

## February 10 – 12, 2012 AKC Agility Trial

Thank you for entering the first indoor AKC agility trial in Arizona. The support for this trial is awesome. Saturday is a mere 15 runs shy of filling. TNC and the Border Collie Club of Arizona are excited to be able to offer these trials.

Some basic info:

- If you are finishing a MACH title, please let us know, as we have special poles and ribbons to award at the end of your titling run.
- Please note that we will try to post scores as soon as we can and the posted scores are unofficial until the judge has reviewed and approved them.
- I will have a binder with forms for move-ups if you want to move to a higher class during the trial. The form must be filled out no later than 30 minutes from the end of the last class of the day.
- We have a few volunteer positions still to be filled, if you can help out please see the Ring Steward, Kim O'Connor.
- Please do not park in the parking areas to the south and North of TNC on Friday. Those are work days for those business and they pay the rent on the parking area not TNC :o) An early arrival time will help you get a closer spot. You may drop your gear at either the North door or the South door (not the west (front) doors), park your car and return

SHIFTS: As you will soon begin to appreciate, hosting trials at TNC is an exercise in space management. To minimize the number of dogs in the building at one time, yet maximize the number of runs that can be accommodated in a day, we will run ALL EXC runs first. After the last EXC run is completed – the building will be opened for Open and Novice competitors. We call these SHIFTS– the EXC shift and the Nov/Open shift. **All dogs and handlers in a particular shift must be in the building and finished with setup prior to the start of the first dog.** What we absolutely cannot have is people “setting up” while dogs are running. The building is too small – the commotion created when setting up wouldn't be fair to dogs in the ring not to mention the logistics of getting crates etc. in and out of the building. Once you have participated in a Trial here, the reason for this will become clear. In the meantime – please just have faith that there is a good reason for this rule. You have easy access to the outside to potty/warm up your dog so don't worry about that ☺

The other piece of the above is that **you may not pack up and LEAVE the building while dogs are running.** You may do so only during course building and walk thrus. That may seem inconvenient but keep in mind that at this trial EXC has a shift and Nov/Open has a Shift so you are not spending ALL day here.

On Sunday I set the run order so that those not entered in FAST can leave while we are setting up for FAST. This doesn't make for the best use of course building time but will hopefully make the shift change on Sunday easier since EXC exhibitors have 2 times to pack up and leave – before and after FAST.

Please be courteous and patient during the shift change. Excellent needs to clean up and make space for Nov/open and Nov/Open competitors need to setup and measure in. And we need to accomplish and the briefing and walk thru in an hour!

After much consideration we have made some changes to the run order that will hopefully expedite things. Please read the information below carefully. Keep in mind that “**Under NO circumstances** will the building be open to Nov and Open competitors until the last Excellent dog has finished their run. Please be patient. You may unload your gear near the South Door and then park your vehicle. If you are running in EXC and Nov/Open then ALL of your dogs are welcome in the building! We don’t expect anyone to go home for dogs :O)

**Run Order:** Note the change for Sunday.

Fri - Exc JWW, Exc FAST, Exc STD, **Break** Open STD, Nov STD, Open FAST, Nov FAST, Open JWW, Nov JWW

Sat - Exc JWW, Exc FAST, Exc STD, **Break** Open STD, Nov STD, Open FAST, Nov FAST, Open JWW, Nov JWW

Sun - Exc JWW, Exc STD, Exc FAST, **Break** Open STD, Nov STD, Open FAST, Nov FAST, Open JWW, Nov JWW

Friday: Small to Tall

Saturday: Tall to Small

Sunday: Small to Tall

All dogs will walk prior to the first dog on the line. *(Walk thru may be split but we will follow the walk walk, run, run system)*

**Start Times:**

Fri	Sat	Sun	Level	
6:30 am	6:30 am	6:30 am	Excellent	Building opens for exhibitor set up
7:30 am	7:30 am	7:30 am	Excellent	Briefing and walk Thru
8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	Excellent	First Dog on the Line
1:15 pm	1:30 pm	1:30pm	Novice/Open	Best Guess ☺ Building opens for Set up, assuming last Excellent run is completed. Measure In to start based on Judges availability.
2:15 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	Novice/Open	Briefing and walk Thru
2:35 pm	2:50 pm	2:50 pm	Novice/Open	First Dog on the Line

Since we will have over 100 dogs in the building during the Excellent Runs we would appreciate your help keeping things organized.

- Please bring only the necessities.
- Stack kennels and gear whenever possible.
- Keep your kennel and gear “compact”! Please don’t spread out.
- Keep the isles in the kennel area clear so no one trips and dogs have space to pass comfortably in the isle.
- Please **read your premium** carefully – there are many hints/rules about indoor trials

Please be considerate of the need for kennel space for those dogs running a different shift than your dogs. We would rather not be put in the position of requiring that everyone take their kennels with them each day, so please help by

- Sharing your kennel with a friend who will be here when you are not.
- Folding your kennel when you leave and stack it out of the way so there is space for dogs in the opposing shift.
- **Excellent dogs only**...If temperatures permit and you would like to keep your dogs in your car – please email [debbie@topnotchcanines.com](mailto:debbie@topnotchcanines.com). We will hold a parking spot for you behind the building where your dogs will be safest. There is **no shade** in that area so this option is only available if temperatures are below 65. Your **car windows/rear door MUST be left open** if dogs are left in the car.

### SPECIAL REQUEST

To help protect the matting on the floor from the granite, grit and grime of Arizona we request that everyone clean and inspect the shoes they will be wearing and remove pebbles and pieces of granite since these may damage the flooring. It helps to wear another pair of shoes to the event and enter the building by walking on the all-weather mat to the kennel area. Once there you can sit down to change your shoes. IMPORTANT: no dollies/carts inside the building.

Thank you – we hope you enjoy the trial!