

TRIAL GAMES DESCRIPTION: The Judge's briefing on the day of the trial takes precedence over the information provided here.

TAG TEN (SATURDAY): Sixty seconds are allotted for play. From the starting line the team begins by gathering a 10-point set and then must "tag" using one of the two tires on the course. The team continues in this fashion until time expires.

JUMPERS CDS (SATURDAY)

CDS stands for call, direct, and send. In this game, the team negotiates the numbered course. The course contains three distance challenges that the team may attempt: a call over obstacles, direct to obstacles, and a send over obstacles to the finish.

WEAKEST LINK (SUNDAY): The objective is to score as many points as possible in the allotted time. The dog and handler team have 60 seconds to accumulate the best score possible. Direct the dog to any obstacle to earn points.

MINIATURE GOLF (SUNDAY)

There will be three short numbered courses on the field. The objective is to complete one of these mini-courses successfully. The course to be run will be determined based upon which of the three tunnels the dog takes at the tee.

Sanctioned
Teacup Dogs Agility Association

Agility Trial



SAT & SUN, MAY 8TH & 9TH, 2010

3 STANDARD CLASSES AND 2 GAMES EACH DAY

Saturday: Tag Ten, Jumpers CDS ~ Sunday: Weakest Link, Mini Golf



LITTLETON, MA

JUDGE: LOLA GRAB

ENTRY METHOD ~ FIRST RECEIVED ~ NO OPENING DATE ~ \$12 PER CLASS
Entries may be mailed/received at any time once the premium has been published. Overnight envelopes must have the recipient's signature waiver signed or the envelope may be delayed.

FINAL CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, April 28, 2010
No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date
Checks will be cashed as they are received;
if your check is cashed, your entry has been accepted!
FINAL MOVE-UP DATE: Monday, May 3, 2010 at 10:00pm EST

DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES: Accepted 7:00am-8:00am
FEO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR \$8 PER CLASS.

TRIAL SITE: Indoor Trial on 3/4-inch rubber horse stall matting.

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON Nancy Basley 53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460 woof@geminidogs.com (978) 486-9922	TRIAL SECRETARY Michelle Borelli 53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460 michelle@geminidogs.com (978) 387-3663
COMMITTEE MEMBERS Penny Allen, Kim Lewis	

CERTIFICATION: Permission has been granted by the Teacup Dogs Agility Association for the holding of this event under TDAA Rules and Regulations.

The following order is the scheduled order for the trial to be run. If the order needs to be changed for the trial due to extreme pre-trial circumstances, it will be posted in the confirmation letter sent to pre-entered exhibitors at least 7 days before the first trial day. The order will only be changed at the trial in the case of an extreme reason and must be agreed upon by the host club and judge.	
DAY 1 ~ SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, 2010	DAY 2 ~ SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 2010
Tag Ten Standard Standard Jumpers CDS Standard	Weakest Link Standard Standard Miniature Golf Standard
Trial Site opens at 7:00am each day.	

ELIGIBILITY: This trial is open to all dogs 17 inches and under at the withers that are over the age of 12 months, except bitches in season, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect a dog's physical or mental performance. Your dog must be registered with TDAA to participate in TDAA Trials. There is a registration form included in this premium, or you can register the first day of the trial. TDAA rules can be obtained online at www.k9tdaa.com.

HANDICAPPED HANDLERS: Accommodations are now made for disabled handlers. A time exemption will be granted to disabled handlers amounting to 4 seconds in standard course times and in qualifying course times for games classes. The proof of disability shall be the issued disability parking tag.

MEASURING: Measuring will take place between 7:00am-8:00am each day.

OWNER: A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a show closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of the new owner in any entries which close after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been made to TDAA.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Trials run smoother with your help! ☺
We can be flexible at the trial if you need some extra time for your dog(s) and are in need of a replacement for one of your assigned jobs. A raffle will be provided and we also offer refreshments for our volunteers!

