines. Think about that for a minute.
- PawPrint Trial Clubs have once again been generous by sponsoring our AKC CHF Epilepsy initiative. This means that all proceeds from the online store will be donated to AKC CHF. I cannot thank my clubs enough for being so supportive every year.
- You may order items through our [Cluster Online Store](#)
- Sizes are unisex and t-shirts are 100% cotton.
- All items must be picked up at the Cluster. No items will be shipped. Exchanges and refunds are not available.

This is the second confirmation for the Thanksgiving Agility Cluster. Your final confirmation, with class and run order, will be sent by the end of the week.

Once again, please check your entry information. **Move-Ups** can be done on my website by clicking My Entries/Move-up. If there are other corrections that need to be made, please email me [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com)

The final confirmation will be sent Friday pm with estimated times.

### **Cluster Website**

- Did you know the cluster has it's own website? <https://thanksgivingcluster.com/> Take a look! Read about our judges, the history of the cluster, our sponsors and more!

### **Northeast Agility Championship**

- If you are entered in the Northeast Agility Championship (NAC), you will receive a separate email later this week with specific information for this special event!

### **Jump Height Cards**

- We will have official measuring for our trial. If your confirmation information states "Needs to be Measured", your dog must be measured by a Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO) before he/she can run. One measurement is needed for all dogs competing between the ages of 15 months to 2 years. The yellow copy of the form will be your only proof of measurement. At 2 years old, dogs will need to be measured twice by two different VMO's. The AKC will send out a permanent height card after they have received both measurements. Measuring will occur throughout the day Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

### **Fees for Parking**

- Parking fees are \$5 per day per car, \$40 per day per trailer/RV. Spaces are first come, first served. The east side of the building is open to RV parking for all exhibitors along with the other areas around the grounds.

### **Team Competition**

- We still need a few folks to complete some teams! [Choose or create a team](#). Only teams that are not full will appear. Come on...it's fun...and it's a chance to meet some other exhibitors! Scores from Standard and JWW will be used to determine winners. All levels count (Nov,Op,X/M, Pref). There are four dogs per team. Maximum 2 dogs per handler per team. All teams must sign up online by Friday, November 25th . Scores will automatically be tabulated. Rosettes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place teams!

## Volunteers

- We need almost **1800** volunteers to make this event happen. Please sign up to volunteer. [Cluster 2022 Volunteer Link](#)
- Online sign up ends November 21st. Volunteers will receive tickets for each class worked. Tickets may be used at the food booth in the agility area, for purchases from any vendor in the Mallary Building including PawPrint Trials, or donated to Make a Difference Canine Epilepsy.
- The worker schedule is subject to change so if you have already signed up, please verify your class.
- Thank you so much for supporting the sport. We couldn't do it without you and we all thank you!

## Picture Perfect

- We will have an area decorated specifically for exhibitors to take pictures with their dogs and ribbons thanks to Celeste Meade-Maurer from American K9 Country! Grab your phone, take some pics and start sharing on social media!!

## Novice Exhibitors

- If you are a Novice A or Novice Preferred exhibitor that is new to the sport, we would like to make your first experience at the Thanksgiving Cluster a wonderful experience. We are here to help you. Please email Steve Basson [bogeybassn@cox.net](mailto:bogeybassn@cox.net)
- If you earn a perfect score in Novice, be sure to take a PERFECT SCORE ribbon!

## On-Line Store

- Last chance to purchase items from our [Cluster On-line Store 2022](#) The store will be officially closed Sunday November 20, 2022 at 6pm.
- All proceeds will benefit [AKC CHF for Epilepsy research](#). You may also contribute directly by writing a check or donate your Volunteer tickets to support AKC CHF.

## Zero Tolerance

In the past, the Eastern States Exposition (ESE) has had several problems with dog-related events. As a result, the Thanksgiving Agility Cluster has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY regarding the show grounds and hotels. Show grounds are difficult to come by. It is your responsibility to treat the grounds with respect. It is also everyone's responsibility to report anyone not adhering to these guidelines.

Grounds for excusal for the remainder of the weekend:

- Any exhibitor who does not pick up after their dog
- Any exhibitor who tampers with ESE property. This includes building doors, electrical plugs, bathing of dogs, etc.
- Any exhibitor who leaves a barking dog in a hotel room
- Any exhibitor who leaves the conditions of the hotel room unacceptable
- Refusal to abide by any request from the show committee or staff of the ESE
- Refusal to abide by any posted signs
- Any exhibitor who allows their dog off leash except while in the ring or in the training area

## **AKC Code of Sportsmanship**

Please refer to the [AKC Code of Sportsmanship](#) . The Thanksgiving Cluster will be adhering to this code.

### **Clean Run**

- Shop Clean Run's Black Friday sale in person! Clean Run is extending their business hours on Friday, November 25, to 7 pm to allow you to see all the new products in person and take advantage of their 15% off Black Friday sale. Take advantage of the opportunity to see the warehouse for yourself. Clean Run will be giving customers a FREE LickiMat with every purchase, as well as giving customers a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate.
- Clean Run has also graciously donated Happy Howie sample rolls for our exhibitors! They will be available at the Volunteer table.

And last but not least, please take a moment to read about those who have contributed to the success of our special weekend. [We are so grateful to these people!](#)