

COSSA AKC AGILITY TRIAL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 24-26, 2017

Welcome to the Central OH Shetland Sheepdog Association agility trial... we hope you enjoy yourselves and that we see you again next year (check www.furrydogs.com for updates to this and future trials)! You'll find confirmations for your entries included in this mailing; please review them carefully and report any errors or missing information to the Secretary ASAP. Move-ups are due by **6pm on Monday, November 20th**.

Below you'll find ring assignments and the running schedule for the weekend. Please plan your arrival accordingly; also those of you who generously volunteered to work will receive a worker assignment schedule so that you can plan your weekend.

Check-in: Exhibitors who indicated no need for measurements and have no other special check-in requirements should simply check in on the ringside gate sheets. Everyone should also check the posted "refund due" sheets to see whether you need to pick up a refund check. No armbands will be issued!!

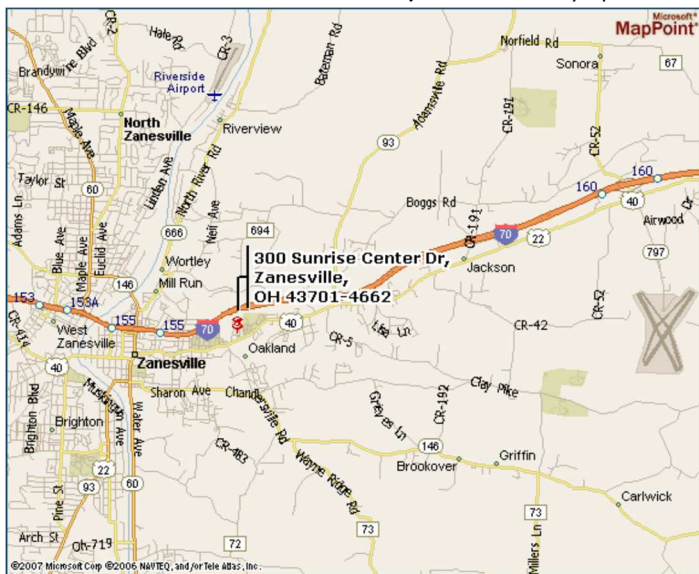
Measuring: If you checked "my dog needs to be measured", please be prepared to have your dog measured **prior to running** - please allow some extra time to do this prior to the start of judging. We should have a VMO present all three days - all dogs w/o a height card **MUST** be measured.

Schedule

Ring 1 (Std)	Friday	Ring 2 (JWW)
~9:00 Premier STD walk/briefing (after M/E FAST) → ~9:15 Premier STD judging begins followed by Master/Ex STD walk & judging followed by Open STD walk & judging followed by Novice STD walk & judging followed by T2B walk & judging (ALL HEIGHTS)		8:15 Master/Ex FAST walk/briefing → 8:30 Master/Ex FAST judging begins followed by Open+Novice FAST walk & judging followed by Novice JWW walk & judging followed by Open JWW walk & judging followed by Master/Exc JWW walk & judging followed by Premier JWW walk & judging
Ring 1 (Std)	Saturday	Ring 2 (JWW)
7:30 Premier STD walk/briefing 8:00 Premier STD judging begins followed by Master/Ex walk & judging followed by Open STD walk & judging followed by Novice STD walk & judging followed by Master/Ex FAST walk & judging		8:00 Open+Novice FAST walk/briefing 8:30 Open+Novice FAST judging begins followed by Novice JWW walk & judging followed by Open JWW walk & judging followed by Master/Ex JWW walk & judging followed by Premier JWW walk & judging
Ring 1 (Std)	Sunday	Ring 2 (JWW)
7:30 Master/Ex STD walk/briefing 8:00 Master/Ex STD judging begins followed by Open STD walk & judging followed by Novice STD walk & judging followed by: T2B (ring & height order will be determined at show to most efficiently complete the class)		8:00 Novice JWW walk/briefing 8:30 Novice JWW judging begins followed by Open JWW walk & judging followed by Master/Ex JWW walk & judging

- Running order: **4" to 26"** all three days
- STD & JWW: Novice B/A/P will run together by height in that order, as will Open/OpPref; Mas/MasP/Ex/ExP; and Prem/PremP
- Mas/Exc STD/JWW will be split into 5 walkthroughs (4/8, 12 16, 20, 24/26) minimum. FAST & Nov/Open STD/JWW will not be split by height.
- **IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A CONFLICT - THEN PLEASE WALK &/or RUN WITH AN EARLIER HEIGHT!** (or be prepared to sacrifice your kneecaps...)

