Don't miss out on two exciting ways to enter this trial!

Fully Online Entry

- Enter your contact and dog info once
- Select your trial and classes
- Pay with your credit card
- Receive a confirmation email immediately
- Move up or change classes online*
- Withdraw and receive credit card refund*

Partial Online Entry

- Enter your contact and dog info once
- Select your trial and classes
- Print a pre-filled PDF to mail with check
- View your entry status online

Want to see this in action? Need more info? <u>Visit our help page</u> to view our "how to" videos.

Get started now...

- If you have a PawPrint Trials username and password, login here.
- If you sent an entry to PawPrint Trials after May 2021, an online account has already been created for you with your contact and dog info. <u>Click here to reset your password</u>.
- If not, then you can create an account here.
- Not sure? Try to reset your password and we'll let you know if you have an account.

ENTRIES OPEN: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 10 a.m. ENTRIES CLOSE: Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 6 p.m. At 1 West Street, Belchertown, MA 01007 Eastern Time Zone Entries received prior to the opening date cannot be accepted. Maximum 10 dogs per envelope per person for mail-in entries. MAPS WILL BE PRINTED AND AVAILABLE AT THE TRIAL AS WELL AS ONLINE.

Premium List

25th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING AGILITY CLUSTER

LEAP Agility Club of Central Massachusetts

(MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB)

Talcott Mountain Agility Club

(LICENSED BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB)



AKC ALL-BREED AGILITY TRIALS

These events are accepting entries for dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

Friday, November 24, 2023

through

Monday, November 27, 2023

AKC EVENT #'s: 2023573214, 20231573215, 2023606310, and 2023606311

****PREMIER STANDARD AND JWW OFFERED EACH DAY****

Mallary Building, Eastern States Exposition 1305 Memorial Avenue West Springfield, MA 01089

Entries are unlimited Friday through Sunday. Unlimited PawPrint Trials online entries and 200 mail in entries per day. 700 runs on Monday. 650 PawPrint Trials online entries and 50 mail-in entries.

4 RINGS Friday through Sunday – 2 RINGS Monday. Entry Method – First Received. Day-to-day move ups allowed. Electronic timing. Show Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 A.M. EACH DAY.

Trial will be held indoors on packed dirt. Ring size 100' x 100'.



CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the

holding of this event under AKC Rules and Regulations.

Gina M. DiNardo. Executive Secretary

JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER THE ALL-BREED CONFORMATION SHOWS AND OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS TOO! PREMIUM LISTS CAN BE FOUND AT <u>WWW.INFODOG.COM</u>.

NORTHEAST AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP

We are excited to offer our exhibitors a chance to compete in this special event. It is our own version of AKC Agility Nationals. We realize not everyone has the opportunity to travel to Nationals so join us for a unique experience. See Page 5 for details.

ALLISON VICUNA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

See Page 6 to nominate a special person for this very special award.

AKC "B" MATCH ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Join us for some extra practice. Premium list will be available on the PawPrint Trials website. Enter online.

TEAM COMPETITION

We will have our annual Team Competition on Saturday, November 25th. Scores from Standard and JWW will be used to determine the winner. All teams must sign up online. Scores will automatically be tabulated. Click on TEAM on PawPrint Trials. 4 members per team. *Team Competition*

CELEBRATING VERSATILITY!!

Come celebrate your versatile dog with us! Each day we will recognize a different group of sports. To participate, click on your dog's name, located under your name, on Pawprinttrials.com. Select OTHER SPORTS. If your dog has earned a title in another sport, select the appropriate sport. We will automatically calculate the highest scoring dog with the required title. The winner in each category will receive a rosette! Click on Versatility on PawPrint Trials for more information.

