

# TRAINING TROOP

## Limited Entry Dog Agility Trials

The last Wednesday of each month in 2009

### Wet Creek Stables, Balzac Alberta

INDOOR – DIRT SURFACE – 1 RING

#### ➤ *Our Distinguished Judges:*

Audrey Hawthorne, Cindy Swiney, Darcy Bennett  
Matt Bonner, Stew Mackenzie, Lee-Ann Carr

#### ➤ **Classes Offered**

(combinations of the following, at various levels – see entry form)

**Steeplechase, Gamblers, Jumpers, Snooker, Team Relay,  
Standard rounds**

➤ *A break-away tire will be used for these trials.*

#### ➤ **Tentative Schedule**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Check-in, Measure-in, Course Building, Briefings  
First dog on the line

#### ➤ **Entry Fees**

**\$12.50 per round**

**\$1 per round goes to the AB/NWT Nationals Fund**

➤ **\*\* The format has changed slightly for some of the  
Starters/Advanced nights\*\***

➤ **ENTRY OPENING & CLOSING DATES:** See entry form

➤ **Trial Secretaries:** Cindy Swiney, Lee-Ann Carr & Trudy Graham

### Training Troop Wee Wednesday Trials



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enter these TTWW Trials is

**ONLINE!**

[www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com](http://www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com)



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 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 not be eligible to compete. 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 or within 10 feet of the ring entrance. The only exception to this rule is leading your dog on leash to the start, then handing the leash to a ring steward.*

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 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** (~30 dogs or ~100 runs, depending on the classes offered)

- **NEW!**→ **Online** and **mailed** entries will be accepted. *Online entries are preferred.*
- Since this is a very limited trial, entries will be accepted until maximum runs limit has been reached.
- If entries exceed the run limit, preference will be given to the entrant who's [here for a good time \(not a long time\)](#) .
- Training Troop reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Training Troop will not be allowed entry.
- **NEW!**→ If entering online, entry fees & general agreement must be received before the start of the trial. You can elect to mail them prior to the trial or submit them at check-in.
- Cheques are to be made out to the Training Troop and dated no later than the day of the trial.
- Cheques will be deposited, & must be cleared, before results are submitted to AAC.
- **Online entries will not be accepted in the future if competitors cancel without notification.**
- 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 will be handled on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of Training Troop.**
- **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 in the gate lists. Please make every effort to get your changes to the trial secretary ASAP.

### 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 must be set one or two jump heights lower than would be required in the regular classes; for Special class levels, all jumps shall 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 placings, qualifiers or prizes. This will not be reflected on your dog's permanent record.

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

### RIBBONS & AWARDS

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 their AAC title on a qualifying round.

Training Troop ATChC plaques will be ordered for those dogs who earn their ATChC, SATChC or VATChC at a Training Troop trial.

Training Troop also recognizes the milestones of Bronze, Silver, Gold & Lifetime achievement awards.

## 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.

### Specials Division

Open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older, but intended for dogs which are of a size or stature that limits their jumping ability.

### Veteran Division

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

### Standard Classes

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.

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## MOVE UPS

### Standard Rounds

3 Q's in Starters → Advanced

3 Q's in Advanced → Masters

3 Q's in Masters → MADC

(under @ least 2 judges)

### Games Rounds

2 Q in Starters → Advanced

3 Q's in Advanced → Masters

4 Q's in Masters → game title

(under @ least 2 judges)

### Steeplechase (all levels)

10 Q's → MSCDC

### 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)



## VOLUNTEERING

These Wee Wednesdays are becoming increasingly popular. So much so, we may have to start turning people away. So please, to keep things moving on the busier nights, your help is needed & greatly appreciated.

## CONCESSION

No concession available for these evening trials. There is a pop machine upstairs that takes *old* quarters & loonies. However, if you are around to the bitter end, you are more than welcome to enjoy a beverage with us!

Return this completed form *with entry fees* payable to:

**Training Troop**  
c/o Cindy Swiney

Box 21, Site 4, RR 1, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0

www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com

Email: [trainingtroop@telus.net](mailto:trainingtroop@telus.net)

Phone: (403) 335-2382

**Incomplete or illegible entries may not be accepted.**

Fields marked by a red asterisk (\*) are required fields.

