Alberta Herding Dog Rescue

RE-HOME · RE-TRAIN · REHABILITATE

Limited* Entry Dog Agility Trial

Rocky View K9 Sport Arena, Rocky View County, Alberta

INDOOR – Packed Sand Surface – 1 RING

Our Distinguished Judges:

Sandi Maday (AB) & Shannon Elves (AB)

Tentative Order of Classes

Saturday MG, AG, SG, MA1, AD1, ST1, SC, MJ1, AJ1, SJ1

Sunday SJ2, AJ2, MJ2, SS, AS, MS, TR, ST2, AD2, MA2

Trial Committee

Trial Chair/Volunteers:	Ellen Jamieson
Trial Secretary:	swineyc@xplornet.ca
Results:	Cindy Swiney
Ribbons & Awards:	Debbie Harding

Entry Fees

$16.00 per round
$12.00 per round for Junior Handlers running under Junior Handler rules.

ENTRY OPENING DATE: **September 1st, 2026**

ENTRY CLOSING DATE: **October 2nd, 2026**

October 10 & 11, 2026
"Bare Turkey Bones"
Agility Trial
~7:00 am to ~6:00 pm

A self-healing tire will be used.

Electronic timing *may* be used.

Contacts are rubberized.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This event will be held in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the Agility Association of Canada (AAC). **EXHIBITORS, THROUGH SUBMISSION OF ENTRY, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF CURRENT AAC RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

All breeds and mixed breeds eighteen months of age and older (no exceptions) are eligible to compete. Blind, lame, or aggressive dogs are ineligible, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance (judge's discretion). **Bitches in season will NOT be allowed to compete at this trial.**

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 that a toy or securely sealed food container may be used (as described in the AAC rules) during FEO runs. Our expectations, if we are to offer FEO runs, is that you be courteous of other dogs around you and/or those entering & exiting the ring - do NOT play tug, or throw the toy or food container, where it may distract or disrupt the team currently on the course. FEO is not intended to be a "free for all" for the maximum course time - it is intended to give actual ring/trial experience (at any height/category/class) without being dismissed for using a toy to reward (tugging permitted) & without results being part of the dog's permanent record. Until AAC legislates otherwise, it is our interpretation that handlers should be ***trying*** to run the course (or play the game) as they would in normal competition. If you only want to TRAIN specific obstacles (contacts, for example), please let the judge know & please make the repetitions fast, fun & rewarding for the dog. Deliberately repeating the same obstacle, or sequence of obstacles, results in the whistle blown at Open SCT. *Note: With well nested courses, judges may dismiss you for unsportsmanlike conduct if they deem you are deliberately practicing a sequence from an upcoming class.*

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 reserve the right to limit the entries to what we consider a manageable number (approximately 250-300 runs).

BITCHES IN SEASON WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.

- Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue will not be allowed entry.
- Mailed or E-Mailed entries accepted. Entries dated before the opening date or after the closing date *may not* be accepted (dependent on whether our manageable runs limit has been reached).
- Cheques are to be made out to the **Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue** & must be included with mailed entries or due at check in if entry was emailed. Email money transfers can be sent to HerdingDogRescue@telus.net & due **upon receiving confirmation** of entry
- 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 Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue.**
    - *A **$5** administration fee may be applied to any refund request or change in entry information received after the closing date.*
    - *There will be a **$20** charge on **NSF** cheques.*

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. Same day or next day move ups will be allowed (ex: if you receive a title Q in round 1, you may move up in round 2). Please inform the score table & add/remove your dog to the Gate Lists & Scribe Sheets before that next run.