My Dogs

FRIDAY & SATURDAY hosted by LEAP AGILITY CLUB OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

President	Noreen Bennett
Vice President	Monica Stathers
SecretaryCatherine Williams,	374 Middle St., W. Newbury, MA 01985
Treasurer	Lindsey Serafini
Membership Chairman	Carol Lariviere

Event Committee

Debbie Loomis, Trial Chairman 235 Ames Road, Hampden, MA 01036 (413) 566-5733 home (860) 713-3383 cell <u>windyhollow@charter.net</u>

> Steve Basson Noreen Bennett Debby DuBay Jennifer Mechan Amanda Rizner Monica Stathers and the members of LEAP Agility Club

SUNDAY & MONDAY hosted by TALCOTT MOUNTAIN AGILITY CLUB

President	Eileen O'Donnell
Vice President	Pam O'Day
SecretaryChristine Kallipolites, 58 Trowbridge F	Road, Coventry, CT 06238
Treasurer	Steve Basson
Membership Chairman	Lisa Loomis

Event Committee

Steve Basson, Trial Chairman 97 Woodland Drive, South Windsor, CT 06074 (860) 922-6370 <u>bogeybassn@cox.net</u>

Patti Gleason Sue Grace Pam O'Day Carla Rash Louise Traska and the members of Talcott Mountain Agility Club

Veterinarians (24 hour on-call)

Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital 134 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089 (413) 665-4911

New England Veterinary Center & Cancer Center 955 Kennedy Road, Windsor, CT 06095 (860) 688-8400

TRIAL SECRETARY

Noreen Bennett, PawPrint Trials 1 West Street, Belchertown, MA 01007 (413) 321-1224 <u>noreen@pawprinttrials.com</u> <u>www.pawprinttrials.com</u>

2023 MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Please support AKC Canine Health Foundation Canine Lymphoma Research

https://www.akcchf.org/research/research-portfolio/2912.html

You can Make a Difference by purchasing a t-shirt or sweatshirt. Order online and pick up at the show.

Check the PawPrint Trials website for details. Info will be available soon.

Thanks to all the PawPrint Trials clubs who support this endeavor. Because of them, 100% of the proceeds will go to AKC CHF Canine Lymphoma Research.

Max200 is supplying new equipment in all four rings!

ALL MAX 200 equipment will be FOR SALE AT THE END OF THE TRIAL.

For more information regarding the purchase of equipment, please contact: MAX 200, 2113 Route 31, Port Byron, NY 13140 (800) 446-2920 or sales@max200.com

PER AKC REGULATIONS, INCOMPLETE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE PAYMENT AND ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION.

Owners are responsible for entry errors. No entry fee will be refunded in the event of such errors.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO CHECK YOUR CONFIRMATION NOTICE!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION*

We appreciate your entry and thank you for attending our trial. Please be aware that because this trial is held in conjunction with a large conformation and obedience show, we must strictly enforce that all dogs remain on leash. No dogs will be permitted to run loose anywhere on the fairgrounds or adjacent fields.

NOTE: In order to enter the Excellent/Master-only Standard and JWW classes on **Monday**, Open dogs should be entered in their correct level for Friday through Sunday, and Excellent on Monday. If you move up from Open to Excellent during the weekend, qualifying scores received on Monday will count towards Excellent titles. If you do not move up, you may still compete in Monday's Excellent classes, but qualifying scores will not count.

MOVE UPS: As per Chapter 1, Section 20 of the *American Kennel Club Regulation* for Agility Trials, dogs may be moved up to a higher class at the request of the owner as a result of qualifying for an agility title. The request must be sent by email or regular mail and be received by the trial secretary no later than 6 p.m. on **Monday**, **November 20, 2023**. Move-ups for the following day must be submitted at the trial site before the end of the trial.

EXHIBITORS SHOULD FOLLOW THEIR VETERINARIAN'S RECOMMENDATION TO ENSURE THEIR DOGS ARE FREE OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARASITES, ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND HAVE APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS.

ALL-AMERICAN DOGS: Owners of All-American dogs must obtain an AKC Canine Partners listing number before they may enter an AKC agility event. UNDER "BREED" ON THE ENTRY FORM, DOGS MUST BE LISTED AS "ALL AMERICAN" AND NOT AS A BREED HYBRID.

DOES YOUR DOG NEED TO BE MEASURED? BE SURE TO CHECK THE BOX WHEN YOU COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY.

<u>PARKING</u>

\$5 per day/per car. \$30 per night for RV's and trailers. Big E personnel will collect all parking fees.

Food is available for purchase in the agility building.