Show Site Info and Directions (Fieldhouse Family Sports & Wellness Center, 300 Sunrise Ctr, Zanesville OH 43701):



Food and indoor restrooms will be available at the show site. **Food concessions will operate from 11am-1pm each day at a minimum;** extended hours may be offered solely at the discretion of the facility. **Overnight RV parking & camping at the show site is permitted;** please contact Trial Chair if questions. No dogs may be left unsupervised overnight at the site, but crates/ex-pens may be left at the owner's risk. **There will NOT be general crating set up Thursday evening. However, if you can help with set-up on Thursday evening, please contact Glenn Rawsky (smawsky@furrydogs.com).** We need a **limited** number of workers to help, who will be allowed to set up crates after trial set up is complete. The building will **open at 7:00 AM Friday morning** for set up. There is plenty of space; however everyone is **REQUIRED** to place a waterproof tarp/mat underneath crates and chairs to protect the track. This will be strictly enforced!! **Please clean up after your dogs!** This show is being held at a private sports facility. **No dogs are allowed in the restrooms!**

Directions:

From the East, take I-70 to Exit 157; turn left (South) on SR-93 for 0.2mi; then turn right (West) onto US-22/US-40. Travel West for 1.1mi; Sunrise Center will be on your right (North).

From the West, take I-70 to Exit 155 for OH-60S/OH-146E. Bear left onto Elberon Ave; go 0.1mi, and turn right (South) onto OH-60S/146E. Travel

0.2mi and turn left (East) onto US-22/US-40. Travel East for 1.2mi; Sunrise Center will be on your left (North).

Hotel Info: Many area hotels accept well-mannered dogs and handlers; some may charge additional fees for pets, so please call ahead to verify acceptance. Please clean up after your pets at the hotels! They are considered extensions of the show site, and we have requested these properties to notify us of any problems so that appropriate actions may be taken. The Exit 155 hotels are closest to the show site; Exit 160 hotels are a couple miles further (although only ~5 minutes farther). There are additional hotels ~20 minutes East and West of Zanesville (including a Red Roof). A list is available in the premium and any currently arranged "show rates" are listed on www.furrydogs.com.

This is a preliminary judging schedule which is contingent upon moveup entries not yet received, and/or waitlisted entries added after closing.

Ring 1 (STD + T2B –Winter) Total: 219

Class	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	26"	Tot
STD-Prem	-	5	2	1	14	5	-	27
STD-M/E	3	23	16	23	43	20	-	128
STD-Open	-	3	1	3	3	4	-	14
STD-Novice	-	1	-	3	4	-	-	8
T2B	-	4	6	7	17	8	-	42

Ring 2 (JWW + FAST -Morgan) Total: 238

Class	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	26"	Tot
FAST-M/E	-	5	6	6	11	9	-	37
FAST-Op	-	-	-	3	7	4	-	14
FAST-Nov	1	4	1	2	3	1	-	12
JWW-Nov	1	2	-	4	4	3	-	14
JWW-Op	-	2	-	3	3	3	-	11
JWW-M/E	3	23	18	23	41	18	-	126
JWW-Prem	-	4	4	2	11	3	-	24

Ring 1 (STD + Mas/Exc FAST – Morgan) Total: 285

Class	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	26"	Tot
STD-Prem	-	3	4	10	16	7	-	40
STD-M/E	1	22	35	35	52	25	-	170
STD-Open	-	2	2	3	4	3	-	14
STD-Novice	-	1	2	4	7	1	-	15
FAST-M/E	-	3	7	10	16	10	-	46

Ring 2 (JWW + Open/Nov FAST – Winter) Total: 283

Class	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	26"	Tot
FAST-Op	-	1	3	4	6	5	-	19
FAST-Nov	1	4	2	2	8	-	-	17
JWW-Nov	1	1	2	3	5	4	-	16
JWW-Op	-	2	1	4	6	1	-	14
JWW-M/E	1	22	38	36	51	24	-	172
JWW-Prem	-	4	5	9	21	6	-	45

