

Canine Sports & Grooming Agility Trial Exhibitor Briefing August 29-31, 2025



Hello and thank you for supporting the Canine Sports & Games agility trial. We are very excited about our second agility trial and to be working with Judge LaDonna Snyder this weekend.

Please read through this letter to familiarize yourself with how the trial will run and any announcements for the weekend. This letter will be posted near with maps. We tried to make this as comprehensive as possible to save time at the briefings in the morning.

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR DOG AND OTHERS

Please take extra care with your dog(s) both inside and outside to encourage good manners. We sometimes forget to watch our dogs as we visit with others. Please be mindful of dogs around you, at the gate, and continue to keep respectful distance while waiting to go in the ring.

We ask that you do not let your dog run back to its crate as this can excite or surprise dogs in their crates that you pass. Please do not let your dog hang out in the aisles for extended periods as this is a busy trial and folks want to be able to get to and from their crates without incidents.

DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES

We will be taking Day of Show entries. **Please add the \$2/per run fee** to any runs after the closing date and email Michelle at csgagility@gmail.com ahead of time to speed up registration in the morning.

CRATING & SPECTATING

Crating is designed to be back-to-back. Please be considerate of other folks and only take up the space you need. If you are not showing consecutive days, you may be asked to condense your space to make room for others on days you are not at the site.

ADC requires mats under your crates and chairs. Remember the taped crating lines on the blue mats mark **the larger aisles for back-to-back crating or chair in front of your crate**. The narrow aisles are for walking.

There are late classes running on Thursday, so there is no early set up for exhibitors. The building will open at 7 a.m. each day of the trial for general set-up, measuring and day of show will take place between 7:15 - 7:45 each morning and the judge will call for dogs who need to be measured.

Reminders:

1. No toys or food are allowed within 10 feet of the ring.
2. Mats should be placed under all crates **and** chairs on the blue mat.
3. Speed limit is 5 miles per hour in the parking lot, please watch out for both people and dogs.

COURSE MAPS

Course maps are expected to be sent out by 6 p.m. each day. Michelle signs off her computer at 7 p.m. each night. If for some reason you haven't received maps, they will be posted each morning at the trial site. If you are staying at the Holiday Inn Express, sometimes people send maps to the front desk to print copies, check there if you would like a printed copy.

WALKING YOUR DOG

The north and east sides of the building between the parking lot and the softball fields is available for walking your dogs. Please pick up after them, there are bags on your way out of the building if you forgot yours. **Do not** go behind the building (south side), and do not go into the FastCat/Drag Racecourse, and please do not walk your dogs near Mayfield Tavern or on the softball fields. All Dogs Can does not own those properties and we need to be respectful.

WALK THROUGHS

Walk throughs are 5 minutes and separated by small (4-12 inch dogs) and tall (16-24 inch dogs). Once the first group has walked, handlers are asked to ready their dogs and be set to go when the next group has finished walking.

JUDGE'S BRIEFING

Notes will be on the maps for each day. The judge will give short briefings before each class and be available for questions at that time.

CHECK-IN

The gate sheets will be posted outside the entry gate before each class. You may check off your dog to indicate you are present and intend to run. **When you are on the start line, please say your dog's name loudly to the scribe's table** so they can make sure they have the correct score sheet since dogs are sometimes moved or absent. We have a lot of new folks and there have been some mix ups when folks change places in line. Always say your dog's name to the scribes.

COURSE BUILDERS AND RING CREW

Please sanitize your hands before and after you course build or work in the ring. Our head course builder for this trial is Linda Karalambo. If you wish to help, please see her for assignments.

LEASHES

Dogs may run with a flat buckle collar without tags. Handlers have their choice to put their leash in their pocket or safely loop it around their waist or neck. It cannot be carried. It does not have to be out of the dog's site, however, if the dog plays with it during the run, it would then be considered a toy. If the handler cannot or chooses to not carry the leash, they will drop it on the ground at the start line and the leash runner will pick it up and place it at the exit gate. Please be mindful of where you toss your leash.

RESULTS

Class results will be placed in our results book(s) at the back of the room and if you Qualified (Qd) in a run, you will find a label with the details. Only qualifying runs receive placement ribbons.

Please check your results after each class as we cannot make any changes after the day is done. If you have a question, see Michelle, Jackie or Kris at the Secretary Table and review your score sheet to see if it needs to be addressed by the judge. Obviously, it is much easier to correct any errors while the judge still has a good memory of the class. We are not responsible for errors caught after the trial has wrapped on Sunday.

RIBBONS

Qualifying ribbons are self-serve next to the results books. **Teal is for levels 1-5, Rainbow ribbons are for level C only.** If you choose not to take ribbons, we will have label sheets for you to save your results labels. Please do not tear the label sticker sheets for your sticker. If there are blank labels, we can use them, but not if the sheet is torn.

MOVE UPS

We will be taking day to day move ups for repeated classes. There will be a sheet near the results to indicate your move up/down for the next day's classes. Please remember to double check the gate sheets the following day to confirm the move ups were processed for your dog.

TITLES

If you expect to earn a title at our trial, we ask that you please email Michelle at csagility@gmail.com so we can plan to celebrate for you. It helps if you let us know the following:

- what title (ex: C-atch, CT-atch, CS-atch or Cate, CT-ate, CS-ate)
- number (ex: C-atch 3)
- what you need to earn the title (ex: Snooker Q, any Q, points, etc.,)

FOOD

We provide lunch for committee members and workers first. If there are leftovers we might be able to open up and ask for a donation for non-workers. There are a number of restaurants nearby and some deliver.

Water will be provided for workers. Please bring water for your dogs.

WORKER BUCKS AND RAFFLE

We can't run our trials without volunteers. As such we will give you a Worker Buck for every class you work, this is good for \$1 off your next CSG trial. Heather Salamay or Sari Bankson can give you the bucks, at the end of the day, tell them how many classes you worked and they will give you ticket for that amount. **Worker sign-up is now in My Dog Entry on our [trial page](#).**

We have worker raffles. You can take one raffle ticket for every class you work. Raffles are drawn each day at the end of the day. You can win one worker raffle each day and one NQ each day. We also have a daily NQ raffle.

STAYING AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN LAPEER

As always, pick up after your dog and please adopt stray poops so we can keep using this hotel for future trials.

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