

AGILITY TEST SCHEDULE



APRIL 23-25, 2010

2010 Qualifying Events
For

Dog Agility Masters® Team &
Performance Versatility PairsSM Tournaments

Grand Prix of Dog Agility® World Championships &
Performance Grand PrixSM Championships

Dog Agility Steeplechase® &
Performance Speed JumpingSM

Standard & Nonstandard Classes
Championship & Performance
Double Masters/P3 Snooker

Sanctioned Tournament Events and Agility Test, Hosted by Blue Ridge Agility Club
McGough Arena, WNC Agricultural Center
1301 Fanning Bridge Road, Fletcher, NC 28732

This show will be held in an indoor arena on packed dirt.
Electronic timers will be used at this event.

Entries Close Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.
Secondary Closing for Advancement in Level Only: Monday, April 19 at 9:00 p.m.

Judges

Elaine Coupe, Oakland, TN

David Mueller, Schwenksville, PA

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ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

All entries must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10 (**THIS IS A FIRM CLOSING DATE**); however, those entered may change the class level of their entry until 9:00 p.m. Monday, April 19, by phone (828-697-2118) or e-mail (pegfranklin@morrisbb.net). **No other changes or alterations are permitted after April 10.** Entries MUST be complete, signed (for minors, signed by parent or legal guardian), received by the closing date, and accompanied by the correct fees.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE/RUNNING ORDER

Friday: Check-in & Measuring 8:00 a.m. Judge's Briefing 8:45 a.m. Judging Begins 9:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Check-in & Measuring 7:00 a.m. Judge's Briefing 7:45 a.m. Judging Begins 8:00 a.m.

Friday: Judge –Elaine Coupe: *Dog Agility Masters Team & Performance Versatility Pairs* Classes:
 Gamblers, Snooker, Standard, Jumpers & Relay

Saturday

Sunday

Ring 1 – Elaine Coupe	Ring 2 – David Mueller	Ring 1 – Elaine Coupe	Ring 2 – David Mueller
P3/Masters Gamblers	P1/Starters Standard	Masters/P3 Standard	Starters/P1 Snooker
P3/Masters Standard	P2/Advanced Standard	Grand Prix/Perf GP	Advanced/P2 Snooker
P3/Masters Pairs	P1/Starters Gamblers	Steeplechase/PSJ Rnd #2	Starters/P1 Standard
P3/Masters Snooker	P2/Advanced Gamblers	Masters/P3 Snooker	Advanced/P2 Standard
PSJ/Steeplechase, Rnd #1	P1/Starters Pairs	Masters/P3 Jumpers	Starters/P1 Jumpers
	P2/Advanced Pairs		Advanced/P2 Jumpers

Jump Height Order

Championship Program: Friday – varied; Saturday - low to high; Sunday - high to low;
 Performance Program: Friday – varied; Saturday - high to low; Sunday - low to high

*Note: Performance program will precede championship for each class on Saturday and follow championship on Sunday. P3/Masters Snooker jump height orders will be random. **If entry warrants, we will use the attached outdoor covered arena, in addition to McGough, and we will hire an additional masters judge.***

Required Check-in and Measuring

Check-in is required, and all dogs must be measured prior to being checked in UNLESS a) the dog jumps 26" (22" in Performance), b) a copy of your permanent card was included with your entry, or c) a permanent card, temporary card with 3 signatures waiting for a CMJ, or USDAA-issued check-in letter/printout of dog-info page from subscriber account indicating the dog is permanently carded is presented at check-in. Please note: **measurement will only take place between 8:00 and 8:45 a.m. on Friday and 7:00 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. each day.** All competitors should confirm their dog's registration number as listed in your confirmation. If you entered online, you will need to sign your entry form at check-in.

The handler of a dog entered in Team/PVP that measures up must notify the secretary at check in. Should the change of height impact the number of jump heights on a team, the secretary will make every effort to form complete teams from the dogs available. The dog measured up must jump at the higher height in order for the team/pair to earn a qualifying score. If the dog runs FEO at the lower height, the team/pair may not qualify, but the partners may earn placements, top ten points and Lifetime Achievement Qs in the individual classes.

