Canines and Clovers 3rd Annual 4-H Agility Trial Premium

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015
Rain or Shine – Pre-Entry Required – 150 Run Limit

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds – Show Ring
Located at 1601 Industrial Park Rd, Boone, IA

Show Time 10:00am (check in from 9:00 to 9:30am, doors will open at 8:30am)

If you are currently participating in a county 4-H agility program in Iowa, we would like to invite you to our trial.

1. All participants are expected to read and follow the Trial Premium and Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics.

2. Participants MUST be a current Iowa 4-H member in good standing.

3. You are required to clean up after your dog inside and out, and remove all trash from your area when the show is over.

4. Dogs must be kept on leash or kenneled at all times when they are not in the ring.

5. All dogs attending and/or participating must be clean with no fleas, and be in overall good health. **Proof of Rabies and Distemper vaccinations** will be required with registration.

6. Any breed or mixture of breeds and/or size of dogs are allowed to compete. Female dogs in season, pregnant or nursing may not participate. Dogs must be over the age of 16 months to compete. We encourage older dogs to jump 1 height lower.

- **Registration must be postmarked by SEPTEMBER 4, 2015.** Registration should include the entry fee, a copy of Proof of Vaccinations, including Rabies & Distemper (signed by a veterinarian) and Shirt Order form
- **Entry fee is $4.00 per dog/per run.**
- Make checks payable to “Boone County Extension” Please put Agility Trial in MEMO on the check
- **Mail to:**
  Canines and Clovers 3rd Annual 4-H Agility Trail
  330 F Ave.
  Pilot Mound, IA 50223

Questions answered by Kris Goos at dreamtimeaussies@netzero.net or 515-203-0264

*A food stand will be available on site*  
*Camping also available – Contact the fairgrounds – 515-432-5899*
Because the safety of both dogs and 4-H members it is of paramount importance, the following rules will be enforced.

All Exhibitors are to read and follow all livestock general rules, code of ethics, health requirements, and herdsmanship guidelines. Remember all 4-H activities and events are to be youth focused. This means that this event will help teach young people lifelong skills and assets, utilizing their project, in this case – their dog, as a vehicle for learning those skills.

Eligibility of Exhibitor
- Must be active in your county dog project
- A good relationship between the dog and handler, which includes ability to control the dog whether stationary or when walking on leash.
- The ability to be peacefully approached by other dogs and handlers.
- Exhibitors may compete with more than one (1) dog. Family Members may share a dog, but the maximum number of 6 (runs) per dog per day.
- Exhibitor must wear the following during the agility trial/show - Shirt: clean 4-H shirt. Pants: long pants, Capri-length pants, or shorts in denim or khaki. At no time are short-shorts, cut-offs, open toed shoes, flip-flops, high heels, sandals, scarves, dangling jewelry, or chewing gum permitted.

Eligibility of Dogs - Dog must meet the following requirements:
- Be identified on the Dog ID form and on file at the EO or entered into 4honline.
- Must have current rabies and distemper vaccination.
- Any breed or mixture of breeds and/or size of dogs are allowed to compete.
- Must be at least 16 months old to compete. Dogs 7 years and older are encouraged to jump at least one height lower than their measured jump height.
- Female dogs in season, pregnant, or nursing may not compete at any level.
- Dogs that show signs of aggression toward humans or other dogs will not be permitted to participate.
- No dog with a physical or mental condition that would significantly impair their performance may participate.