Vendor space is available by reservation only.

For more information contact Carol Perkins. foxhunt10@cox.net.

CRATING

X-pens, with no more than 8 panels, will be permitted for 3 or more dogs. No multiple X-pen setups. No lounge chairs or tables. Please stack crates whenever possible. There will be no 'preferred' crating. Please be respectful of the trial committee if you are asked to move to make room for others. Thank you.

PRIZES

FIRST PLACE	Blue Rosette
SECOND PLACE	
THIRD PLACE	Yellow Rosette
FOURTH PLACE	White Rosette
QUALIFYING	Dark Green Ribbon

All dogs earning a title will receive a New Title rosette.

Novice exhibitors receiving a perfect score will receive a special ribbon. All dogs earning an AGCH^{*}, MACH, PACH, or PAX will receive a rosette from the clubs and a bar donated by Max 200. (AGCH rosettes will be custom ordered.)

Special Awards for Saturday:

Poodle Club of Massachusetts will offer glassware and a fleece tug toy for each qualifying run earned by a Poodle.

Special Awards for Sunday:

Great Dane Club of New England and Maria Argento Perkins will offer a \$25 gift card to the highest scoring Great Dane. Scores from Regular or Preferred Standard and JWW will be used. *Master/Excellent dogs will be scored at 100%, Open at 90% and Novice at 80% of their total score. Ties will be broken by full seconds under SCT.*

Special Awards for Saturday and Sunday:

Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club will offer a special award (value not to exceed \$10) to each qualifying Flat-Coated Retriever (one per dog, per day).

Qualifying scores are required for all awards. ALL PRIZES, AWARDS, ROSETTES AND RIBBONS MUST BE CLAIMED THE DAY OF THE TRIAL. NO PRIZES WILL BE MAILED.

<u>JUDGES</u>

Ronda Bermke, VMO (94073), Greenleaf, WI Abbie Hanson, VMO (95245), Estill, SC Pam Johnson (96667), Ridgely, MD Victoria MacVicar (70506), Spring Hill, FL Linda Syner (95233), Ridgely, MD

Note: Each judge is limited to 350 runs per day. If an additional judge is needed on the unlimited days, exhibitors will be notified and PawPrintTrials.com will be updated.

For Excellent & Master, each height will remain in the same ring for Standard, JWW, FAST, and Premier for the entire day. *T2B will run by height in the corresponding Excellent/Master rings.* By doing this, we hope to keep conflicts to a minimum. Open and Novice will also stay in the same ring for Standard, JWW, and FAST.

Premier classes are open to dogs competing at all levels. Classes and height assignments will run in the order listed unless the trial committee needs to make an adjustment.

Nov 24 to Nov 27, 2023 • Thanksgiving Cluster • West Springfield MA

Open: Sep 27 at 10 AM, Close: Nov 11 at 6 PM, Moveup: Nov 20 at 6 PM, Fees: \$27, \$20, \$18, \$16, \$15, \$15

Fri - Unlimited runs LEAP Agility Club

Ring 1 • 4 to 12

Premier Standard Judge: Pam Johnson

Excellent/Master Standard 📕 Judge: Linda Syner

> Time 2 Beat Judge: Linda Syner

Excellent/Master JWW 📕 Judge: Linda Syner

Premier JWW Judge: Victoria MacVicar

Ring 2 • 4 to 24c Judge: Victoria MacVicar (D)

Open Standard

Novice Standard

Open JWW

Novice JWW

Ring 3 • 20

Premier Standard Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO (D)

Excellent/Master Standard Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO (D)

Time 2 Beat ■ Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO (D)

Excellent/Master JWW

Premier JWW Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO

Ring 4

Premier Standard 16, 20P, 24, 24c Judge: Abbie A Hanson VMO

Excellent/Master Standard 16, 20P, 24, 24c Judge: Abbie A Hanson VMO

> Time 2 Beat 16, 20P, 24, 24c Judge: Pam Johnson

Excellent/Master JWW A 16, 24, 24c

Judge: Pam Johnson (D) Premier JWW

16, 24, 24c Judge: Pam Johnson (D) Sat - Unlimited runs LEAP Agility Club

Ring 1 • 12 to 4

Time 2 Beat Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO Premier Standard Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO

Excellent/Master Standard & Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master JWW 🗞 Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO

> Premier JWW Judge: Pam Johnson

Ring 2 • 24c to 4 Judge: Linda Syner (D)

Open Standard & Novice Standard &

Open JWW & Novice JWW &

Ring 3 • 20

Time 2 Beat Judge: Pam Johnson Premier Standard Judge: Pam Johnson

Excellent/Master Standard & Judge: Pam Johnson Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master JWW & Judge: Victoria MacVicar Premier JWW

Judge: Victoria MacVicar

Ring 4

Time 2 Beat 24c, 24, 16 Judge: Victoria MacVicar (D)

Premier Standard 🛛 24c, 24, 16

Judge: Victoria MacVicar (D) Excellent/Master Standard & 24c, 24, 16

Judge: Abbie A Hanson VMO Designer: Victoria MacVicar Excellent/Master JWW 🗞

24c, 24, 20P, 16 Judge: Abbie A Hanson VMO (D)

Premier JWW 24c, 24, 20P, 16 Judge: Abbie A Hanson VMO (D) Sun • Unlimited runs Talcott Mountain Agility Club

Ring 1 • 4 to 12 Judge: Abbie A Hanson VMO

Premier JWW Designer: Linda Syner

Excellent/Master JWW Designer: Linda Syner Excellent/Master FAST

Designer: Ronda Bermke VMO Excellent/Master Standard

Designer: Ronda Bermke VMO

Premier Standard Designer: Ronda Bermke VMO Ring 2 • 4 to 24c

Judge: Pam Johnson (D)

Open JWW

Novice JWW Open/Novice FAST

Open Standard

Novice Standard

Ring 3 • 20

Premier JWW Judge: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master JWW Judge: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master FAST Judge: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master Standard Judge: Linda Syner

Premier Standard Judge: Victoria MacVicar

Ring 4 • 16, 24, 24c

Premier JWW Judge: Linda Syner (D)

Excellent/Master JWW Judge: Linda Syner (D)

Excellent/Master FAST Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO (D)

Excellent/Master Standard Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO (D)

Premier Standard Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO (D) Mon • 700 runs (650 online) Talcott Mountain Agility Club

Ring 3 • 16 to 4 Judge: Victoria MacVicar

FAST Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Premier Standard Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master Standard Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Time 2 Beat Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master JWW Designer: Ronda Bermke VMO Premier JWW

Designer: Ronda Bermke VMO

Ring 4 24c to 20 Judge: Ronda Bermke VMO

FAST Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Premier Standard Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master Standard Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Time 2 Beat Designer: Victoria MacVicar

Excellent/Master JWW Designer: Ronda Bermke VMO

Premier JWW Designer: Ronda Bermke VMO

Challenger's Round

Northeast Agility Championship

(D) Course Designer

🚳 Team

THE NORTHEAST AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP (Optional)

Purpose: To give our competitors at the Cluster the "look and feel" of what it is like to compete at the Nationals, we are offering our own version of the Nationals. Whether you have qualified for the Nationals or not, you may compete in our Northeast Agility Championship. PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS OPTIONAL. You may enter classes as you would normally and choose not to enter the Championship/Finals.

Who is eligible: Event is open to all teams eligible to compete in the Excellent and Master Class for Standard and JWW.

Divisions: There will be 10 separate divisions based on jump heights. There will be 5 Regular jump heights (8, 12, 16, 20, and 24) and 5 Preferred jump heights (4, 8, 12, 16, and 20). The 24C class will NOT be offered. There must be at least 4 dogs entered in each Preferred division or that division will be combined with the "Regular" height. (ex. 8P will compete with 12" dogs if there are not at least four dogs entered in the 8P class)

How to Enter: If you wish to compete in The Northeast Agility Championship, you must be entered in the Standard, JWW, and Time to Beat classes for Friday AND Premier Standard on Saturday.

Those are the classes that will determine your score to qualify for the Finals. You may enter other classes as well, but only scores from those classes will count towards your eligibility for the finals.