HEIGHT CATEGORIES AND JUMP HEIGHTS

Your dog's height category is based upon its measured height as entered on its AAC height card. Anyone wishing to run *"For Exhibition Only"* will be judged the same as the regular competitors but you may choose any jump height, any category, any class &/or level. 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 Shoulders:	**≤ 12"**	**>12" & ≤ 15"**	**>15" & ≤ 18"**	**>18" & ≤ 22"**	**>22"**
Regular Jumping Height	8" *or* 12"	12" *or* 16"	16" *or* 20"	20" *or* 24"	24"
Specials Jumping Height	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"
Single Drop Veteran/JH* Jump Height	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"
Double Drop Veterans/JH* Jump Height	N/A"	4"	8"	12"	16"

**JH heights depend on dog's current competition height but MUST be at least 1 jump height lower than the Regular height category for that dog, as noted on ID card.*

RIBBONS & AWARDS

Flat ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th placements will be offered & qualifying ribbons for qualifying rounds are available. Title ribbons available for dog/handler teams who receive an official AAC title on a qualifying round.

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 category, any class and/or any level or jump height but they will not be competing for placements or titles and the results will not be reflected on the dog's permanent record. See FEO rules under "Notice to Exhibitors".

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 under regular rules. If under JH rules, titles are awarded to the Junior Handler, not the dog and the dog MUST jump one height lower than their Regular height or, if already competing at a lower height, they may jump one height lower than they are currently competing at.

Senior Handler or Handler with a Disability (Accessibility Option/AO)
Senior handlers (65 years and over) and handlers with disability may request a modified course time and a modified points requirement. Handler's dog shall be entered at its current competition jump height and category; modified time and reduced point requirements are a concession for the handler, not for the dog. Handlers can choose to have this option at any given trial, provided they enter as a Senior/Disabled Handler for the whole of the trial

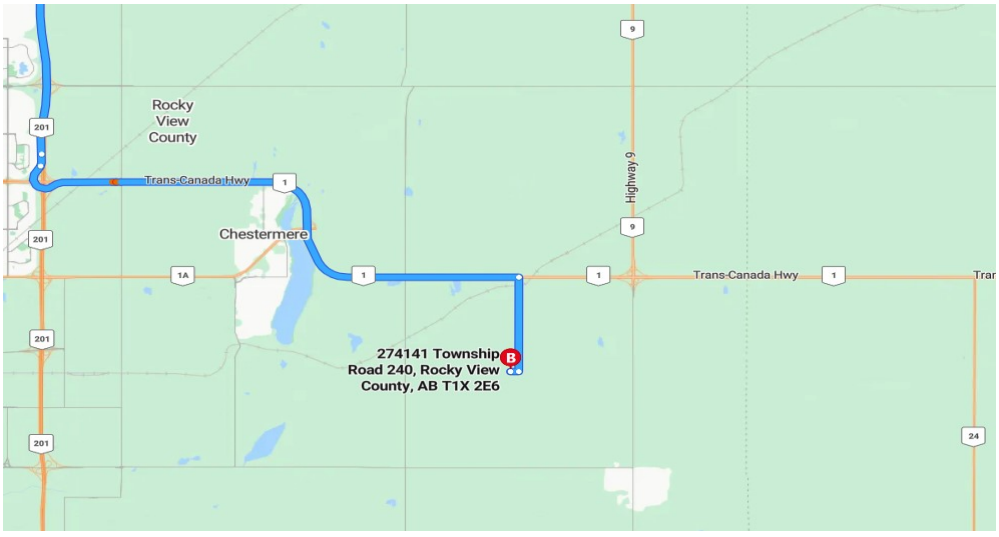
Standard Class
Standard agility classes demonstrate the dog's ability to perform the minimum equipment & handling requirements of the various performance levels (starters, advanced, masters).
AAC Challenge demonstrates the dog & handler's ability to manoeuvre, at speed, through a standard course designed more to world & international levels

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.

VETERINARIANS

1. **Chestermere Veterinary Clinic**
   23-140 E Chestermere Drive
   403-**272-3573**
   Closes @ 5:00 pm

2. **Western Veterinary Specialist & Emergency Centre**
   1802-10th Avenue SW
   403-**770-1340**
   Open 24 hours



Course Set Up, Benching, Check-In, Measure-In

7:00 am - 8:30 am will be for setting the course, check & measure in. These can only be short, fun days if everyone helps where they can. Volunteers get preferential acceptance to future trials.

We need your help to make these trials fun & fast!