Name: _____ **TDAA #:** _____

Available Saturday Available Sunday I have a special request:

Please check off any jobs you are interested in performing:

- REGISTRATION:** Provide an envelope to entrants as they check-in (you would need to be at the trial site by 6:45am to perform this job).
- BUILDING COURSES:** You will be setting the course via a map provided.
- STEWARDED THE GATE:** Very important to the speed of the trial. You are responsible for getting the dogs ready to go into the ring by announcing the names of the dogs that are coming up in the running order. You will also yell, "Going up to x-inches!" before the first dog at the new height enters the ring.
- RUNNING LEASHES:** You will retrieve the currently-running-dog's collar and leash soon after he leaves the start line, and take it to the exit area. Easy!
- SETTING BARS:** You will sit in the ring during a class and re-set any bars that are knocked over, and/or straighten the chute. You will also change the jump heights on equipment as they are announced by the gate steward.
- TIMING:** Important job! Either start and stop the clock as a dog crosses the start/finish line, or blow a whistle when a certain amount of time has passed.
- ASSISTING THE SCRIBE:** You will load a clipboard with next dog's scribe sheet, and hand it over to the scribe. You'll also pass the sheets to the sheet runner.
- SCRIBING:** Watch the judge and record points/faults. We have highlighted the areas where you will make your marks; you will NOT add up points, or convert times, or write anything outside of the highlighted area. That is the job of the scoring table. Remember, your job is to watch the judge, not the dog. Your job is extremely important to the competitors, for obvious reasons!
- SCORING TABLE:** If you like math, this job is for you! You will have a printout with specific scoring instructions for the class. Experienced? Let us know!
- RUNNING SHEETS:** This is a VERY important job! You determine how fast we can post our results! It is critical that you bring the scribe sheets immediately to the scoring table each time a dog finishes a run. We like to post results FAST!
- AWARDS TABLE:** You will assist entrants who are retrieving their placement rosettes and Q ribbons by locating the competitor's award stickers for them.

CHECKLIST:

- Completed Entry Form(s) for EACH dog entered.
Please write clearly to ensure accuracy of the information.
- Completed Agreement Form(s) for EACH dog entered.
- Photocopy of TDAA measurement card for EACH dog entered.
(If you do not have your card, the dog will be measured at the trial.)
- Completed Fast Track Request Form (if applicable).
- Completed TDAA Dog Registration Form(s) if registering your dog(s).
- Completed Volunteer Sign Up Sheet. We will make sure you get adequate time to warm up your dog and do your walk-through!
- Review your information before submitting these forms.
- Sign the Entry Form(s), Agreement Form(s) and TDAA Dog Registration Form(s).

FAST TRACK MOVE-UPS: Titles may be grandfathered from other organizations on a "Fast Track" basis. A dog with a higher title from another organization may move up on the same day to the next level of TDAA competition with a qualifying score. It is possible to move up from Beginner to Superior on the same day if the dog qualifies first in Beginner and again in Intermediate. A qualifying score in the lower class is required to move up to the next higher class. Likewise, a dog can move up from Games I to Games III by earning qualifying scores in the lower two levels. The dog's owner must submit a copy of title certificates for the dog. Please mark each that apply and submit \$8 with this FAST TRACK Move-Up Request form below. Payment of the \$8 is not a guarantee that your dog will qualify at the lower level and is non-refundable. The Fast Track fee is a one-time only fee and carries over from trial to trial.

FAST TRACK - MOVE UP REQUEST		
TDAA Number:	_____	
Dog's Name:	_____	
Owner's Name:	_____	
Move up to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Move up to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Games II	<input type="checkbox"/> Games III

2010 TDAA PETIT PRIX: The 7th Annual TDAA Petit Prix National Agility Tournament will be held October 8-10, 2010 at Argus Ranch for Dogs in Auburn, WA 98092. By competing in this TDAA trial, you and this dog are eligible to enter this tournament. The premium list and additional information will be available at www.k9tdaa.com later this year. We hope that you will consider joining us for this fun event!



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Official Teacup Dogs Agility Association
DOG REGISTRATION FORM
Return this completed form with \$12 registration fee to: Teacup Dogs Agility Association Post Office Box 158 Maroa, IL 61756

Dog's Full Name: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Breed: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Height at Withers: _____

Provisional jump height information:

- ___ E1 – Long Back Dogs
- ___ E2 – Weight to Height Provision (by structure, not obesity)
- ___ E3 – Dogs with Dwarfish Legs / Deep Chest Dogs
- ___ E4 – Veteran Dog

Actual Owner(s): _____

Owner's Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Owner's Signature: _____

Review your information before submitting the registration form. Incomplete forms will be returned.

