

PRE-HALLOWEEN HOWLER AGILITY TRIAL



Limited* Entry Dog Agility Trial October 27 & 28, 2012

Wet Creek Stables, Balzac Alberta

INDOOR – SHAVINGS/DIRT MIX SURFACE – 1 RING

*Please check our Limited Entry Requirements on www.trainingtroop.rocky-dog.com.

Our Distinguished Judges:

Craig Peters (MB) SG, AG, ST2, AD2, SJ, AJ, AD3, ST3, AD4, ST4, AS, SS
Dave Langen (SK) MG, ST1, AD1, CC, MA2, MJ, SC, MA3, MA4, MS

Tentative Order of Classes

Saturday

Gamblers (SAM)
Standard 1 (SA)
AAC Challenge (M)
Standard 2 (SAM)
Jumpers (SAM)

Sunday

Steeplechase (all levels)
Standard 3 (MAS)
Standard 4 (MAS)
Snooker (MAS)

- 🔧 A breakaway/self-healing tire will be used.
- 🔧 Electronic timing *may be* used.
- 🔧 Contacts are rubberized with Agile Grip.

Trial Basics

Trial Chair: Audrey Hawthorne purpletejo@shaw.ca
Trial Secretary: Cindy Swiney TrainingTroop@telus.net

Entry Fees

\$13.00 per round / weekend package (8 classes) → \$95.00
\$1 per round goes to the Alberta/NWT Nationals Fund

ENTRY **OPENING** DATE: **September 21, 2012**
ENTRY **CLOSING** DATE: **October 5, 2012**

9th Annual Pre-Halloween Howler Agility Trial



Check out ↓

Great Pumpkin Draw!

The Prize Table!

The Outstanding Volunteer Award!

Prizes & applause for those brave enough
to enter the **Costume Contest!**



Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada



NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

EXHIBITORS, THROUGH SUBMISSION OF ENTRY, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF CURRENT AAC RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING... This event will be held in accordance with the current 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, 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 leading your dog on leash to the start and taking your dog from the ring, on leash, when your run is over.

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 aim for approximately 300-350 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.rocky-dog.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.
- Mailed entries are preferred. Entries postmarked before the opening date or after the closing date may not be accepted (dependent on whether our manageable runs limit has been reached).
- E-mailed entries *may* be considered (again, dependent on whether our manageable runs limit has been reached or not).
- Cheques are to be made out to the **Training Troop** and dated no later than the closing 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 Training Troop.**
 - A **\$10 administration fee** will be applied to any refund request received after the closing date.
 - 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). Class Move-Up forms will be available at the Results Table. Please submit them by the end of competition on Saturday.

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

Height at Withers/Shoulders:	≤ 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

All classes will receive flat ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th placements and qualifying ribbons for qualifying rounds. Title Rosettes available for dog/handler teams who receive an official AAC title on a qualifying round. Special recognition given to all titles, official or not.

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

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

As well as the daily free entry draws & guaranteed spot prizes, we are budgeting a certain amount from the entries of each of the 3 main trials (Oct/Jan/Mar) towards the

"Outstanding Volunteer Award".

Matt will draw from the saved volunteer sign up slips at the 2012 October trial.

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 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 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 as Junior Handlers under regular rules. If under JH rules, titles are awarded to the Junior Handler, not the dog.

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).

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.

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

VETERINARIANS

1. **Calgary North Veterinary Hospital & Emergency Service**
4204-4th Street NW
403-277-0135
Open 24 hours
2. **Heartland Veterinary Clinic**
Big Hill Springs Road, Airdrie
(right beside the Co-Op)
*Saturday 9am to 4pm -
emergency always on call*
403-912-8882



CAMPING

On-site camping for self contained units (arena washrooms will be accessible). Competitors can also set up sleeping bags in the box stalls for over night. Be warned: skunks do visit the cat food on a regular basis & may leave their "mark".

CONCESSION – HELP!

Kathy's Kitchen has successfully raised the funds they needed to host the Canadian Scottish Terrier National Specialty and are now officially retiring from the concession business. We are currently looking into other concession options. We were hoping that one of the breed rescues would like to take over the concession, as a way to raise funds to help with the many costs of a rescue organization. If you know of someone who may be interested in continuing the home cooking tradition we have enjoyed over the last 9 years, please have them contact us at TrainingTroop@telus.net.