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

ALBERTA (AB) HERDING DOG REFERALS & SUPPORT 2026 BARE TURKEY BONES AGILITY TRIAL OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Mail entries to: Box 21, Site 4, RR 1 Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
E-Mail (scanned or picture) entries & Dog ID cards to: SWINEYC@XPLORNET.CA

Please sign and return the GENERAL AGREEMENT (last page) with your entry.

Owner Name: _____ AO (Senior/Disabled Handler)? **YES** **NO**

(JH) Handler's Name *(if different from owner)*: JH # (JH rules or JH double Qs):

Address:

City: Province: Postal Code: Phone:

***Email:**

REQUIRED – confirmations will be sent out by email, after closing date.

DOG INFORMATION	AAC #	AAC #	AAC #	AAC #
Dog NAME:				
Breed:				
Birth Date (dd/mm/yy)**:**				
Dog's Height @ Withers:				
Dog's competition category:	**Reg/Spec/Vet/DDVet**	**Reg/Spec/Vet/DDVet**	**Reg/Spec/Vet/DDVet**	**Reg/Spec/Vet/DDVet**
Jump Height at this trial:	**4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"**	**4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"**	**4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"**	**4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"**
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 *(Circle or Highlight Class & Level)* **M→A→S**	**GAMBLERS** Mst Adv Str FEO?	**GAMBLERS** Mst Adv Str FEO?	**GAMBLERS** Mst Adv Str FEO?	**GAMBLERS** Mst Adv Str FEO?
	STANDARD 1 Mst Adv Str FEO?	**STANDARD 1** Mst Adv Str FEO?	**STANDARD 1** Mst Adv Str FEO?	**STANDARD 1** Mst Adv Str FEO?
	STEEPLECHASE ALL FEO?	**STEEPLECHASE** ALL FEO?	**STEEPLECHASE** ALL FEO?	**STEEPLECHASE** ALL FEO?
	JUMPERS 1 Mst Adv Str FEO?	**JUMPERS 1** Mst Adv Str FEO?	**JUMPERS 1** Mst Adv Str FEO?	**JUMPERS 1** Mst Adv Str FEO?
SUNDAY OCTOBER 11 *(Circle or Highlight Class & Level)* **S→A→M**	**JUMPERS 2** Str Adv Mst FEO?	**JUMPERS 2** Str Adv Mst FEO?	**JUMPERS 2** Str Adv Mst FEO?	**JUMPERS 2** Str Adv Mst FEO?
	SNOOKER Str Adv Mst FEO?	**SNOOKER** Str Adv Mst FEO?	**SNOOKER** Str Adv Mst FEO?	**SNOOKER** Str Adv Mst FEO?
	TEAM RELAY Partner:_____ Or Draw?	**TEAM RELAY** Partner:_____ Or Draw?	**TEAM RELAY** Partner:_____ Or Draw?	**TEAM RELAY** Partner:_____ Or Draw?
	STANDARD 2 Str Adv Mst FEO?	**STANDARD 2** Str Adv Mst FEO?	**STANDARD 2** Str Adv Mst FEO?	**STANDARD 2** Str Adv Mst FEO?
ENTRY FEES	**$16.00/run x _____**	**$16.00/run x _____**	**$16.00/run x _____**	**$16/run x _____**
	Junior Handler rules $12.00/run x _____	***Junior Handler rules $12.00/run x _____***	***Junior Handler rules $12.00/run x _____***	***Junior Handler rules $12.00/run x _____***
$_____	**Add my voluntary donation to AB Herding Dog Rescue to support smaller organizations that took in our rescues.**			
$_____	**Add my voluntary contribution of $1.00 (or more) to support the AAC National Dog Team's participation in IFCS World Championship events.**			
$_____	**TOTAL** > Email money transfer to **HerdingDogRescue@telus.net** once you have received confirmation of entry.			

AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA ("AAC")
PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE

Handler/Owner 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 Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue (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 serous 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.

Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver

I Hereby Grant to AAC and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

Further, I hereby release Agility Association of Canada Inc, and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar rights.

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 (s): _____ Date *(dd/mm/yy)*: _____

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

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 Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue 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.