

## **CATS 2026 CPE Briefing**

Welcome everyone and thank you for participating in the CATS 2026 CPE Event. We are so glad to be at American K9 Country and hope to make this a very safe and successful trial.

We will have a brief briefing at 7:45AM followed by first class walk thru. First dog on the line by no later than 8AM.

Please be aware this trial is FULL both days. We appreciate your help getting your dog to the line in a timely manner to help keep the trial moving.

**Worker Schedule:** Worker Schedule sign-up can be found on MyDogEntry and will become available after the final move-up deadline.

Here is protocol for the weekend:

AK9C/CATS is committed to comply with all city, state, national, and CPE mandates pertaining to our location and the well-being of the public and success of dog sports. We ask that all exhibitors comply with THEIR own local laws. If you are feeling ill, or have been around someone that is ill, we ask that you STAY HOME.

**Crating Area:** You may set up Crates & EZ Ups anywhere around the AK9C outside grounds. The fields behind the arena are very shaded & available for you to use. Indoor Crating is allowed, as well as crating in your car. Exhibitors should bring Water & Shade for their dogs. If you crate in your car, please be considerate of the cars next to you- Please do not run your car Heat/AC with the car next to you getting filled with carbon monoxide.

**There will NOT be a Food Vendor:** CATS will provide snacks and water to workers- please bring your own lunch etc.

**Facility:** Exhibitors will NOT have access to the AK9C Main Front Doors- Use side GREEN door ONLY. Exhibitors may use the UPSTAIRS restrooms via the "Side Green Door" ONLY.

**Course Maps:** Per CPE rules, the course maps will be posted to MyDogEntry after 3pm the afternoon before each trial day. Course maps will be posted upstairs. Paper copies will NOT be provided, it is recommended that exhibitors take photos of the maps with their phone / iPad etc.

**Results:** Results will be emailed to you and posted on Mydogentry at the completion of the trial, results will be posted during the day posted upstairs on the wall in the ribbon area.

**Ribbons:** Regular ribbons will be self-serve, there will be a ribbon table upstairs near the results. For any special awards please see Kim Heald, Cindy Stewart, or Cindy Schimelpfenig.

**Walk Thru's:** Large classes will have split walk thrus of 16-24" and 4-12". First dog on the line 5

minutes after the walk, OR immediately after the second walk-thru.

**Gate Steward:** The Gate person will call out, during the walk thru, any others that have not checked in. Please check-in or scratch your dog on your phone or tablet on MyDogEntry. This will help the gate steward keep the trial moving. Checking in for each class in the morning on the MDE platform allows the system to keep calculating the run-order estimated time. Check the big monitors at AK9C throughout the day, as after each dog runs, the system recalculates the estimated time.

**Entering the Ring:** The Café will be the staging area for the next 5 dogs to run. Please enter each gated “Staging-box” when instructed in order to keep the day moving smoothly, please enter the Ring ASAP when instructed by the Gate Steward- we have LOTS of runs to get through so please help us keep the day moving quickly. If you have treats, toys etc when in your staging- box, please be sure to place it on the white table in a green basket prior to entering the ring, you may gather your items after your run.

**Leashes:** Per CPE rules, exhibitors may place leashes in their pockets or wear them when running the course. If your dog reaches up and grabs the leash during your run, you will be given an NT.

**Briefings:** Only level 1,2 classes will have briefings, except Jackpot will brief all levels. For all other class levels exhibitors are not required to be inside the ring for the briefing.

**Volunteer Raffle:** NO Tickets will be given out - Each time you work, your name will be entered in a raffle for CATS trial coupons Winners will be announced throughout the day.

We thank you for being understanding and abiding by these rules. If you have any questions, please contact either Debbie Coggon, Margaret Roberge, or Cindy Stewart, CATS; or Alyssa Todd, Trial Secretary (alyssa.todd@gmail.com). We look forward to having a fun filled, safe agility event!

\*\*\*Mark your calendars for our second CATS CPE trial of the year, September 12th and 13th, 2026 - this year being held outdoors at Monadnock Humane Society!