Limited* Entry Dog Agility Trial
March 18 & 19, 2017
Al Azhar Fezdome, Calgary Alberta
INDOOR – packed SAND – 1 RING
*Please check our Limited Entry Requirements on www.trainingtroop.com.

Our Distinguished Judges:
Steve Eisenreich (AB) SJ1, SG, ST1, SJ2, ST2, ST3, SS
Cindy Swiney (AB) AJ2, MJ2, SC
Jennifer LaPierre (ON) AJ1, MJ1, AG, MG, AD1, MA1, CC, AD2, MA3, AD3, MS, AS

Tentative Order of Classes

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<td>Jumpers 1 (SAM)</td>
<td>Steeplechase (all levels)</td>
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<td>Jumpers 2 (SAM)</td>
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<td>Snooker (MAS)</td>
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A self-healing tire will be used.
Electronic timing may be used.
Contacts are rubberized with Agile Grip.

Trial Basics

Trial Co-Chairs: Stew MacKenzie & Audrey Hawthorne
Trial Secretary: Cindy Swiney TrainingTroop@telus.net

Entry Fees

$14.00 per individual round (Junior Handlers running under JH rules - $12.50 per round)
Weekend package (8 classes/same dog) ➔ $100.00
$1 per round collected for the Alberta/NWT Nationals Fund

ENTRY OPENING DATE: February 6, 2017
ENTRY CLOSING DATE: February 24, 2017

14th 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!

Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada
NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This event will be held in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the Agility Association of Canada (AAC). Exhibitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of current AAC rules and regulations.

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, even if only to compete "For Exhibition Only." An application form for dog ID cards is available here: 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 that a toy may be used (as described in the AAC rules) during FEO runs AND at the CLUB’S discretion. Our expectations, if we are to offer FEO runs, is that you be courteous of other dogs around you and/or those entering & exiting the ring - do NOT play tug, or throw the toy, where it may distract or disrupt the team currently on the course. FEO is not intended to be a “free for all” for the maximum course time - it is intended to give actual ring/trial experience (at any height/category/class) without being dismissed for using a toy to reward (tugging permitted) & without results being part of the dog’s permanent record. Until AAC legislates otherwise, it is our interpretation that handlers should be trying to run the course (or play the game) as they would in normal competition. If you only want to TRAIN specific obstacles (contacts, for example), please let the judge know & please make the repetitions fast, fun & rewarding for the dog. Deliberately repeating the same obstacle, or sequence of obstacles, results in the whistle blown at Open SCT. Note: With well nested courses, judges may dismiss you for unsportsmanlike conduct if they deem you are deliberately practicing a sequence from an upcoming class.

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.

We aim for approximately 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.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.
• Multiple handler entries may be mailed in the same envelope if they reside at the same residence. Otherwise, separate residences are considered separate entries and should be mailed separately, in case we have to do a random draw. Please do not xpress post or courier your entries. If a special trip to the Didsbury PO is required, your entry may not be received.
• Entries postmarked before the opening date or after the closing date, or E-mailed entries, may not be accepted (dependent on whether our manageable run limit has been reached).
• Cheques are to be made out to Training Troop and dated no later than the closing date. If you pull, or end up on the waiting list, & would like your cheque or MO returned, please include a self-addressed & stamped envelope.
• Refunds will not be given for cancellations after the closing date except for pregnant or in-season bitches 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 cheques have been deposited.
  • 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 EXCEPT for Jumpers).

HEIGHT CATEGORIES AND JUMP HEIGHTS

Your dog’s height category is based upon its measured height as entered on its AAC height card. Anyone wishing to run “For Exhibition Only” will be judged the same as the regular competitors but you may choose any jump height, any category, any class &/or level. By AAC rules, you will be ineligible for placements, qualifiers or prizes. However, this will not be reflected on your dog’s permanent record.

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<td>Regular Jumping Height</td>
<td>10” or 16”</td>
<td>16” or 22”</td>
<td>22” or 26”</td>
<td>26”</td>
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<td>Specials Jumping Height</td>
<td>6”</td>
<td>10”</td>
<td>16”</td>
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<td>Veterans Jumping Height</td>
<td>6”</td>
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<td>Junior Handlers**</td>
<td>6”</td>
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| (**JH heights depend on dog’s current competition height but MUST be at least 1 jump height lower than the Regular height category for that dog, as noted on ID card.)

RIBBONS

Flat ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th placings will be offered for all classes & qualifying ribbons for qualifying rounds are available. Title Rosettes are available for dog/handler teams who receive an official AAC title on a qualifying round. Special recognition given to all titles, official or not.
CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

FEO (For Exhibition – or Experience or Entertainment – 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 category, any class and/or any level or jump height but they will not be competing for placements or titles and the results will not be reflected on the dog’s permanent record. See FEO rules under “Notice to Exhibitors”.

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 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.

Veterans 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.

Junior Handler Division
Open to handlers under 18 years of age, as described within the current AAC rules, with a valid Junior Handler Number. Junior Handlers may run under Junior Handler rules or under regular rules. If under JH rules, titles are awarded to the Junior Handler, not the dog and the dog MUST jump one height lower than their Regular height or, if already competing at a lower height, they may jump one height lower than they are currently competing at.

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).

AAC Challenge
Demonstrates the dog & handler’s ability to manoeuvre, at speed, through a standard course designed more to world & international levels

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.

