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NORTHEAST OBEDIENCE CUP

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THE NORTHEAST OBEDIENCE CUP

SUNDAY November 27, 2022

Special event chairman: Celeste Meade-Maurer

Questions <mailto:cmeadezoomer@aol.com>

Purpose: This AKC Northeast Obedience Cup has been designed to showcase the motivated dog with fun obedience exercises that include drive and impulse control. The Northeast cluster takes great pride in showcasing today's K9 Athletes in Agility, Obedience & Rally and encourages everyone to get out there and train your k9 friends in many of the AKC sports available to everyone!

There are no pre-qualifications to enter. This one-day event will award a Top Dog Northeast Obedience Champion. PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS OPTIONAL. You may enter classes as you would normally and choose not to enter the Northeast Obedience Cup. The Cup will be held after all classes have finished on Sunday.

Judge: We are pleased to announce that Linda McHugh will be our judge for this inaugural event.

Who is eligible: Event is open to any team. The course will be a combination of advanced skill sets. You do not need to have an Open or Utility title to enter this special event.

How to Enter: If you wish to compete in The Northeast Obedience Cup, you must sign up online at www.pawprinttrials.com. If you do not already have an account with Pawprinttrials, create an account and then add your dog to the account. Then click on TRIALS to enter. You may email noreen@pawprinttrials.com for questions regarding entering.

Scoring: Obedience scoring perfect score is 200 points with no minimum qualifying score/no NQs. Each exercise is worth 40 points. Unless otherwise noted, all scoring based on AKC Rules and Regulations.

- 1) Send Away
- 2) Pick up Heelwork
- 3) Recall with command discrimination
- 4) Retrieve over High
- 5) Directive Retrieve

Jump Heights: Jump heights will follow AKC Obedience rules and regulations. Veteran dogs (age 7 and over) may jump half their jump height.

A well-trained obedience dog is a joy to live with and will excel in today's AKC dog sports!

Fees: The fee for entering this special event is \$25.

What else do you need to know: Our goal is to make the Thanksgiving Cluster the premier event for Companion events, including Rally, Agility and Obedience. There is no other competition in the US currently being offered like this. Entries are limited to 30 exhibitors maximum. The Obedience Cup will be televised live on AKC TV.

Closing Date: Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at noon.

Refunds: After the closing date, no refunds will be allowed except for Bitches in Season. Refund requests, along with the veterinarian's note must be received by Noreen Bennett prior to 8am November 25, 2022.

Volunteers: We will need volunteers to help with gate stewarding, scoring etc.

Sponsors: Max200 Performance Dog Equipment is our main sponsor for this event. They are donating T shirts for all exhibitors. Thank you to Max200 for supporting the premier of the Northeast Cup.

If your training school would like to also sponsor the Northeast Cup with a banner in the ring, please contact Noreen@pawprinttrials.com for details.

Ribbons and Prizes: A rosette will be offered for 1st-3rd place. First place will receive an engraved acrylic trophy donated by PawPrint Trials.

First place \$200 Max200 Gift Certificate donated by Max200 Performance Dog Equipment.

Second place \$100 Max200 Gift Certificate donated by Max200 Performance Dog Equipment.

Third place \$50 Max200 Gift Certificate donated by Max200 Performance Dog Equipment.

Junior Handlers: A rosette will be offered to the Highest Scoring Junior Handler in the Northeast Obedience Cup.

Run Thrus on Saturday: Run thru's available on Saturday November 26th approximately 30 minutes after High in Trial. Fee is \$5.00

Video Demonstrations: Most of the exercises are self-explanatory but Video Demos will be provided on www.thanksgivingcluster.com by our Obedience Cup Chair, Celeste Meade Maurer. Please check our website for updates.

Facebook: Please join the Northeast Rally and Obedience Cup Facebook group for the most up to date information. We will do our best to answer any questions posted to this group.

Description and Scoring

Ring size will be 40'x100'. It is TWICE the size of a regulation Obedience ring.

This obedience event will feature different obedience exercises that demonstrate a dog's willingness and focus to perform with attitude, drive and accuracy. You and your dog will perform a go out, call to heel, heelwork, recall, retrieve and scent work. Judging criteria will be based on AKC Obedience guidelines unless otherwise stated.

The Send Away- This exercise will be a full length go out approximately 90-100 feet. The dog will be sent on the handler's command across the long length of ring and run through 2 markers or cones approximately 10 ft apart. Then a sit or down command will be given by the handler. This is to be performed in a straight, brisk, constant speed, with dog responding to handler's single commands. **Scoring:** Points will be marked for a dog hesitating or slowing down on go out. Anticipating the command to sit or down. Deviation on outrun / not going thru markers. Sniffing, pausing, stopping and failure to drop or sit on first command. Additional points will be marked for additional commands to go out or additional commands to sit or down position.