<i>(For Office Use Only)</i> Dog Registration #:
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OFFICIAL TDAA ENTRY FORM – GEMINI DOGS, INC.									
Trial: Sat & Sun, May 8 th & 9 th , 2010					Closing Date: Wednesday, April 28 th , 2010				
ENTRY METHOD – FIRST RECEIVED: NO OPENING DATE.									
Make entry fees payable in US funds to: Gemini Dogs									
Mail Entries to: Gemini Dogs, 53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460									
Dog's TDAA ID #:					Call Name:				
Breed:					Date of Birth:			Sex:	
Circle Entry Category: Regular Jump height exemptions: E1 ~ Long Back E2 ~ Weight to Length Provision E3 ~ Dwarfish Legs E4 ~ Veteran Dog FEO					Circle Dog's Measured Height: 4 8 12 16				
					Circle Dog's Actual Jump Height: 4 8 12 16 <i>You may subtract one actual jump height for Veteran status (E4) and one for Body Exemptions (E1, E2, or E3) from your dog's Measured Jump Height. Please indicate above the height your dog will actually be jumping.</i>				
Owner:									
Handler:					Indicate here if you are a <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Handler				
Address:									
City/State/Zip:									
Phone:									
Email Address:									
Sat, May 8 th circle level for each class					Sun, May 9 th circle level for each class				
Tag Ten	I	II	III	\$12	Weakest Link	I	II	III	\$12
Standard	Beg	Int	Sup	\$12	Standard	Beg	Int	Sup	\$12
Standard	Beg	Int	Sup	\$12	Standard	Beg	Int	Sup	\$12
Jumpers CDS	I	II	III	\$12	Mini Golf	I	II	III	\$12
Standard	Beg	Int	Sup	\$12	Standard	Beg	Int	Sup	\$12
<i>A package price of \$110 is available if you sign up for all ten classes. FEO Entries are \$8 per class.</i>									
Additional Optional Fees: _____ TDAA Dog Registration \$12 _____ Fast Track \$8									
Total Enclosed in US funds: \$ _____									

TDAA NUMBER: If this is your first time entering a TDAA trial and you have not received a TDAA number, please write "pending" on the entry form in place of the TDAA number, and include your registration form with this entry.

HEIGHT CARD: A copy of your dog's TDAA height card must accompany your trial entry or be presented at check-in. If you do not have or present a TDAA height card, this dog must be measured prior to running

DISCLAIMER ~ MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY

I (We) acknowledge that the "Teacup Dogs Agility Association Rules & Regulations" have been made available to me (us), and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (We) agree to hold the TDAA and any TDAA approved judge harmless from any legal claim resulting from said judge's action under the TDAA Rules, Regulations & Guidelines. I (We) agree that the club holding the Agility Trial has the right to refuse entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of the Agility Trial and of the opportunity to have the dog judged, I (we) agree to hold harmless the directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or show secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or things by the act of this dog while in or upon the show/trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I (We) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this Agility Trial, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

MUST BE SIGNED AND INCLUDED FOR A VALID ENTRY

I (we) agree to abide by the rules of TDAA currently in effect at the time of the trial date. I (we) testify that the dog entered is healthy and vaccinated or titered. I (we) certify that the dog entered is not dangerous to any person or other dog. By signing below, I (we) agree to the disclaimer on this entry form.

Name: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Exhibitors must verify their entry information from the club's confirmation and report any entry discrepancies to the show secretary before the closing date; and move up discrepancies before the move up date for the trial. The show secretary is not obligated to make changes at the trial if it is the exhibitor's error. No changes to results (except a club's scoring error) will be made once the trial has been completed when the handler did not report an entry or move up error.

OBSTACLE FAMILIARIZATION: Obstacle familiarization will be held Saturday and Sunday mornings 15 minutes prior to the first judges briefing for dogs and handlers who have never been on TDAA sized equipment. The trial site also offers ring rentals which are available daily until the trial date by calling (978) 486-9922 or emailing the Trial Chairperson at woof@geminidogs.com.

WARM-UPS: A warm-up area, consisting of a regulation agility jump, shall be provided for all exhibitors. Only dogs entered in the trial may use warm up area. This should be on lead unless dog is under complete control of the handler. TDAA uses scaled-down equipment on a proportionally set course. All obstacles will be on small-dog scale. See www.k9tdaa.com for details.

RUNNING ORDER: On Saturday, we will run in height order of Small to Tall and in class order of Beginner to Intermediate to Superior, while Games will run 1, 2, 3. On Sunday, the order is reversed.