Ring 1 (STD + 16" & 20" T2B – Winter) Total: 194

Class	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	26"	Tot
STD-M/E	4	16	31	32	50	25	-	158
STD-Open	-	1	2	1	-	3	-	7
STD-Novice	-	1	-	4	2	-	-	7
T2B (in Ring 2)				6	16			22

Ring 2 (JWW + 4, 8, 12, 24, 26" T2B – Morgan) Total: 199

Class	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	26"	Tot
JWW-Nov	1	1	-	3	1	2	-	8
JWW-Op	-	2	1	2	3	3	-	11
JWW-M/E	3	16	32	34	47	24	-	156
T2B	-	2	10			12	-	24

Run fast, run clean!
-The COSSA Agility Trial Committee

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SPECIAL REMINDER:

Please remember that dogs are to be pottied only in either (a) the areas behind the building, or (b) on the GRASS surfaces in front of the building. Do not let your dogs relieve themselves on any man-made object or surface in either area! (i.e. raised landscaped areas including the shrubs & mulch in them, or parking blocks, bag dispensers, trash cans, ramps, railings, stairs, your (ex-)friend's car, etc) So when bringing your dogs into the building, please do not allow yourself to be distracted because you're dragging a load of crates at the same time (make two trips – it's not that hard!), or stop to talk to your friends, etc – there's plenty of time for that later! ☺

Remember that the Fieldhouse has paying members who are using the facility while we are there as their guests, and we need to create as little an imposition on them as possible... otherwise we run the risk of not being allowed to hold agility trials there in the future. Anyone caught violating these rules will be asked to leave for the remainder of the weekend with no refund of fees, and may be subject to disciplinary charges. Please – keep an eye on your own dogs, and also those of your friends! We all want to have trials here for many years to come!

2nd SPECIAL REMINDER - Concessions:

Yes, there will be food concessions – either Harriet (Fieldhouse) or a local organization trying to raise some needed \$. Hours of operation are solely at their discretion; but the more you support them, the more likely they'll be open longer. There are also several nearby restaurants available.

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It's the Giving Time of year! Parkersburg OTC is again organizing a Holiday Toy Drive for underprivileged children in the greater Zanesville area. We are partnering with the local Salvation Army to distribute toys collected at the upcoming COSSA AKC agility trials (Nov 24-26), to help make this holiday season a little more special for those in need. Your generosity last year was overwhelming, and brought innumerable smiles to the faces of local children!

We're asking that everyone entered in the upcoming trials bring at least one toy geared towards 5-12 year-old children. The gift does NOT need to be wrapped (the Salvation Army needs to be able to identify the age target and any gender target of the toy!), it only needs to be new and unopened. Better yet, we challenge everyone to donate a toy from each *dog* you have entered in the trial!

We're all very fortunate to be able to play this game we call Agility with our dogs as much as we do. So let's take this opportunity to give back to the community which has made it possible for us to hold these events at a great facility, and let them know how much we appreciate being able to come and play with our "furry families"!

Use this as an opportunity to practice your shopping skills before Black Friday, at all the "Early Bird" sales that are starting this weekend... wouldn't want you to get a shopping injury in a week from lack of warmup, & have to miss an agility trial! ;-)

Thanks again in advance for your generous support! We'll have collection areas set up, probably near the scoring area so that it's convenient for everyone.

And finally...

4th SPECIAL REMINDER – B-Match

After the trial finishes on Saturday, POTC will be hosting a B-Match! This is a great opportunity to work on skills your dog needs practice on in a show setting, without the restrictions of a regular run. Runs are \$10 each, and you'll have 90 seconds to work on whatever you want (in the STD ring, so contacts will be out).

You will be allowed to bring toys into the ring (but not treats; however you may have those just outside the ring gates if you want to take your dog to them at any point during your 90 seconds), and can stop however often you'd like during your time to reward your dog.

We'll have 50 runs available; you can pre-enter to reserve your slot (the entry form is on my website, at <http://www.furrydogs.com/AgilityTrials.htm>), or you can sign up during the trials on Friday or Saturday, until 5pm Saturday or whenever the trial ends that day (whichever is earlier).

-POTC & our Fieldhouse friends