OFFICIAL TRAINING TROOP ENTRY FORM:

Cheques Payable to:
Mail to:

PRE-HALLOWEEN HOWLER

Training Troop
c/o Box 21, Site 4, RR 1
Didsbury, AB TOM 0W0

OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2012

TrainingTroop@telus.net

Please sign and return the GENERAL AGREEMENT on the following page with your entry.

OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION (ON AAC CARD)

HAS ANY OF THIS INFORMATION CHANGED?

YES

*Handler/Owner Name:	Junior Handler # (if applicable):
*Address:	
*City:	*Province:
*Postal Code:	*Phone:
E-mail:	
Owner's Name (if different from Handler):	
Confirmations will be sent out by email after the closing date.	

DOG INFORMATION <i>(ON AAC CARD)</i>	Dog 1 AAC #:	Dog 2 AAC #:	Dog 3 AAC #:	Dog 4 AAC #:
Name				
Birth Date (dd/mm/yy)				
Dog's Height @ Shoulder				
Jump Height at Trial <i>(If dog is running with a JH, under JH rules, circle one height lower than dog normally runs.)</i>	Regular 10" 16" 22" 26" Specials 6" 10" 16" 22" Veterans 6" 10" 16" 22" JH Rules 6" 10" 16" 22"	Regular 10" 16" 22" 26" Specials 6" 10" 16" 22" Veterans 6" 10" 16" 22" JH Rules 6" 10" 16" 22"	Regular 10" 16" 22" 26" Specials 6" 10" 16" 22" Veterans 6" 10" 16" 22" JH Rules 6" 10" 16" 22"	Regular 10" 16" 22" 26" Specials 6" 10" 16" 22" Veterans 6" 10" 16" 22" JH Rules 6" 10" 16" 22"
SATURDAY <i>(Circle Class & Level)</i> Tentative Running Order: S A M Regular 10, 16, 26, 22 Spec/Vet 22, 16, 10, 6	GAMBLERS Starters Advanced Masters	GAMBLERS Starters Advanced Masters	GAMBLERS Starters Advanced Masters	GAMBLERS Starters Advanced Masters
	STANDARD 1 Starters Advanced	STANDARD 1 Starters Advanced	STANDARD 1 Starters Advanced	STANDARD 1 Starters Advanced
	AAC CHALLENGE Masters	AAC CHALLENGE Masters	AAC CHALLENGE Masters	AAC CHALLENGE Masters
	STANDARD 2 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 2 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 2 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 2 Starters Advanced Masters
	JUMPERS Starters Advanced Masters	JUMPERS Starters Advanced Masters	JUMPERS Starters Advanced Masters	JUMPERS Starters Advanced Masters
SUNDAY <i>(Circle Class & Level)</i> Tentative Running Order: M A S Spec/Vet 6, 10, 16, 22 Regular 22, 26, 16, 10	STEEPLECHASE (All Levels)	STEEPLECHASE (All Levels)	STEEPLECHASE (All Levels)	STEEPLECHASE (All Levels)
	STANDARD 3 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 3 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 3 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 3 Starters Advanced Masters
	STANDARD 4 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 4 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 4 Starters Advanced Masters	STANDARD 4 Starters Advanced Masters
	SNOOKER Starters Advanced Masters	SNOOKER Starters Advanced Masters	SNOOKER Starters Advanced Masters	SNOOKER Starters Advanced Masters
ENTRY FEES <i>(JH subtract \$1.25/run)</i> TOTAL of ALL ENTRIES: \$ _____	\$13/run x _____ = \$ _____ (-) _____ JH runs: \$ _____ Wknd Pkg (8 runs) = \$95 (+) Sat. Supper \$12: \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____	\$13/run x _____ = \$ _____ (-) _____ JH runs: \$ _____ Wknd Pkg (8 runs) = \$95 (+) Sat. Supper \$12: \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____	\$13/run x _____ = \$ _____ (-) _____ JH runs: \$ _____ Wknd Pkg (8 runs) = \$95 (+) Sat. Supper \$12: \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____	\$13/run x _____ = \$ _____ (-) _____ JH runs: \$ _____ Wknd Pkg (8 runs) = \$95 (+) Sat. Supper \$12: \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

**AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (“AAC”)
PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE**

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 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.
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: _____

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

Date (dd/mm/yy): _____

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 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.