SHOW SITE: Site is indoors on ¾-inch horse stall matting with a total ring measurement of 100'x50' for the trial. We ask that you potty your dog(s) outside the building in the designated area. Please bring a crate(s) to kennel your dog(s).

FOOD: Refreshments will be available at the trial site for all volunteers, and there are several fast food and dine-in restaurants nearby.

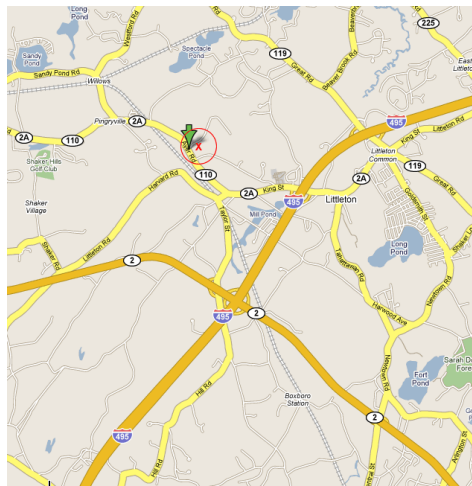
VETERINARY CLINIC ON CALL: Littleton Animal Hospital and Acton Emergency Vet Clinic

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotels that accommodate pets and are 20 minutes from trial site:

- Best Western in Concord, MA (978) 369-6100 ~ \$10 pet fee
- Motel 6 in Leominster, MA (978) 537-8162 ~ No fee for pets

There is also a pet-friendly campground about one mile down the street: Minuteman Campground in Littleton, MA (978) 772-0042 or www.minutemancampground.com ~ They have RV hookups. (You may park your RV overnight at the trial site, but there are no hook-ups available here!)

DIRECTIONS: Take Interstate 495 to exit 30. Turn left and travel just over a mile on Routes 2A/110 West. Go through a stoplight located at the gas station. As you crest the hill, you will notice a gravel company on your right. Please note that GPS devices cannot find our main door. They can get you to this point on Route 2A/110, however. Watch for the gravel company, and then turn right onto Distribution Center Drive. If you immediately look to your right, you will see the trial site; we are located in a very large concrete warehouse. Travel only about 500 yards down Distribution Center Drive, and make your first right into our parking lot. Park anywhere; the entrance is at the nearest end of the stockade fence. If you need help finding us, call (978) 387-3663. Signage will be posted as well!



HEIGHT DIVISIONS: Owners are responsible for entering the proper height division. Judges reserve the right to measure dogs entered in any trial. At the handler's option, dogs may be entered in a higher height division, but not in a lower than their proper height division. Dogs that run in a height division lower than their division will be eliminated. A judge must measure provisional dogs.

- 4" jump height - restricted to dogs measuring 8" or less at the withers; or dogs with a jump height exemption measuring 12" or less.
- 8" jump height - restricted to dogs measuring 12" or less at the withers; or dogs with a jump height exemption measuring 15" or less.
- 12" jump height - restricted to dogs measuring 15" or less at the withers; or dogs with a jump height exemption measuring 17" or less.
- 16" jump height - restricted to dogs measuring 17" or less at the withers.

JUMP HEIGHT EXEMPTIONS: Special provisions are made for dogs that are long-backed, have a weight-to-height exemption, or who have dwarfish legs (see rules for complete description of height exemptions; www.k9tdaa.com). A jump height exemption (next lower height) will also be granted to veteran dogs (dogs of at least 7 years of age). These exemptions are explained in detail at www.k9tdaa.com, click on Rules and go to section 3.4 Jump Heights. You may subtract one height for Veteran Status and one for Body Exemption from Measured Jump Height. Some handlers prefer to jump at their Measured Jump Height rather than their Actual Jump Height.

- E1 Long backed dogs: The long-backed dog would be based on the measurements of the dog from the front of the chest to the back of his rear compared to the measurement of the dog's height at the withers. As a rule of thumb, if the dog's length is 150% or greater than the height measurement, the dog would qualify for this exemption.
- E2 Weight to length provision (by structure, not obesity): This exemption should be limited to certain breeds that have a propensity for weight that is greater than their height if you compare pounds to inches.
- E3 Dogs with dwarfish legs/deep-chest dogs: This exemption is granted to dogs whose leg to shoulders height ratio is 1/3 or less of the dog's overall height. The exemption for dogs with dwarfish legs is based on the measurement of the dog's withers height, when that height is 150% or greater than the measurement of the space from the floor to chest.
- E4 Veteran dog: A veteran is a dog at least 7 years of age. There is no special system of titling for veteran dogs.