DIRECTIONS TO TEST SITE

From I-40 East or West, the Asheville area, or points north: Take I-26 East to exit 40 (old exit 9); go right (west) for approximately .6 miles. Turn left on Fanning Bridge Road and turn right into the arena parking lot. **From the south:** Take I-26 West to exit 40; go left (west) for approximately .7 miles and follow directions above.

VENDOR POLICY

Vendors of dog-related items and services are welcome; fee \$25 per weekend for a 12 x 8 space, payable in advance. **All vendors must pre-register with our Vendor Coordinator Nancy Ben-Dror (864-895-4025) by April 17, 2010.** nancybd@onthetopdogschool.com Please include a legible email address so we can contact you.

VETERINARIANS ON CALL

During Office Hours: Avery Creek Pet Hospital

565 Long Shoals Road, Arden, NC 28704 (828) 651-8868

M-Th 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Tu, W, F – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. – noon.

Directions: From I-26, take exit 37, go west for one mile, and hospital will be on your left.

After Hours: Reach Emergency Animal Hospital

677 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 665-4399

5:00 p.m. Friday through 7 a.m. Monday.

Directions: From I-26, take exit 33 and go north on Hwy 191 (Brevard Road) just over ½ mile. Clinic will be on your left.

From I-40, take exit 47 and go south on 191 for .9 miles; clinic will be on your right.

HOTELS THAT ACCEPT DOGS

(with approximate miles to site)

Rates below were quoted by these hotels; you may do better through the internet. Two rates indicate Thurs/Fri-Sat. Please verify rates and pet policies when you make reservations. **Disclaimer:** Some of these hotels have changed rates/policies without notice in the past. This information was gathered in early February 2010.

Clarion, Asheville Airport, (I-26 exit 40--Airport Road). 828-684-1213. \$69.99 plus \$25/weekend pet fee. *Mention Blue Ridge Dog Agility Trials and that this group has a rate offer,* to get this special rate. (1/2) (formerly Holiday Inn)

Red Roof Inn Hendersonville, (I-26, exit 49B) 828-697-1223. \$39.99/49.99 *Mention Blue Ridge Agility to get this special rate.* **NO PET FEE** (10)

Best Western, 105 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville (I-26, exit 49A) 828-692-0521. \$63.99Thurs/79.99Fri/Sat+ \$10/night; (10)

Red Roof, Asheville, 16 Crowell Rd., Asheville (I-40, exit 44) 828-667-9803. \$59.99Th/69.99Fri/Sa – **NO PET FEE** (12)

Days Inn, Airport, 183 Underwood Rd., Fletcher (I-26, exit 40) 828-684-2281 \$54.95 Th; \$59.95 Fri/Sa + \$10/night pet fee. (1/2)

Econolodge, 196 Underwood Rd., Fletcher (I-26, exit 40) 828-684-1200. \$59.99 **NO PET FEE** (1/2)

Comfort Inn, Airport. 15 Rockwood, Fletcher (I-26 exit 40) 828-687-9199. \$63.99/69.99 5+ \$10 per night pet fee. (1/2)

Comfort Inn, 206 Michelle Dr., Hendersonville. (I-26 exit 49B) 828-693-8800. \$53.99/69.99 + \$10/pet/night (10)

Some other unique places you might try:

Green Mountain Lodge, a vacation place for dogs and their people – www.greenmountainlodge.net/ 828-272-0180

Barkwells – A Pet-Friendly Mountain Retreat – www.barkwells.com 828-891-8288. 6 cabins on 7 fenced acres.

Cloud 9 Relaxation Home – www.cloud9relaxation.com 828-628-1758

RV Hookups at the trial site: \$16/night includes electric, sewage and water. Send a separate check made out to BRAC to Nancy Ben-Dror, 453 Dill Road, Landrum, SC 29356. Please write “for RV” on the check with your tag number. You will receive a /paid/parking permit when you check in. It must be displayed in your vehicle window. Your site will be reserved with your name on it. Email Nancy (nancybd@onthetopdogschool.com) or call her at 864-895-4025. **Sites must be reserved and paid for in advance by April 17, 2010.** Please include a legible email address with your reservation so we can contact you.

