



**Limited\*Entry Dog Agility Trial**  
**March 13 & 14, 2010**  
**Wet Creek Stables, Balzac Alberta**  
*INDOOR – SHAVINGS/DIRT MIX SURFACE – 1 RING*

\*Please check our Limited Entry Requirements on [www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com](http://www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com).

➤ **Our Distinguished Judges:**

**Kristin Thomson (BC)** MG, AG, SG, ST2, AD2, MA2, MA3, AD3, ST3, MS, AS, SS  
**Julie Sansregret (QC)** ST1, AD1, CC, SJ, AJ, MJ, SC, MA4, AD4, ST4

➤ **Classes Offered**

**Steeplechase, Gamblers, Jumpers, Snooker, Masters Challenge,  
 3 Masters & 4 Advanced/Starters Standard rounds**

- ♣ A breakaway/self-healing tire will be used.
- ♣ Electronic timing *may* be used.
- ♣ We will be using the new rubber grip – AgileGrip – on the contacts.

➤ **Tentative Order of Classes**

**Saturday**

Gamblers (SAM)  
 Standard 1 (SA)  
 Masters Challenge (M)  
 Standard 2 (SAM)  
 Jumpers (SAM)

**Sunday**

Steeplechase (all levels)  
 Standard 3 (MAS)  
 Standard 4 (MAS)  
 Snooker (MAS)

➤ **ENTRY FEES**

**\$12.50 per round / weekend package (8 classes) \$90.00**  
**\$1 per round goes to the Alberta/NWT Nationals Fund**

➤ **ENTRY OPENING DATE:**

**February 5, 2010**

➤ **ENTRY CLOSING DATE:**

**February 19, 2010**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 St. Pawddy's Day  
 Agility Trial**



*Check out:*  
 The Pot O' Gold draw  
 The Ribbon/Prize Table  
 The Outstanding  
 Volunteer Award  
 The Good Sportsmanship  
 Award

May the **Luck o' the  
 Irish** be with you on  
 course!



Trial Chair:

Audrey Hawthorne

Trial Secretary:

Cindy Swiney

**Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada**

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

**EXHIBITORS, THROUGH SUBMISSION OF ENTRY, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AAC RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING...**

This event will be held in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the Agility Association of Canada (AAC). The obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of the rules and regulations of the AAC and shall conform to AAC specifications

All breeds and mixed breeds eighteen months of age and older (no exceptions) are eligible to compete. Blind, lame, or aggressive dogs are ineligible, as are bitches in season, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance (judge's discretion).

As of January 1, 2001, all dogs must have an AAC number before their entries will be accepted in an AAC sanctioned trial. Dogs with numbers pending will only be eligible to compete FEO. An application form for dog ID cards is available here: [http://www.aac.ca/official\\_forms.htm](http://www.aac.ca/official_forms.htm)

No leashes, collars, toys, food, or other training devices shall be allowed on the course. The only exception to this rule is leading your dog on leash to the start and taking your dog from the ring, on leash, when your run is over.

All dogs must be penned, crated, or leashed when not in the ring. Please take responsibility for your dogs and children. Any exhibitor whose dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may be asked by the Trial Committee to bench in your vehicle or leave the trial site. There will be no refunds for entries if the dog or handler is dismissed from the competition for any reason.

### LIMITED ENTRIES

**We aim for approximately 300-350 runs/day. However, we reserve the right to limit the entries to what we consider a manageable number.**

- If entries exceed our manageable run limit, preference will be given to the entrant who's [here for a good time \(not a long time\)](#). Please see the limited entry "rules" on our website, [www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com](http://www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com).
- Training Troop reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Training Troop will not be allowed entry.
- Mailed entries are preferred. Entries postmarked before the opening date or after the closing date may not be accepted (dependent on whether our manageable runs limit has been reached).
- E-mailed entries *may* be considered (again, dependent on whether our manageable runs limit has been reached or not).
- Cheques are to be made out to the **Training Troop** and dated no later than the closing date.
- Refunds will not be given for cancellations after the closing date except for bitches in season or injury to a dog, or handler, which physically prevents them from competing.
- **Refunds requested for any other reason than the above will be handled on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of Training Troop.**  
(A \$10 administration fee will be applied to any refund request received after the closing date.)
- **There will be a \$25 charge on NSF cheques.**