VETERINARIANS
1. Calgary North Veterinary Hospital & Emergency Service
   4204-4th Street NW
   403-277-0135
   Open 24 hours

2. Western Veterinary Specialist & Emergency Centre
   1802-10th Avenue SW
   403-770-1340
   Open 24 hours

CONCESSION
There will be no concession but we will have the self-serve hot water urn on for coffee/tea/hot chocolate & the coolers or fridge will have cold beverages available (for safety meetings). Please use the Fezdome water for your dogs (or bring your own) & leave the bottled water for thirsty judges & volunteers.

We need your help to make this trial fun & fast!

We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet available at check in.
We draw guaranteed spot prizes from each class volunteer sign up & 2 “free weekend” packages are drawn daily from all volunteer slips of the day.
### TRAINING TROOP

#### 2017 ST. PAWDDY’S DAY AGILITY TRIAL

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

*PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE WITH YOUR ENTRY.*

**Cheques Payable to:** Training Troop

**Mail to:** c/o Box 21, Site 4, RR 1 Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

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**Owner Name** (as on the Dog ID Card):

**Handler’s Name** (if different from Owner):

**Junior Handler #** (if applicable):

**Address:**

City: Province: Postal Code: Phone:

**E-mail:**

*Email address is required, as confirmations will only be sent out by email.*

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#### DOG INFORMATION

(as on the Dog ID Card)

**Dog Name:**

**AAC Dog ID #:**

**Breed**

**Birth Date** (dd/mm/yy)

**Sex:**

**Dog’s Height @ Withers:**

*est. if no official measurement yet*

**Dog’s current/normal competition category:**

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**Jump Height at this trial:**

6" 10" 16" 22" 26"

**Are you running as a Jr Handler?**

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#### SATURDAY

**(Circle Class & Level)**

Tentative Running Order:

**S A M**

Regular 10, 16, 26, 22

Spec/Vet 22, 16, 10, 6

**JUMPERS 1**

Starters Advanced Masters

**GAMBLERS**

Starters Advanced Masters

**STANDARD 1**

Starters Advanced Masters

**JUMPERS 2**

Starters Advanced Masters

**STANDARD 3**

Starters Advanced Masters

**STEEPLECHASE** (All Levels)

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#### SUNDAY

**(Circle Class & Level)**

Tentative Running Order:

**M A S**

Spec/Vet 6, 10, 16, 22

Regular 22, 26, 16, 10

**AAC CHALLENGE**

Masters FEO

**STANDARD 2**

Starters Advanced

**STANDARD 3**

Starters Advanced Masters

**SNOOKER**

Starters Advanced Masters

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#### TOTAL ENTRY FEES

$____________

**$14.00 x _____ = $_____**

**JH $12.50 x _____ = $_____**

Pkg (8 runs, 1 dog) = $100

TOTAL: $100

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Add my voluntary contribution of $1.00 (or more) to support the AAC National Dog Team's participation in IFCS world events.

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Handler Name: ____________________________

Dog 1 Name: ____________________________(the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: ____________________________

Dog 2 Name: ____________________________(the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: ____________________________

Dog 3 Name: ____________________________(the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: ____________________________

Dog 4 Name: ____________________________(the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: ____________________________

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry by AAC and Training Troop (the “Organizing Club”) and the opportunity to have the Dog participate, compete in and/or be judged at this event or trial (the “Event”), I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

1. 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 and that the Dog is not a hazard to persons, property or other dogs.

2. I agree that AAC or the Organizing Club for the Event may refuse my entry for any reason that it deems to be sufficient.

3. I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Event carries certain risks, including, but not limited to injuries (including serous injuries and death) to myself, the Dog, another dog under my control or persons attending as my guests (my "Related Parties"), damage to property and other losses. I waive any and all claims that I have or may have in the future against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue AAC, the Organizing Club or any of the directors, executives, committees, representatives, employees, volunteers or agents of either AAC or the Organizing Club (the "Personnel") for any injury, death, property damage or other loss that I or my Related Parties sustain due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, breach of duty, statutory or otherwise, or mistakes or errors of judgment of any kind.

4. I assume full responsibility for the conduct of myself and my Related Parties during the entirety of the Event. I agree to indemnify and save harmless AAC, the Organizing Club and the Personnel from and against any and all claims that may be made against them or costs, fees, expenses or liability (including, without limitation, lawyers’ fees on a solicitor and own client basis) incurred by AAC, the Organizing Club or the Personnel that may arise due to:
   (a) any act or omission of myself, my Related Parties or any party for whom I am liable at law; or
   (b) aggressive behaviour by the Dog or any other dog under my control.

5. I have read, and do understand the rules of competition and the additional rules (if any) appearing in the trial schedule for the Event, as well as the policies of AAC pertaining to discipline (collectively, the “Rules”). I agree to abide by the Rules and to conduct myself and the Dog in accordance with the Rules. I understand that myself and/or the Dog may be subject to disciplinary procedures or sanctions for breach of the Rules and agree to respect and be bound by any disciplinary decision made by AAC.

6. I understand that AAC and/or the Organizing Club may, in the course of administering the Event or conducting its activities generally, collect, use or disclose my personal information and that any personal information collected, used or disclosed by AAC and/or the Organizing Club will be treated in accordance with AAC policy and applicable privacy and personal information laws. I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by AAC and/or the Organizing Club of my personal information.

7. I have been given the opportunity to read and understand the terms of this Agreement before signing it, and have in fact done so. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I am restricting my legal rights and I sign this Agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.

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

Signature(s): ____________________________ Date (dd/mm/yy): ____________________________

Parent or Guardian must sign if the Handler is under 18 years of age.

Entry not valid unless Agreement is signed, dated and submitted with the 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 Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue 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.