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2nd Annual



Thanksgiving Cluster

NORTHEAST OBEDIENCE CUP

November 25, 2023

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

THE NORTHEAST OBEDIENCE CUP

SATURDAY November 25, 2023

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 on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at NOON. There will be a separate ring set up for The Cup.**

Judge: We are pleased to announce that Dave Maurer will be our judge for this special 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 distance control
- 4) Retrieve over High
- 5) Directive Retrieve
- 6) Scent Work Boxes

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

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.

Closing Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 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 24, 2023.

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

Sponsors: Max200 Performance Dog Equipment is our main sponsor for this event. Thank you to Max200 for supporting 2nd Annual 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.

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 80x50'. It is slightly larger than 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.

1. **The Send Away**- This exercise will be a full length go out appx 90-100. The dog will be sent on the handles command across the long length of ring and run through 2 markers or cones appx 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. **Dog 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 through markers. Sniffing, pausing, stopping and failure to drop or sit on first command. **Handler Scoring**: Additional points will be marked for additional commands to go out or additional commands to sit or down position.
2. **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. The 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
 - 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.

Judges Scoring: The dog and handler should work as a team with controlled enthusiasm and in harmony with each other! **Dog scoring**: 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. **Handler scoring**: The handler will move at 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.

3. **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 the handler on judge's cue. A stand and a sit or a sit and a stand. Then a call to heel/ finish. **Dogs 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 lost 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. **Handlers Scoring**: 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.
4. **The Retrieve over High jump**. This exercise will be performed with one jump and the 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. The handler will give command to stay and to send dog to jump. Dog will retrieve, jump, and front and finish. **Dogs 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. **Handler Scoring**, additional commands and additional body language, arms, heads shoulders in front and finish.
5. **Directive Retrieve** This exercise will be performed with three retrieve objects, one supplied by handler and two supplied by judge. (such as soft toys/ dog safe decoy item) 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. The 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. **Dog 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. **Handler Scoring**: additional commands, excessive body language, arms heads and shoulder aides in front and finish.

NEW Scent Work Exercise Boxes

Scent-work / aka nose work / scent discrimination This exercise will be performed at end when all dogs have completed their individual exercises. A set of 8-10 scent boxes will be set in the ring in a consistent pattern about 6 feet apart with a small numerical sign placed near or on each (#1-8 numbers would work best). Boxes may be simply marked with numbers.

The handler will set up Appx 25 -30 ft from scent boxes. The handler may mark the dog to the boxes/ The handler will then face away. They will be given one clean scent cloth, and an additional 1 cloth will be given to steward as decoy scent cloth. The decoy steward will also be scenting their cloth simultaneously. Then they Both stop scenting at same time! The exercise begins when the judge takes cloth from handler and places out in a box along with the stewards placing their scented cloth out in a box. Same numbered spot for each handler. 2 New boxes used for each dog.

The judge will direct the handler to send their dog. The handler will turn, face boxes and send dog (signal and or verbal allowed) to (scent boxes) . the dog will run out, search and indicated. When dog has indicated the Handler will run out to the dog pull out their cloth and show it to judge! This is mine! Exercise finish. **Dog Scoring:** the dog shall go directly to boxes and work the pattern. . Speed is not scored but continuous working without pausing will be scored. The dog while searching may touch boxes but picking up wrong box or mouthing boxes or indicating wrong box shall be scored. **Handler Scoring:** Additional commands, and additional body language, arms, shoulders, head cues while dog scenting will be scored.

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Saturday November 25, 2023

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: Saturday, November 4, 2023, 10 a.m.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday, November 22, 2023, noon

IMPORTANT: Carefully read instructions before filling out!

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED \$ 25.00
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	SEX	HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT
BREED	VARIETY	CALL NAME	
AKC® NAME (INCLUDE AKC TITLES ONLY)			
AKC® NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Enter Complete Registration # below		DATE OF BIRTH
ILP NO. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL NO. <input type="checkbox"/>	PLACE OF BIRTH (LIST COUNTRY)		
FOREIGN REG. NO & COUNTRY <input type="checkbox"/>			
BREEDER			
SIRE			
DAM			
ACTUAL OWNERS			
OWNERS ADDRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW ADDRESS	
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

- (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).
- (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.
- 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 acquirement, 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.)
- 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 #: _____