JUMP HEIGHTS

Following are the jump heights for the Championship Program (Performance heights in parentheses):

<u>Dog Height</u>	<u>Jump Height</u>	<u>Long Jump*</u>	<u>Table</u>
Over 21 "	26" (22")	60" (48")	24" (16")
21" or less	22" (16")	48" (36")	24" (16")
16" or less	16" (12")	36" (20")	16" (12")
12" or less	12" (8")	20" (6")	12" (12")

*P8" dogs jump 2nd board only

OBSTACLES

Obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of the USDAA Rules and Regulations.

ON-LINE ENTRIES

To enter online and pay with a credit card (Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover through Pay Pal) go to <http://swaggerz.com/pegfranklin>

Questions about your trial entry? Contact the Trial Secretary, Peggy Franklin at 828-697-2118, or email at pegfranklin@morrisbb.net

- DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION - \$20.00**
- JUNIOR HANDLER REGISTRATION APPLICATION - \$20.00**

Dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete in USDAA sanctioned events. A registration card and number with a "U" prefix will be issued to facilitate entry at USDAA events and tracking of show results in the regular classes.

Junior handlers (those 18 years of age and younger) and their dogs must be separately registered for participation in the USDAA's Junior Handler Program (UJHP). A registration number with a "J" prefix will be assigned for use in entering UJHP events. A dog competing in both programs (regular classes and UJHP) must be registered separately for each program, for which the total fee is \$40.00.

You must complete ALL information for a valid registration:

FOR USDAA USE ONLY:	
REG #	UJHP #
_____	_____

OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:

Primary Owner: _____

Co-Owner: _____

Handler: _____
(If different from primary owner)

Junior Handler: _____ DOB: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____
(Day telephone, if possible)

Address: _____

City / State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____

DOG INFORMATION:

Formal Name: _____ (Name to appear on certificates; please print clearly or type) Call Name: _____

Breed: _____ (Specify breed or state "All American to denote mix-breed) Birthdate: _____ (Estimate if unknown) Height @ Withers: _____ (To nearest 1/4")

NOTE: To receive a registration number immediately and a measurement card prior to the show: go to www.usdaa.com, click on General Information, and click on Dog Registration.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & ELIGIBILITY

The following titling classes are being offered at the Starters, PI, Advanced, PII, Masters, and PIII levels at this event:
Standard, Gamblers, Jumpers, Pairs Relay, and Snooker

A complete description of these classes and the requirements for eligibility for entry may be found in Chapters 3-7 of Official USDAA Rules & Regulations, which are incorporated in this test schedule by reference. A summary of eligibility requirements for all titling classes is presented in Appendix E of the Rules & Regulations. Competitors may enter both Championship and Performance classes for which they may be eligible; however, no dog may be entered in the same class regardless of level at this event (e.g., you could enter Masters Pairs and P3 Snooker, but you could not enter both P3 and Masters Pairs or Snooker).

The following Tournament classes are being offered at this event: NOTE: all competitors are eligible for entry to any of these tournament classes.

Dog Agility Masters® Team Tournament and **Performance Versatility PairsSM** - A team may be comprised of dogs from any two Championship height classes. A pair may be comprised of dogs from any two performance height classes. One qualifying score as described in the complete rules is required for entry in the World Championships.

Grand Prix of Dog Agility® and **Performance Grand PrixSM** - A qualifying score is zero faults. One Q is required for entry in a Regional Championships. Two qualifying scores are required for entry in the quarterfinals at the World Championships.

Dog Agility Steeplechase®, and **Performance Speed JumpingSM - Steeplechase:** One qualifying score as described in the complete rules is required for entry in a Regional Championships, and two are required for entry in the quarterfinals at the World Championships. **Speed Jumping:** Two qualifying scores as described in the complete rules are required for entry in the semifinals at the World Championships.

A copy of the tournament regulations for each tournament may be found on the USDAA website at www.usdaa.com, as well as a printable version of the USDAA Rules & Regulations.