**NOTE: BY AAC RULES, ENTRIES ARE NOT VALID UNTIL PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES HAS BEEN RECEIVED OR CONFIRMED.**

### CLASS CHANGES

Class changes and/or withdrawals made after the closing date may not appear on the gate lists. Please make every effort to get your changes to the trial secretary ASAP. If you get a title on Saturday you may move up to the next level on Sunday (there will be no same day move-ups). Class Move-Up forms will be available at the Results Table. Please submit them by the end of competition on Saturday.

### HEIGHT CATEGORIES AND JUMP HEIGHTS

Your dog's height category is based upon its measured height as entered on its AAC height card. For Veteran class levels, all jumps shall be set one or two jump heights lower than would be required in the regular classes; for Special class levels, all jumps must be set one jump height lower than would be required in the regular classes. Anyone wishing to run "For Exhibition Only" will be charged the same as the regular competitors. By AAC rules, you will be ineligible for placements, qualifiers or prizes. However, this will not be reflected on your dog's permanent record.

Height at Withers/Shoulders:	≤ 12"	>12" & ≤ 16"	>16" & ≤ 21"	>21"
Regular Jump Height	10" or 16"	16" or 22"	22" or 26"	26"
Specials Jump Height	6"	10"	16"	22"
Veterans Jump Height	6"	6" or 10"	10" or 16"	16" or 22"

### RIBBONS

All classes will receive flat ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> placements and qualifying ribbons for qualifying rounds. Title Rosettes are available for dog/handler teams who receive an official AAC title on a qualifying round. Special recognition will be given to all titles, official or not. Please fill out the "Title Received" form at the results table.

## AGILITY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### *FEO (For Exhibition or Experience Only)*

Open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older, as described within the current AAC rules. The handler can choose to enter a dog FEO in any division, any class and/or any height but they will not be competing for placements or titles and the results will not be reflected on the dog's permanent record.

### *Regular Division*

Open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older, as described within the current AAC rules.

### *Special Division*

Open to all dogs but intended for dogs which are of a size or stature that limits their jumping ability. A dog may no longer compete in standard classes after being entered at an official trial in any Special class. However, they are eligible for the Veteran class level.

### *Veteran Division*

For dogs seven years of age or older that are currently competing in any Standard Agility Class and for dogs five years of age or older which have competed in the Specials Agility Class for a minimum of one calendar year.

### *Standard Class*

Standard agility classes demonstrate the dog's ability to perform the minimum equipment & handling requirements of the various performance levels (starters, advanced, masters).

### *Games Classes*

**Snooker** demonstrates the handler & dog's versatility as they work together against the clock. The object of the game is to accumulate as many points as possible in the opening and closing sequences within the allotted time.

**Gamblers** demonstrates the handler's strategy and the dog's ability to work at a distance from the handler. The object of this game is to accumulate as many points as possible during the opening sequence and successfully complete the gamble.

**Jumpers** demonstrates a dog's natural jumping ability. The dog is required to complete a course comprised of hurdles and tunnels as prescribed by the judge.

**Team Relay** consists of 2 dogs, each with a different handler. The game demonstrates team spirit, strategy and sportsmanship.

**Steeplechase** demonstrates the dog's ability to run and jump at speeds while maintaining control on the A-frame and weave poles.

**Masters Challenge** demonstrates the dog & handler's ability to manoeuvre, at speed, through a standard course designed more to world & international levels

## **MOVE UPS**

### Standard Rounds

3 Q's in Starters → Advanced

3 Q's in Advanced → Masters

3 Q's in Masters → MADC (3 Q's under @ least 2 judges)

### Games Rounds

2 Q's in Starters → Advanced

3 Q's in Advanced → Masters

4 Q's in Masters → game title (all under @ least 2 judges)

Steeplechase (all levels)

Masters Challenge (masters only)

10 Q's → MSCDC

10 Q's → MCCDC

### **PET FRIENDLY HOTELS**

Holiday Inn Express, 2227 Banff trail NW, Calgary; (403) 289-6600; 30 minutes to trial site.