Agility Trial Rules
- All dogs must be on the leash or in owner's kennel at ALL times except when being shown.
- All dogs will compete wearing a collar. Collars must be a plain, flat, well-fitting buckle or clip/quick release collar with no tags or other attachments. A slip lead may be used to bring a dog into the ring provided it is removed before the run begins.
- Training aids and treats are not permitted on the course.
- Handlers may not touch their dogs or an obstacle while running the course. Handlers may not jump over the jumps with their dogs.
- Beginners using a leash (approved 4’ or 6’ leash required) must hold it at all times except when the dog is going through a tunnel. After each tunnel, the leash must be picked up before the next obstacle is executed. No grabbing of the dog or collar is allowed. One warning will be given to a handler that is pulling/dragging a dog through the course, over or through obstacles. If another infraction occurs they will be dismissed from the ring. No slip leads allowed at this level.
- If a tab is being used it must not be to long that the dogs could step on it.
- It is the handler’s responsibility to know the appropriate jump height for their dog. Changes in jump height will not be allowed once the entry has been received, unless the Judge determines that the dog, for physical reasons, should not be jumping at the entered height.
- Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Any handler exhibiting poor sportsmanship such as swearing, yelling at their dog, excessive corrections, loud complaints about other exhibitors or the judge, etc., will be eliminated – receiving no ribbon.

General Scoring:
- A qualifying round is called a leg: 2 legs are required to advance to the next class each run is worth 100 points and faults subtracted. A fault consists of the loss of 5 or 10 points. Each run will be timed. Points and times will be used in case of a tie.
- Starting and Completion of a run: the dog shall be leashed before entering the ring. A dog's time starts whenever any part of the dog crosses the clearly marked start line. Judging the performance of the dog
shall not start until they have crossed the start line. A dog's time stops whenever any part of the dog crosses the finish line. The dog shall be leashed before exiting the ring.

- **5 point penalties (judge holds up one hand) include:** Refusals or run-by's, knocking down a jump bar, taking the wrong obstacle or back jumping, on and off the table, touching the dog or touching the obstacle (incidental touches expected), excessively guiding the dog with leash. Any interference or outside assistance that is intended to aid the dog or handler from persons outside the ring
  - Fault Abbreviations & Descriptions
    - “R” Refusal (-5 points) – coming to a complete halt with a 1 second pause in front of an obstacle.
    - "R" Run-by (-5 points) – Passing the plane of the entrance of an obstacle, to the side of the obstacle such that the dog must turn back on its path to complete the obstacle.
    - “N” Knocked Bar (-5 points) – displacement of any part of the bar, by the dog or handler, causing it to come off the supports.
    - "W" Wrong Course (-5 points) – completing any obstacle out of order. Completing an obstacle in order but in the wrong direction.
    - “T” Pause Table Fault (-5 points) – dog comes off the table with all four paws after being on the table with all four paws. Charged for the first occurrence only (plus the extra time that accumulates when the count stops, and is not resumed, until the dog is back in position)
  - Once a refusal/run-by has been incurred: the handler will have 15 seconds to encourage the dog to complete the obstacle. If the dog has not completed the obstacle at the end of this time period, the judge will instruct the handler to move on. The handler must then cease to attempt that obstacle and move on to the next obstacle on course. The handler may also choose to move on to the next obstacle before the end of the time period, prior to instruction by the judge.

- **10 point penalties (judge holds up two hands) include:** Failure to perform, not making contact in contact zones, not completing an obstacle, the handler going over the obstacle with the dog, grabbing the dogs collar instead of the leash, or missing one or more weave poles.
  - Fault Abbreviations & Descriptions
    - “F” Failure to Perform (-10 points) – not completing the performance of an obstacle before going on and completing the next obstacle in sequence.
    - “Fly Off” (-10 points) - Any dog that commits to a contact obstacle (A-frame, dog walk, seesaw) with all four paws must, for safety reasons, continue with the obstacle. Whether obstacle is completed or if the dog jumps off, dog and handler must go on to the next obstacle and may not attempt that obstacle again.
  - **Non-Qualifying penalties (the judge will ask you to leave the ring) receiving a white ribbon:** Dog unable to complete the course for any reason (including leaving the ring and not returning, ceasing to work, being out of control, etc), Failure to follow judge’s verbal instructions. Dog urinating or defecating in the ring.
  - Fault Abbreviations & Descriptions
    - “E” Elimination (NQ) – Actions by the dog or handler as listed in Non-Qualifying penalties and Unsportsmanlike conduct.
      - If the dog leaves the handler and/or ceases to work, the handler has a time limit equal to ¼ of the course time to reengage the dog and continue their run. If the handler regains control of the dog within the time limit, the team may continue the run. If the handler has not regained control of his/her dog at the end of the time limit, the run will be considered to be finished, the team will leave the ring and the next handler/dog team will start their run.