Jr. Handlers: Cumulative overall winners from each scored jump height (4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24) will be invited to compete in the Finals. If a junior entrant competes in the Finals round, an additional Finals entrant will be added as if the Junior entrant was not included.

Finals: The Finals will be held after all classes have finished on Saturday. A special prize will be awarded to the winner in each division with rosettes for the top 3 finalists.

Fees: The fees for the regular classes are stated in the premium. If you wish to compete for the Championship, please check the appropriate box.

What else do you need to know: This trial will run as a normal trial. You may enter this trial even if you have no aspirations of competing in the Championship. The Championship is only for those exhibitors who choose to enter. For example, there may be 30 dogs in a height/class; of those 30 dogs, perhaps only 10 are entered in the Championship. The class will function as it normally would. The only difference is that the scores for the 10 dogs entered in the Championship will serve a dual purpose in that they will also be used in qualifying for the Finals.

Description and Scoring

The competition will consist of:

Friday November 24 Round 1 – Standard Class Round 2 – JWW Class

Round 3 – Time 2 Beat (Hybrid)

Saturday November 25 Round 4 – Premier STD (Challenger) Round 5 – Finals

Scores for Friday will be the aggregate scores from Rounds 1, 2 and 3. The top scoring 25% of teams entered in the Championship in each division, minimum of 4 teams (if possible) and not to exceed 9 teams, will advance to the Finals on Saturday. Of the next top 5 scoring teams from Friday, we will take the top scoring team in each division from Saturday's Premier Standard class and place them in the finals. In the event there are less than 4 dogs entered in the Preferred division in a class, those dogs will compete with dogs at the "regular" height (8P will compete with 12 Reg).

AKC agility Master rules will apply for <u>the qualifying rounds</u> with the following exceptions:

 Course Faults: A refusal (excluding T2B), runout, wrong course, missed contact and dropped bar will result in a 5-point deduction. Any run with an Excusal (E) will result in a score of zero. Course time deductions equal 3 points for every second over course time, truncating down to whole seconds.

For the Finals only:

- Course Faults: A refusal, runout, wrong course, missed contact, and dropped bar will result in a 5-point deduction. Not completing or skipping an obstacle will be signaled with a short whistle (you may complete the course). Score will be zero (no score).
- o All obstacles must be completed or a score of zero will be assessed.
- You must have a score above zero to win any prize/ribbon in the Championship Finals.

For entry in the Finals, any ties from Friday will be broken based on times. Time 2 Beat times will be used as the first tiebreaker. The Regular JWW class times will be used as the second tie breaker, and the times from the Standard Class will be used next.

Ties from the Premier Standard class on Saturday will be broken based on time. If there is still a tie, we will use the aggregate scores from Friday's round, and then using the tie-breaker logic for Saturday.

Dogs will run in reverse order of placement in the Finals, with the winner of the Premier (Challenger) Class running first.

Note: Scores from the Finals will not count towards any AKC titles. All other issues will be resolved by the Championship Committee.

ALLISON VICUNA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

DESCRIPTION

This award will be presented annually at the Thanksgiving Cluster to the person selected by the committee.

Following are examples of what the committee will consider in selecting an individual for this award:

- Have a history of going beyond the call, in terms of volunteering
- Consistently makes personal contributions during the event
- Contributes to the success of the Cluster as well as the Sport in general, throughout the year
- Impacts others in terms of their attitude and spirit
- Acts with integrity and respect towards other participants
- Someone who wins with character and loses with dignity
- Respects judges as well as other competitors
- Encourages others to demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Shows appreciation for others who contribute to the sport
- Exercises self-control regardless of outcomes

To be eligible, candidates must be or have been active participants in AKC Agility over the past year. They also must be entered in this year's Cluster.

If you know of a person who is deserving of this award, please fill out the form and submit (email or snail mail) to:

Steve Basson, 97 Woodland Drive, South Windsor, CT 06074 or email to <u>Bogeybassn@cox.net</u>.

The information must be received by Tuesday, October 31.

The winner and the submitter (in the event the committee determines there is a deserving candidate) will be notified by November 18th.

Please direct all questions to Steve Basson at the above address or email.