Super 8 Motel, 815 East Lake Blvd, Airdrie; 403-948-4188; 15 minutes to trial site, dog surcharge

### **VETERINARIANS**

Calgary North Veterinary Hospital & Emergency Service; 277-0135; 4204 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW (Open 24 hours)

Heartland Veterinary Clinic; 912-8882; Airdrie (Saturday 9am to 4pm, always on call)



## **CAMPING**

On-site camping for self contained units (arena washrooms will be accessible). Competitors can also set up sleeping bags in the box stalls for over night. Be warned: skunks do visit the cat food on a regular basis & may leave their "mark".

## **CONCESSION**

Kathy's Kitchen will again be available from approximately 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

## **SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

Kathy makes an awesome lasagna supper upon request. It includes salad, garlic biscuit, dessert and a drink for a cost of \$12. Troopers will be dining with our judges after the last class on Saturday and you are more than welcome to join us. We just need to let the concession know how many people are coming so they can make the appropriate amount of food.



## AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA GENERAL AGREEMENT

I/We, the undersigned, agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for any reasons which the organizing committee deems sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, the holding of the event and/or the opportunity to have this dog participate or be judged, I/We agree as follows: (I) while at or in proximity to this event, to freely assume all risk of loss (including death) or damage or injury, collectively called "Loss", to myself, this dog or any dog under my control, and to members of my family and my guests, and to our property; (II) to release and discharge and to hold harmless and indemnify the organizing committee, the club and its directors, officers and members, the sanctioning body for the event (if any), sponsors of the event (if any), and the owners of the premises/grounds upon which the event is held and their respective employees and agents, collectively called the "Releasees", of and from any and all claims, and from all liability of any nature, for all Loss which I or this dog or any dog under my control or members of my family or my guests or our property may suffer for any reason or cause whatsoever, including specifically, but without limitation, all Loss resulting from the action or inaction of any dog, including this dog, or its owner or handler, or by the Releasees, or any of them whether through negligence or otherwise. I/We expressly assume the risk and liability for all such Loss while attending or proximity to this event and waive any and all claims relating thereto; (III) to hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees, from any and all claims by third parties, and from all liability of any nature, for all Loss, in relation to claims against me or through me, or against or through any member of my family or any other person accompanying me or attending as my guest or in my place, or arising as a result of any action or inaction by me or by this dog, or its owner or handler, or by any member of my family or any other person accompanying me or attending as my guest or in my place, or by the Releasees or any of the in relation thereto, whether through negligence or otherwise. I/We expressly assume that all responsibility and liability for all such claims; and (IV) that all indemnities herein shall be full and complete indemnities, including legal costs on a solicitor and client basis.

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner of the dog entered hereon. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) have read, understand and will abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of the Agility Association of Canada, Inc. in effect at the time of this entry, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the Agility Trial Schedule for this event. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and General Agreement/Disclaimer. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with such Official Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accordance with them.

**I/We understand that the entry is accepted on the condition that I am/we are willing to volunteer.**

I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE the I/We have been given the opportunity to read this form before signing it, that I/We have in fact done so, that I/We fully understand the contents of this form and that it restricts my legal rights, and that I am signing this form voluntarily and of my own free will.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian must sign if handler under 18 years.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry not valid unless signed, dated, and submitted with correct fee.**

The Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, enacted January 1st, 2004, requires that consent be obtained for the collection and use of personal information.

The information collected by Training Troop will be used for:

1. Registering & listing competitors in agility events,
2. Submitting results, as required by the sanctioning body, and
3. Contacting competitors by email or mail for future agility events, such as trials and seminars.

Your information will not be shared or distributed without prior written consent.

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**