



October 11-12, 2026 CPE Trial Confirmation Letter

Please read this letter carefully, it contains important information about the Hilltown Hounds Trial and the trial site. We are not taking day of show for this trial.

Course maps for each day will be available to competitors after 3pm the day before on My Dog Entry. They will not be emailed to you. Copies will be posted on site, there will not be any additional copies available at the trial. If you do need an explanation of anything at the trial the judge will be available to answer your question..

Returning this year!

All competitors will be entered in a raffle for a door prize sponsored by Hilltown Hounds. The door prize will be drawn on Saturday during the general briefing so if you are entered for one day you will be able to take home your prize.

Competitors Info for Roots Athletic Center 181 Root Rd, Westfield MA

We will have signs at the entrance.

Park in the back parking lot. We enter through the side door which brings you to the area we are using on the LEFT. You may drop your things off at the door and then go and park. Important: There will be parking spaces blocked by cones along the side of the building near our entrance. These spaces are reserved for use by designated people and some are handicapped spaces. If you park in any of the marked spaces you will be asked to move. If you need a handicap spot please contact MaryLou, buzz2004@verizon.net before Wednesday at 6PM. The marked handicap spots at the site are not near the door that we are using so we have to mark off closer spaces .

Please potty your dogs before you run. Don't wait until the last minute, give them time to go.

There will be a \$20 cash fee if your dog pees or poops or vomits in the building.

You must pick up outside or you will be asked to leave. We have poop bags at the door. Please take a few when you go outside.

No peeing on the building, trash cans, cones or anything people touch. OUTSIDE SOCCER FIELDS!! THESE ARE OFF LIMITS!

There is a nice trail to walk on at the back of the parking lot and sandy areas outside the building.

Dogs can have treats (please none that crumble) and water in the crating area. Humans only water, no food, coffee, soda etc

There is a kitchen area with tables and chairs to eat at. The club will have workers snacks and goodies in the kitchen area. Dogs are not allowed in these areas.

There is a small snack bar that will be open at 8am. They have coffee, soda, other drinks, snacks, pizza, chicken tenders, and hot pretzels. There is also a vending machine.

Please make sure to put a tarp or mat under your crate and chair.

Doors open Saturday and Sunday at 7 am for set up.

ENTRY CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES:

PLEASE double check your information carefully! Corrections and changes must be emailed to Chris Penna, chrispnn01@live.com by Tuesday evening at 6PM. Any changes made after that will incur a change fee of \$\$ no matter who is at fault.

CHECK IN, MEASURING AND BRIEFING

NO measuring on Friday.

Saturday & Sunday: Set-up 7:00 a.m. Measuring and Check-in: 7:15 -7:40 a.m. General briefing and first walk thru will follow. First dog on the line at 8:00 a.m. Dogs that need to be measured must be measured BEFORE their general briefing.

Class order:

October 11, 2026, tall to small	October 13, 2026 small to tall
Fullhouse Standard level 5C,23, 1 Snooker 35C, 12 Snooker 35C, 12 double down Colors 35C, 12	Standard level 1, 2, 3, 5C Jackpot 12, 3, 5C Wildcard 12, 35C Jumpers 12 35C

RETIRED DOG RUN:

We will again be doing a retired dog run on Sunday before Level 1 Standard runs. All retired agility dogs are invited to participate. All jumps will be on the ground and the handler can choose what obstacles to do or you can just parade around the ring to honor your dog. Please cheer on these old timers while they get the opportunity to be in the ring once again. Contact Mary Lou - 413-774-6521 or buzz2004@verizon.net

DECLARED TRAINING IN THE RING WILL BE OFFERED AT THIS TRIAL:

We will offer Declared training in the ring. The handler has the option if they want to use a toy or training aid at any time during their run, the handler must approach the Judge during Walkthrough or previously in that trial day for the Judge to approve the toy or training aid for use on the course. ☐ Handler must alert the Judge upon entry to the ring that the dog will be DTIR. Handler is then allowed to have a reasonably sized silent toy/aid with them for use once their run has started (this toy must be approved by the Judge of record PRIOR to the start of the class to determine its eligibility, absolutely no food/scents/audible devices). The toy is NOT allowed to be used in either gate chute or prior to the previous dog leaving the ring. See the online rulebook or current member letter for additional rules. The following items are considered training in the ring (see Fix and Go: ☐ Violating the 4 paw safety rule (directing the dog back onto the contact ☐ Start line stay – leaving the dog and going back again to reposition the dog after the handler passes the plane of the first obstacle (before the handler leaves the dog, repositioning or repeated commands can be a delay of start) ☐ Putting the dog back on the table in the point games

VOLUNTEERS:

Please sign up to work on My Dog Entry. [Trials - MyDogEntry](#) We will have a great raffle as always. Betsey Kamel will once again be our volunteer coordinator.

CATALOGS: The catalog will be posted on My Dog Entry. Due to Moveups, the catalog posted today may not be the exact run order at the trial.

VENDORS:

Tis the season for fall festivals and craft fairs. However, since most of us are too busy with our favorite activity, dog agility, Hilltown Hounds is happy to announce the following vendors will be at our October 11 & 12 CPE Agility Trial: The day and/or days that they will be there is indicated after the description.

Happy Dog T's of Vermont offers hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind batik clothing and gifts featuring dog paw designs. Saturday and Sunday

Lemayzing Sea Glass and Pebble Art specializes in framed coastal decor, whimsical pictures, and unique scenes crafted from naturally tumbled sea glass, smooth beach pebbles, and driftwood. Be sure to check out the dog-themed night lights. Saturday only

Sir Barks-A-Lot Dog Treats is a small family-operated business based in Belchertown, MA, that bakes all-natural, preservative-free dog biscuits and treats using real ingredients. Sunday only

Squirrel! - A Dog Bistro offers a unique food truck experience exclusively for dogs. Their signature items are bistro cups served alongside their homemade baked dog treats. Saturday only
Note: Weather permitting, Squirrel will be working from their food truck. Otherwise, they will be located indoors in the vendor section.

Brodester's Pet Boutique specializes in affordable and customizable flat buckle and martingale collars, scrunchie neck bandannas, leashes, and bowties. Sunday Only

Arty Fartsy Photos By Shanon will be capturing the action in the ring. Shanon will also be available to take candid shots by request. Saturday and Sunday

QUESTIONS

Please send any trial questions you may have to Gail Moran or Mary Lou Molongoski, trial chairs, at buzz2004@verizon.net (Mary Lou) or moran01027@yahoo.com (Gail) or call 413-531 -5327 .

If you have any questions about your entry, email Chris Penna, chrispnn01@live.com.

We're looking forward to a wonderful trial. Thanks for entering and we hope you will all have fun!

Gail Moran, Trial Co-Chair,

Mary Lou Molongoski. Trial Co-Chair

Chris Penna, Trial Secretary