<b>OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION</b>	HAS ANY OF THIS INFORMATION CHANGED? YES	NO
*Owner's Name:	Is this your first AAC trial?	YES NO
*Address:		
*City:	*Province:	*Postal Code:
*Phone:	email:	
Handler's Name:		
How do you want to receive your confirmation?	Phone	email

<b>DOG INFORMATION FROM AAC CARD</b>	HAS ANY OF THIS INFORMATION CHANGED? YES	NO
*Name on AAC ID Card:	*AAC Number:	
Breed:	*Birthdate (mm/dd/yy):	Sex:
*Height at withers/shoulders:	*Circle height category below ↓	
<b>Regular</b> 10" 16" 22" 26"	<b>Specials</b> 6" 10" 16" 22"	<b>Veteran</b> 6" 10" 16" 22"
Team Relay Partner:	Dog Name:	or Draw
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Team partners <i>must be</i> of the same level (starters, advanced, masters) but, as of Jan.1/08, Reg/Spec/Vets can be paired together in any combination.		

**\*\*PLEASE CIRCLE THE CLASSES & THE LEVEL YOU ARE ENTERING.\*\***

<b>January 28, 2009</b>	<b>Matt Bonner</b>
Opening: Thursday, Jan. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Jan. 28
Jumpers (Masters)	\$12.50
Team Relay (Masters)	\$12.50
Snooker (Masters)	\$12.50

<b>August 26, 2009</b>	<b>Cindy Swiney</b>
Opening: Saturday, Aug. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gamblers (Starters)	\$12.50
Standard (Starters)	\$12.50
Jumpers (Starters)	\$12.50

<b>February 25, 2009</b>	<b>Lee-Ann Carr</b>
Opening: Sunday, Feb. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Feb. 25
Standard (Starters Advanced)	\$12.50
Jumpers (Starters)	\$12.50

<b>September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Stew MacKenzie</b>
Opening: Tuesday, Sept. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Sept. 30
Standard (Masters)	\$12.50
Team Relay (Masters)	\$12.50
Steeplechase (all levels)	\$12.50

<b>March 25, 2009</b>	<b>Darcy Bennett</b>
Opening: Sunday, Mar. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Mar. 25
Standard 1 (Masters)	\$12.50
Standard 2 (Masters)	\$12.50
Steeplechase (all levels)	\$12.50

<b>October 28, 2009</b>	<b>Lee-Ann Carr</b>
Opening: Thursday, Oct. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Oct. 28
Standard (Advanced)	\$12.50
Team Relay (Starters Advanced)	\$12.50

<b>April 29, 2009</b>	<b>Audrey Hawthorne</b>
Opening: Wednesday, Apr. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Apr. 29
Standard (Starters Advanced)	\$12.50
Jumpers (Advanced)	\$12.50

<b>November 25, 2009</b>	<b>Darcy Bennett</b>
Opening: Sunday, Nov. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Nov. 25
Standard (Masters)	\$12.50
Steeplechase (Masters)	\$12.50
Snooker (Masters)	\$12.50

<b>May 27, 2009</b>	<b>Cindy Swiney</b>
Opening: Friday, May 1	Closing: Wednesday, May 27
Gamblers (Masters)	\$12.50
Standard (Masters)	\$12.50
Steeplechase (Masters)	\$12.50

<b>December 30, 2009</b>	<b>Stew MacKenzie</b>
<i>(Pre-New Year's Eve Party)</i>	
Opening: Tuesday, Dec. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Dec. 30
Standard 1 (Masters)	\$12.50
Team Relay (Masters)	\$12.50
Jumpers (Advanced)	\$12.50

<b>June 24, 2009</b>	<b>Audrey Hawthorne</b>
Opening: Monday, Jun. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Jun. 24
Gamblers (Advanced)	\$12.50
Standard (Advanced)	\$12.50

**We need your help to make these trials fun & fast!**  
**When you are not running, please volunteer where necessary.**

<b>**July 29, 2009 (TENTATIVE)</b>	<b>Matt Bonner</b>
Opening: Wednesday, Jul. 1	Closing: Wednesday, Jul. 29
Gamblers (Masters)	\$12.50
Standard (Masters)	\$12.50
Steeplechase (Masters)	\$12.50

**Please sign & bring the General Agreement to check-in, if you entered online.**

**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 even 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, and each of the of and 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 by 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 for 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.



*Thanks you!*