A dog also may be given an exemption to jump at a lower height even though he does not meet any of the criteria for a jump height exemption. An exemption will be given to a dog for extraordinary circumstances as determined by TDAA. Dogs given a jump height exemption will be able to earn qualifying legs and all TDAA titles.

PERMANENT JUMP HEIGHT CARD: A copy of the dog's jump height card must accompany your trial application or be presented at check-in. Dogs without a permanent TDAA jump height card must be measured prior to running in this trial.

STANDARD CLASS: The following classes are available for Standard runs.

- BEGINNER AGILITY ~ All dogs shall be eligible for participation in this class. There shall be no grandfathering of titles from other organizations.
- INTERMEDIATE AGILITY ~ Dogs that have earned the Teacup Beginner Agility Dog (TBAD) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.
- SUPERIOR AGILITY ~ Dogs that have earned the Teacup Intermediate Agility Dog (TIAD) or that have earned the Teacup Superior Agility Dog (TSAD) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.

GAMES CLASS: The following classes are available for games runs.

- GAMES I ~ All dogs shall be eligible for participation in this class. There shall be no grandfathering of titles from other organizations.
- GAMES II ~ Only dogs that have earned the Teacup Games I (TG1) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.
- GAMES III ~ Only dogs that have earned the Teacup Games II (TG2) or Teacup Games III (TG3) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.

MOVE UPS: Move Ups between classes are allowed at anytime during the trial. This includes move ups between games levels and standard levels on the same day. If a dog moves up in a class (due to another trial's result), after the registration form has been mailed to the trial secretary, move ups are still allowed if notification is given to the Trial Secretary prior to the start of the trial.

EXERCISE AREAS: Please exercise your dog responsibly, and pick up after your dog at the show site and hotels. All dogs must be on leash unless they are in the show ring or warm-up area. There is a leash law in the trial site's state.

OBSTACLES: The following obstacles shall be used. Obstacle specifications shall meet the current TDAA obstacle requirements for preferred sizes.

- ¾" PVC Bar Jumps
- ¾" PVC Winged Jumps
- 15" diameter Tire
- 36"x36" Table
- 24" Weave Poles
- 16" diameter Collapsed Tunnel
- 16" diameter Pipe Tunnel
- 6'8" A-frame with slats
- 8' Dogwalk with slats
- 8' Teeter without slats

PRIZES AND AWARDS: Placement rosettes or ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th place for Qualifying and non-qualifying scores for all classes. Dogs with an NT (no time) are not eligible for any ribbons. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:

- The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.
- All dogs must be on leash or crated at all times except when in the ring or when in designated areas, being the warm-up area and the designated off-leash area. It is expressly understood the exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- Food and toys are not permitted in the course area and handlers are not allowed to use whistles or other instruments or devices.
- Exhibitors are responsible for being at the ring gate when it is their turn to run.
- Exhibitors may wear shirts or insignia of their training group if they wish.
- At the handler's option, the dog may wear a flat (buckle or quick release) collar with or without tags or wear adornments, clothing, ties or other attachments. Choke collars, pinch collars, electric and dummy electric collars are prohibited.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including rough handling or misconduct of any kind, will result in an excusal from the ring. Teacup Dogs Agility Association Rules & Regulations can be obtained online at www.k9tdaa.com.
- Entries will not be accepted without fees. No entries will be accepted which require a signature for delivery. All entries must be submitted on official TDAA Agility Entry Forms, one dog per entry form.
- Photocopied entries without the accompanying TDAA agreement are NOT acceptable. Unsigned, incomplete or illegible entries are NOT acceptable and cannot be entered in the trial. Faxed entries and/or credit cards cannot be accepted. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee.
- The Trial Secretary will add a \$25 service charge for any returned checks. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitor may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY basis.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee.
- No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, and act of God, public emergency, and act of public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- Bitches in season are not permitted at the trial. The club will refund all but \$5 of the total entry fee for bitches unable to compete for that reason. The Trial Secretary must receive written notification from a Veterinarian of such claim for refund, by letter (not email), by the closing date.
- It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dog(s) and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the show committee, be asked to leave the show site. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate, and legible information on the entry forms. Illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered in the show.