**Ribbons and Awards:**

- Ribbons will be awarded for Standard and Jumpers runs based on:
  - 85-100 points = Blue; 70-84 points = Red; 0-69 points = White
- Champion Agility Dog and Reserve Champion Agility Dog: Combination of points from both runs added together.
  - Purple Ribbon
  - In the event that two or more dogs tie with the same score, the dogs with the fastest time (both runs added together) will be champion and the second fastest time will be reserve champion.
Obstacle Performance Requirements - Based on AKC Equipment

**A-Frame:** Dogs must ascend one panel and descend the other in the direction designated by the judge and they must touch the contact zone on the down side only, with any part of one foot prior to exiting the obstacle apex 5'6". Beginner class: 4'6".

**Dog Walk:** Dogs must ascend one of the ramps, cross the center section, and descend the other ramp in the direction designated by the judge. They must touch the down contact zone with any part of one foot prior to exiting the obstacle.

**See Saw:** Dogs must ascend the plank touching the “up” contact zone with any part of one foot and cause the plank to pivot. At least one paw must touch the “down” contact zone after the plank has touched the ground and prior to exiting the obstacle with all four (4) paws.

**Pause Table:** The dog shall pause on the table (down, sit or stand position) for 5 cumulative seconds. The judge’s count shall start once all 4 paws have touched the table (and the dog remains on the table top) an interrupted count is re-started from the point it was interrupted. Table Heights: 4” for dogs jumping 4”, 8” for dogs jumping 8” and 12”, 16” for dogs jumping 16”

**Collapsed Tunnel:** The dog must enter the rigid opening to the tunnel and burrow through the collapsed portion of the tunnel.

**Pipe Tunnel:** The dog must enter the opening to the tunnel in the direction designated by the judge and exit the other end of the tunnel.

**Broad Jump:** The dog must jump over the planks without touching them; crossing between the front corner marker poles in the direction designated by the judge, clear the span of the planks and exit between the back corner marker poles.

**Tire Jump:** Dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction specified by the judge without knocking the tire/frame over. The Tire Jump’s height shall be set one jump height division lower than the Bar Jump height

**Weave Poles:** Dogs must enter the Weave Poles by passing between poles 1 and 2 with left shoulder continue this weaving sequence until they pass between the last pole. If the sequence is broken, the dog must restart the weave poles at the first pole. Dogs are allowed three attempts at the weave poles and then must go on.

**Jumps (Single, Double, Triple, Panel):** Dogs must jump over the top bar, without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.

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Please remember to have fun and enjoy yourself in agility and all the activities that you participate in with your dogs.

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Dog Agility Classes:

**Standard Class Descriptions / Requirements**
Variety of equipment which may include any of the following: 12’ dog walk, 9' A-frame, 12' teeter, single jumps, double jumps, triple jumps, panel jumps, broad jump, tire jump, pipe tunnel, closed tunnel, pause table, and weave poles.

