



Limited* Entry Dog Agility Trials

Al Azhar Fezdome, Calgary Alberta
 INDOOR – Packed Sand Surface – 1 RING

Our Distinguished Judge: Cindy Swiney (AB)

2018 Dates & Tentative Order of Classes

February 25	Standard (SAM) & Team Relay
March 25	Gamblers (MAS) & Steeplechase
April 29	Team Relay & Snooker (SAM)
September 23	Steeplechase & Jumpers (MAS)
October 28	Gamblers (SAM) & Steeplechase
November 25	Team Relay , Challenge (M) & Standard (AS)
December 30	Steeplechase & Jumpers (SAM)

Trial Committee

Trial Secretary (email entries to):	HerdingDogRescue@telus.net
Results & Festivities:	Cheryl Wilke
Volunteers:	Ellen Jamieson
Ribbons & Awards:	Debbie Harding

Entry Fees

\$14.00 per round
 \$12.50 per round for Junior Handlers running under Junior Handler rules.

ENTRY OPENING DATES: **1st day of the trial month.**
 (ex: September 1 for the September 30 trial.)

ENTRY CLOSING DATES: **Friday prior to the trial date.**
 (ex: September 28 for the September 30 trial.)

2018 Sunday Samplers

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Equipment provided by our friends
 at



A self-healing tire will be used.

Electronic timing *may* be used.

Contacts are rubberized.

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 FEO. 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.

LIMITED ENTRIES

We reserve the right to limit the entries to what we consider a manageable number (approximately 100 runs).

- Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue will not be allowed entry.
- E-Mailed entries ONLY please. Entries dated before the opening date or after the closing date *may not* be accepted (dependent on whether our manageable runs limit has been reached).
- Cheques are to be made out to the **Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue** & due at trial check-in. Email money transfers can be sent anytime after receiving confirmation of entry & prior to trial 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 Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue.**
- A **\$10** administration fee will be applied to any refund request received after the closing date **unless** a credit towards future Sunday Samplers is acceptable instead.
 - 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.

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.

2018 Height at Shoulders:	≤ 12"	>12" & ≤ 15"	>15" & ≤ 18"	>18" & ≤ 22"	>22"
Regular Jumping Height	8" or 12"	12" or 16"	16" or 20"	20" or 24"	24"
Specials Jumping Height	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"
Single Drop Veteran/JH* Jump Height	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"
Double Drop Veterans/JH* Jump Height	N/A"	4"	8"	12"	16"

*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 & AWARDS

Flat ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th placements will be offered & qualifying ribbons for qualifying rounds are available.. Title ribbons available for dog/handler teams who receive an official AAC title on a qualifying round.

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.

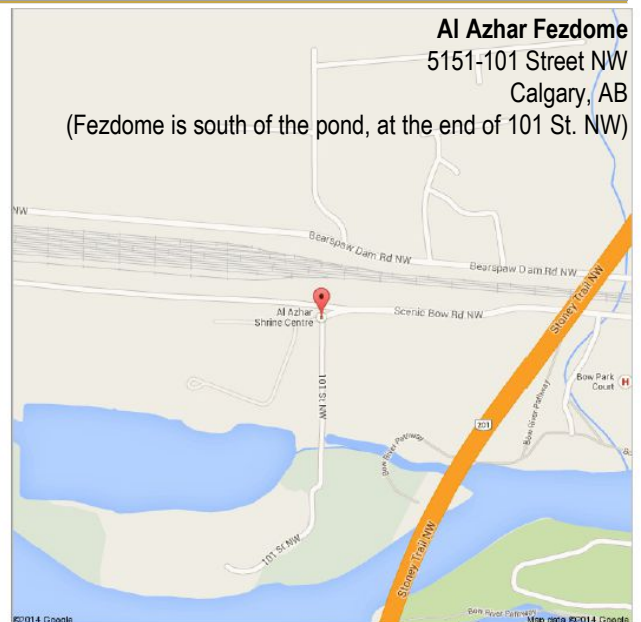
Jumpers demonstrates a dog's natural jumping ability. The dog is required to complete a course comprised of hurdles and tunnels as prescribed by the judge.

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



Course Set Up, Benching, Check-In, Measure-In

1:00 - 1:30 will be for setting the course, check & measure in. Right after the last dog runs, equipment needs to be put away as expeditiously as possible & many hands will make light work. These can only be short, fun afternoons if everyone helps. Thank you in advance!

We need your help to make these trials fun & fast!

We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet available at check in.

E-Mail (scanned or picture) entries to: HerdingDogRescue@telus.net

Please sign and return the **GENERAL AGREEMENT (last page)** with the appropriate entry form.

OWNER INFORMATION (ON AAC DOG ID CARD)

WILL YOUR DOG REQUIRE MEASURING? YES NO

Owner Name:	Junior Handler # (if applicable):
Handler's Name (if different from Owner):	
Address:	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	Phone:
Email:	
<i>Email address is required as confirmations will be sent out by email.</i>	

DOG INFORMATION	Dog 1:	Dog 2:	Dog 3:	Dog 4:
Dog's Name:				
AAC Dog ID #:				
Breed:				
Birth Date (dd/mm/yy):				
Sex:				
Dog's Height @ Withers:				
Dog's competition category:				
Jump Height at this trial:				
If you are < 18 yrs old, are you running this dog as a Junior Handler?				
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 (Circle/Highlight Class) 1:00pm - 5:00pm	STANDARD	STANDARD	STANDARD	STANDARD
	TEAM RELAY	TEAM RELAY	TEAM RELAY	TEAM RELAY
	Partner Dog Name:	Partner Dog Name:	Partner Dog Name:	Partner Dog Name:
ENTRY FEES	Reg/Spec/Vets Total	Reg/Spec/Vets Total	Reg/Spec/Vets Total	Reg/Spec/Vets Total
	Junior Handler Total	Junior Handler Total	Junior Handler Total	Junior Handler Total
\$ _____	Add my voluntary donation to <u>AB Herding Dog Rescue</u>. All profit from these trials goes to our dail operations & our veterinary fund.			
\$ _____	Add my voluntary contribution of \$1.00 (or more) to support the <u>AB/NWT Regionals Fund</u> that subsidizes regional handlers attending the AAC National Agility Championships.			
\$ _____	Add my voluntary contribution of \$1.00 (or more) to support the <u>AAC National Dog Team's</u> participation in IFCS World Championship events.			
TOTAL \$ _____	Please make cheques payable to Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue or Email money transfer to HerdingDogRescue@telus.net once you have received confirmation of entry.			



**AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA ("AAC")
PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE**
The General Agreement is required for each Sunday Sampler.



Handler Name: _____ Date: Feb Mar Apr Sep Oct Nov Dec

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 Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue (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 serious 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.

Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver

I hereby Grant to AAC and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

Further, I hereby release Agility Association of Canada Inc, and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar rights.

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.