Allison Vicuna Sportsmanship Award NOMINATION FORM

NAME of Candidate _____

Please describe why this candidate is worthy of this award. List specific examples of how this person has impacted the sport and Cluster. Expand page to suit your needs or feel free to attach an additional sheet.

Submitter's Name: ______

Email: ______

Must be received by October 31.

HEIGHT DIVISIONS: Owners/agents are responsible for entering the proper height divisions. All height divisions will be offered. Dogs in the Preferred classes must jump their measured height. Unlike dogs in the Regular class, Preferred dogs are not permitted to jump in a higher height. If you are unsure of your dog's height or your dog is borderline and you don't have a height card, please enter the lower height. If necessary, the judge will move you up.

	PREFERRED	HEIGHT AT WITHERS
Handlers may opt to run their dog in a higher height division.	Handlers must run their dog in their proper eligible height.	Owners are responsible for entering their dog in the proper height division.
8"	4"	For dogs 11 inches and under at the withers
12"	8"	For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers
16"	12"	For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers
20"	16"	For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers
24"	20"	For dogs over 22 inches at the withers
24C"	n/a	Dogs who measure into the 8" through 20" Regular jump height divisions may opt to enter the 24-choice height division at the owner's discretion. Dogs measuring into the 24" Regular jump height division may not enter 24-choice.

<u>OBSTACLES</u>: All obstacles will conform to the requirements in the current edition of the AKC Regulations for Agility Trials.

ENTRY FEE: FOR ONLINE ENTRIES, GO TO <u>WWW.PAWRINTTRIALS.COM</u>. FOR MAIL-IN ENTRIES, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PAWPRINT TRIALS. **\$27.00** for the first entry of each dog each day; **\$20.00** for the second entry of the same dog each day; **\$18.00** for the third entry; **\$16.00** for the second entry of the same dog each day; **\$18.00** for the third entry; **\$16.00** for the fourth entry; **\$15.00** for the fifth and sixth entries. Fees include AKC recording fee of \$3.50 per dog per day for the first entry and \$3.00 for each additional entry. **Northeast Agility Championship is \$20.00**

<u>CLOSING DATE</u>: Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 6 p.m. after which entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules and in Chapter 1, Section 14 of the AKC Agility Trial Rules and Regulations.

<u>MOVEUPS & CANCELLATIONS</u>: In order for move-ups and cancellations sent via email to be valid, exhibitors must receive an acknowledgement from the trial secretary. *If you do not receive an acknowledgment, assume that your request has not been received.* No refunds or changes will be made without the trial secretary's acknowledgement.

REFUNDS: After entries close, refund requests for bitches in season will be accepted when accompanied by a veterinarian's note. An administration fee of \$5.00 will be withheld. Refund requests, along with the veterinarian's note, must be received by the trial secretary no later than ½ hour prior to the start of the first class of the day. In the case of serious illness or injury to a dog, any refund requests accompanied by veterinary documentation will be reviewed by the committee. If a refund is granted, it will be 50 percent of the entry fees.

<u>AKC RULES</u>: All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Agility Trials by contacting the American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390, by email at <u>info@akc.org</u>, by phone (919) 233-9767 or on their website at <u>www.akc.org</u>.

ENTERING FOR EXHIBITION ONLY (FEO)

- For Exhibition Only may be offered at the option of the host club. FEO will allow exhibitors to work with their dogs in a trial environment. FEO is only allowed in the Time 2 Beat and FAST classes Participation in FEO is nonqualifying.
- FEO runs are treated as trial entries. The exhibitor must enter the class(es) (T2B and/or FAST) prior to the closing date, pay class entry fee(s) and the Trial Secretary must record the entry in the Trial Catalog as part of the results for that class. FEO does not need to be noted on the entry form; the handler will declare the day of the show.
- Dogs may be entered in any jump height for FEO runs. If entered in an ineligible jump height, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show jump height changes are not allowed.
- Dogs may be entered in any level of FAST (Novice, Open, Excellent, Master). If the dog is not eligible for the level entered, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show level changes are not allowed.
- The exhibitor must declare FEO in the ring prior to leading out. FEO may be declared earlier (ex. when checking in at the gate board).