**Standard Beginner - for teams needing to compete on leash.**
This is a simple "S" shaped, "M" shaped, or "U" (horseshoe) shaped course. 4'6" A-Frame in this class
A total of 10 obstacles are used – NO Teeter or Weave Poles
The standard course time is 75 seconds
Members show at this level until ready for competition off leash, and then must advance to Standard 1 the following trial

**Standard 1 – Teams not on leash will start in this class**
A total of 12 – 15 obstacles are used (including any obstacles taken more than once)
The standard course time is 75 seconds.
Members show at this level until achieving 2 legs of 5 faults or less in competition, and then must advance to Standard 2 the following trial

**Standard 2**
A total of 14 - 16 obstacles are used (including any obstacles taken more than once)
The standard course time is 70 seconds.
Members show at this level until achieving 2 legs of 4 faults or less in competition, and then must advance to Standard 3 the following trial

**Standard 3**
A total of 16 – 20 obstacles are used (including any obstacles taken more than once)
The standard course time is 60 seconds.
Qualified run is 3 faults or less in competition

**Jumpers Class Descriptions / Requirements**
Variety of equipment which may include any of the following: single jumps, double jumps, triple jumps, panel jumps, tire jump, pipe tunnels, and weave poles.

**Jumpers Beginner - for teams needing to compete on leash.**
This is a simple shaped course.
A total of 10 obstacles are used: NO Weave Poles
The standard course time is 55 seconds.
Members show at this level until ready for competition off leash, and then must advance to Standard 1 the following trial

**Jumpers 1 – Teams not on leash will start in this class**
A total of 12-15 obstacles are used (including any obstacles taken more than once)
The standard course time is 55 seconds.
Members show at this level until achieving 2 legs of 3 faults or less in competition, and then must advance to Jumpers 2 level the following trial

**Jumpers 2**
A total of 14 - 16 obstacles are used (including any obstacles taken more than once)
The standard course time is 50 seconds
Members show at this level until achieving 2 legs of 3 faults or less in competition, and then must advance to Jumpers 3 level the following trial

**Jumpers 3**
A total of 16 - 20 obstacles are used (including any obstacles taken more than once)
The standard course time is 45 seconds.
Qualified run is 2 faults or less in competition
WORKERS SIGN-UP FORM

We cannot manage a trial without the generous help of volunteers.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

E-Mail: ____________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________

All the Classes you are Entered in [(i.e.) STD2, JWW1, etc.] and Jump Height
________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________

Please check if you are interested in helping with:

Timer:  
Scribe:  
Transcriber:  
Score Sheet Runner:  
Leash Runner:  
Scoring Table Helper:  
Gate Steward:  
Bar Setter:  
Chute Setter:  
Course Builder:  
Any where needed:  

Thank you
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Registration Form (One Entry form per Dog/Participant)

NAME: ________________________________________
ADDRESS: ______________________________________
COUNTY: __________________________ PHONE: ____________
EMAIL: ______________________________________
DOG’S NAME & AGE: _____________________________
DOG’S HEIGHT AT SHOULDER: _______ DOG’S JUMP HEIGHT: _______

CLASS’S YOU WANT TO ENTER: (see end of premium for descriptions)

Standard Class: ____________________________ Jumpers Class: ______________
Standard Beginners ________________ Jumpers Beginners ________________
Standard 1 ________________ Jumpers 1 ________________
Standard 2 ________________ Jumpers 2 ________________
Standard 3 ** Jumpers 3 **

** If these classes have less than 5 pre-registration entries, we will combine the class to the next lower level class.

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I understand that liability will not be assumed by the Boone County Agricultural Association, Boone County ISU Extension Council, 4-H Youth Committee, and/or Canines and Clovers Dog Agility Group members. The groups named above will not be responsible or liable for accidents on the fairgrounds. Participants are responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to animals, persons, or property which may occur.

Exhibitor’s Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________
Canines and Clovers Agility Trial Shirt Order

The background color is the color of the shirt
Cost: $15.00 pre-order (Preferred so we can have them ordered)
We will have a few for sale the day of the Trial cost will be $18.00
If you would like to order a T Shirt please fill out and return:

Name:
Address:
Phone #:
Size: Youth:  S  M  L
Adult:    S  M  L  XL
Total # Ordered:
Total Cost (pay when you pick up):