Pick up to Heelwork This exercise will be performed immediately after the Send Away while dog is sitting or downing at the send away area. Dog must remain in the stay position while handler is directed forward by judge. Handler will be given basic heeling commands to include. Forward. Left turn. Right turn, one change of pace Fast or Slow and a halt at end. Plus, a call your dog to heel, command while handler is in motion. The handler may command the dog to heel with a verbal and or signal command to join heel position. Once dog has joined handler, additional heel work commands may be given with a halt at end. **Scoring:** The dog and handler should work as a team with controlled enthusiasm and in harmony with each other. The dog should appear to enjoy his work and not appear robotic. The dog should be close to the handler in a smooth constant position on straight heel work and maintained the same position on all turns. Dogs may lightly touch leg but crowding and interference with forward motion will be scored. Crabbing in and out, lagging and forging and not maintaining a constant smooth position will be scored. The handler will move in a smooth and consistent pace as directed by judge, slow, fast, normal, and poor changes of pace will be scored. Hesitations and pausing for dog will be scored. Body, arm, and or head signals will be scored.

The Recall with distance control This exercise will be a 60-80 ft recall with a midpoint stop. The mid-point will be marked with two lines 10 ft apart. Dog will be stopped with a drop in lined area. Then two distant control positions will be given by handler on judge's cue. A stand and a sit or a sit and a stand. Then a recall to front with a finish. **Scoring:** The dog should come briskly on handlers first command to come. The dog should drop in marked lined area and perform all positions while maintaining in the marked lines. Points will be loss for traveling outside marked lines and moving outside lines during position changes. Slow response, additional commands will be scored. Front and finish will be scored. The handler will give clear commands and or signals for recall and all positions. Additional commands will be scored. Additional body language on fronts and finishes, heads, arms, shoulders. Harsh commands will be scored.

The Retrieve over High Jump This exercise will be performed with one jump and dog will retrieve an object of handler's choice. (It may be a dumbbell, an article, or a soft toy, etc.) exercise to be performed upon judge's orders to send. Handler will give command to stay and to send dog to jump. Dog will retrieve, jump, and front and finish. **Scoring:** The dog will jump on first command, clear jump and retrieve object and return over jump. Mouthing, ticking, and hitting jump, not jumping jump on way out or return, the releasing object, front and finish will be scored. Additional commands and additional body language, arms, heads shoulders in front and finish will be penalized.

Directive retrieve This exercise will be performed with three retrieve objects, one supplied by handler and two supplied by judge (such as soft dog toys). They can be anything. Objects will be placed 20 feet apart as the directive retrieve exercise, labeled (#1-2-3) Handler stand facing away from retrieve items appx 30' away in the middle. Handler will select a number from the steward or judge basket. That will determine where their retrieve item is to be placed (1-2-3) number will be displayed to everyone. Stewards will place object down based on that choice. On judge's command, A turn and sit then direct dog to correct object, return with a front, release of object and finish. **Scoring:** the dog should turn in heel position, sit, and wait for signal and or command from handler, scoring for no sit, anticipation, wrong object retrieve, mouthing, poor front and finishes. Additional commands, excessive body language, arms heads and shoulder aides in front and finish.

Thanksgiving Cluster

Sunday November 27, 2022

Hosted by Springfield Kennel Club

Northeast Obedience Cup \$25

FOR ONLINE ENTRIES, GO TO WWW.PAWPRINTTRIALS.COM

For mail-in entries, make checks payable to
PawPrint Trials and mail to:

Noreen Bennett, Northeast Obedience Cup
1 West Street, Belchertown, MA 01007.

ENTRIES OPEN: Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 10 a.m.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 6 p.m.

IMPORTANT: Carefully read instructions before filling out!

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

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TSHIRT Unisex Size (circle one)

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CITY, STATE ZIP + 4			
HANDLER		ENTER JR. HANDLER # if applicable	

Exhibitor or owner MUST sign on the signature line beneath the instructions.

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
2. (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e. A or B division.
3. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
4. Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners' Program may be eligible to enter all-breed AKC Obedience trials at the club's option. These dogs should be listed as All American Dog and must include their AKC Number on the entry form and check the AKC No. box. Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE X _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ New Email

In Case of Emergency - Name: _____ Phone #: _____