FIX AND GO ON (FNG)

Fix and Go On is not pre-entered; rather, it occurs during the course of the run.

FNG allows exhibitors to immediately reattempt an obstacle at any time while on course when the dog's performance of an obstacle is not to their expectation. This allows the dog to successfully complete the obstacle then finish the course or leave the ring on a positive note. Using FNG will result in a non-qualifying score.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL

From the North via Interstate 91: Take I-91 South to Exit 10B. Follow Route 5 South to Route 147 West. Continue ³/₄ mile to show grounds on left

From the South via Interstate 91: Take I-91 North to Exit 3. Follow Route 5 North to Route 147 West, Memorial Avenue. ³/₄ mile to show grounds on left.

From Mass Pike I-90: Take Exit 44 (old Exit 4) to Route 5 South. Follow to Route 147 West. Continue on Memorial Avenue for ³/₄ mile to show grounds on left.

The Mallary Building is the large domed building on the left when entering through Gate 9.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels that accept dogs are quickly becoming a rarity. Please behave responsibly! Clean up after your dog, bring sheets to cover the furniture, do not groom or bathe your dog inside, do not leave your dog(s) unattended in the room, and please be respectful of other guests who do not have to be up early. The trial committee will follow up on complaints received from motels. PLEASE CONFIRM HOTEL PET POLICIES WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS.

Red Roof Inn, 1254 Riverdale St., W. Springfield, MA 01089 413-634-4006

Residence Inn, 64 Border Way, W. Springfield, MA 01089 413-732-9543 (1 dog per room) (2 floors)

Hampton Inn, 1101 Riverdale Street, W. Springfield, MA 01089 413-732-1300 (dogs must be crated) (4 floors)

Red Carpet Inn, 560 Riverdale St., W. Springfield, MA 01089 413-733-6678 (small dogs crated, max. 2 per room)

La Quinta, 100 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104 (high-rise building) 413-781-0900

Red Roof Inn, 5 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT 06082 860-856-6279 Exit 47E off 1-91, 10 miles from show grounds

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!

MOTORHOME PARKING

There will be space for overnight parking of motorhomes and campers. The fee is \$30.00 per unit/per day and is collected by Eastern States personnel. No advanced reservations. The Clubs have no involvement in collecting fees and receive no portion of those fees.

Electrical hookups are located throughout the fairgrounds. Although there is ample RV parking, the clubs do not guarantee availability. Standard electrical service around the Mallary Building and Better Living Center is 30 amps. Overloading the circuits will result in tripped breakers. *Restoring service may not be immediate, especially at night.* 50 amp service is available for an addition fee.

Motorhomes and campers may move onto the grounds no earlier than two days prior to the start of the shows. You will be directed to the available lots for the shows. Certain areas of the grounds may be restricted. Storage and/or stock trucks may occupy the same space provided the same power source is utilized. Vehicles may not occupy a camper space in the designated camper lots. Gate 9 is open during show hours. Gate 1 near the Agawam bridge is open 24 hrs.

Overnight parking fee is \$40.00 per unit/per day. Reservations are available upon entrance to the grounds. Multiple reservations and saving of spaces are not permitted. 50 amp electrical service is available for \$50 per day.

A dump station is available on the grounds at no charge. Please see a show official for its location. Please leave your parking areas clean by bagging all refuse and throwaway items.

IN ORDER TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL INCREASES in parking fees and SEVERE RESTRICTIONS on motorhome parking, PLEASE RESPECT Eastern States personnel, grounds and equipment.

> For any other questions, contact Debbie Loomis at windyhollow@charter.net.

SITE INFORMATION

This trial is held in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Cluster All-Breed Dog Shows and Obedience Trials. Go to <u>www.infodog.com</u> for conformation, obedience, and rally entry information.

No smoking in any buildings. Vendors must adhere to the West Springfield Fire Department regulations.

The courses will be run inside on 100' x 100' packed dirt rings. Crating space is available inside the building. No practicing in the rings is allowed at any time. The building will be closed at night. No dogs may remain in the building overnight.

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN THE RING OR IN THE DESIGNATED WARM-UP AREA.

TRIAL REGULATIONS NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

THE SAFETY of dogs is our primary concern. By entering these trials, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.

RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. A charge of \$25.00 will be made for each returned check.

FOREIGN EXHIBITORS must pay by international money order or credit cards. Checks drawn on Canadian banks (US or Canadian funds) can no longer be accepted.

TELEPHONE, FAX, AND UNSIGNED ENTRIES cannot be accepted.

NO HAND-DELIVERED ENTRIES will be accepted within the first 24 hours. ENTRIES NOT ON OFFICIAL AKC ENTRY FORMS OR PHOTOCOPIES OF ENTRY FORMS without the Agreement and Rules on the reverse side of the Official AKC Entry Form are NOT ACCEPTABLE. ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES will not be accepted.

NO ENTRY SHALL BE MADE AND NO ENTRY SHALL BE ACCEPTED, WHICH SPECIFIES ANY CONDITIONS AS TO ITS ACCEPTANCE. Express mail entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the secretary's address without recipient's signature.

ENTRY FEES shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of Trial Committee. No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, extreme weather, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. **ERRORS ON ENTRY BLANKS**-Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after trial has closed.

JUDGES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WAIT FOR DOGS. The owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

DOGS PRESENT will not be permitted to roam. Exhibitors are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior, may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such cases, no refund of any fees will be made. All dogs present must be held on leash or confined to their crate at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area. The site will be monitored and offenders will be asked to leave. In such cases, no refunds will be made. Dogs must use the designated exercise area.

EVENT COMMITTEE will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this show.

BITCHES IN SEASON shall not be eligible to participate. See "Refunds".

DOGS PARTICIPATING must be 15 months of age or older and must be registered with the American Kennel Club, have an AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP), AKC Canine Partners Listing, or be approved FSS breeds eligible to compete. Bitches in season, aggressive, blind dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance are ineligible to participate. No dog shall compete if it is taped or bandaged in any way or has anything attached to it for medical purposes. All American dogs that have been listed with AKC Canine Partners may participate provided the listing number has been recorded on the entry form and the trial is open to All American dogs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ENTRY ACCEPTANCE will be made when entries are processed for those exhibitors that provide an email address. Confirmation notices including the judging schedule will be sent to all exhibitors no less than seven days prior to the event.

IN CASE OF CANCELLATION, call AKC Event Cancellation number: (877) 252-3229.

VOLUNTEER INFO

Historically, the Thanksgiving Agility Cluster Trials have been the largest AKC agility shows in the country! Running four rings simultaneously requires many volunteers.

We know that not everyone is available to help at trials. However, because of its size, our event requires many volunteers to keep the rings moving. If you could squeeze in a little time to volunteer for a class or two, it would be a huge help and very much appreciated.

All workers will receive a voucher for each class worked. AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE VOUCHERS CAN BE USED AS PAYMENT TO THE FOOD CONCESSION OR ANY VENDOR IN THE AGILITY BUILDING.

There will be multiple shifts of workers to cover the larger classes.

THE WORKER SPREADSHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE UNTIL NOVEMBER 21.

Cluster Worker Link

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

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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.

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. 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, 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 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.

INSTRUCTIONS

Handlers whose dogs measure into the 8" through 20" regular jump height divisions may opt to enter in a higher or 24-choice height division for all Regular titling classes, but not in a division lower than their proper height division. Dogs who measure into the 24" regular jump height division may not enter 24-choice. Dogs entered in the Preferred classes must compete at the required jump height and <u>may not</u> compete in a jump height division <u>higher or lower</u> than their proper height division.

All dogs that have not been officially measured for an Agility Jump Height Card may still compete; however, they must be measured by *a* Judge of record, an Agility Field Representative, or a Volunteer Measuring Official, prior to running. If measured by the Judge of record, that measurement will be valid for this trial *or back-to-back trials* only. If a measurement is necessary, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their dog(s) measured prior to running.

Dogs listed in the AKC Canine PartnersSM program may be eligible to enter all-breed AKC agility 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.

Junior Handlers should enter their Junior Handler number on the front of this form. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, it may be obtained from the American Kennel Club (919) 233-9767. If the Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner?

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

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

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