AWARDS

Titling Classes - Rosettes for 1st through 4th place will be awarded in each jump height (and for mini and open in pairs). Maroon qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs earning a qualifying score in any non-tournament classes.

Dog Agility Masters® Team Tournament and **Performance Versatility PairsSM** - Prizes and awards will be made based upon overall team scores after five rounds. USDAA will provide “Gold”, “Silver” & “Bronze” medallions at local qualifying events for the three top scoring teams/pairs. Qualifying pins will be awarded to each member of each qualifying team or pair.

Grand Prix of Dog Agility® and **Performance Grand PrixSM** - The first place qualifying handler/dog team in each height class shall earn a “bye” voucher, permitting them to enter or directly advance to the final round of a regional championship. A double maroon and white ribbon shall be awarded to all qualifiers in the Grand Prix, with a double maroon and pink ribbon awarded to all qualifiers in the Performance Grand Prix. Rosettes for 1st – 4th place will be awarded for each jump height.

Dog Agility Steeplechase® - Prize money shall be computed based upon 30% of the total entry fees to be allocated in accordance with the payout table below regardless of the size of entry in any height class.

Height Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Total*
12”	10%	6%	4%				20%
16”	10%	6%	4%	3%			23%
22”	10%	6%	4%	4%	3%	3%	30%
26”	10%	6%	4%	4%	3%		27%
Totals	40%	24%	16%	11%	6%	3%	100%

*Allocable amounts to finalist positions that are not filled for any reason or allocable prize amounts less than \$3.00 shall not be paid.

Performance Speed JumpingSM - Prize money shall be computed based upon 30% of the total entry fees to be allocated in accordance with the payout table below regardless of the size of entry in any height class.

Height Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total*
8"	12%	8%	5%	25%
12"	12%	8%	5%	25%
16"	12%	8%	5%	25%
22"	12%	8%	5%	25%
Totals	48%	32%	20%	100%

*Allocable prize money to Round 2 positions that are not filled for any reason shall be forfeited.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Competitors through submission of an entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of USDAA rules & regulations, including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

This test is open to all dogs being at least eighteen (18) months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness that may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression towards people or other dogs.

All dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete in sanctioned events. Registration may be made concurrently with entry by including the dog registration application with your entry. To receive a registration number immediately and a measurement card prior to the show, go to www.usdaa.com, click on General Information, and click on Dog Registration.

No leads, collars, food, toys, or other aids or devices shall be permitted on the course at any time.

Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times.

The organizing committee may refuse the entry of any competitor or dog for just cause should the committee view that participation by competitor or dog would be prejudicial to the sport. However, any committee so doing must notify the competitor in writing (with a copy to the USDAA office) in anticipation of or upon receipt of entry. The notice must include the reason for refusing the entry and a brief explanation of the basis for their decision. The burden of responsibility for appropriateness of such action rests solely with the host group and its organizing committee.

There shall be no refunds for entries withdrawn after the original closing date, or in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by veterinarian or judges, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. In addition, no entry fees will be refunded if the test cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of god, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the club. Exception: bitches in heat, ill or injured dogs may be withdrawn and the entry fee (less our direct costs) returned upon request of the competitor prior to the opening of the trial. **Request must be accompanied by a veterinarian's statement.**

Refunds for overpayments of \$5 or less will not be made.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. There will be a \$25 service charge for returned checks. Amounts shall be paid within 30 days of postmarked notice of returned check if such date follows the event date. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice result in cancellation of event results for all classes for the registration number(s) of delinquent entry/entries. No reinstatement of results is possible, and all awards must be returned within 10 days of notification, or the dog's registration may be suspended pending restitution. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is canceled without recourse.

This event will be held in a heated indoor arena on packed dirt. There is ample room for parking and crating.

A single practice jump will be provided for competitors.

All dogs must be held on leash except when being judged or in the warm up area.

It is expressly understood that competitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. A competitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee, be asked to leave the test site.

Fault limits may be set at the discretion of the organizing committee and judge.

A concession stand will be available for breakfast, snacks and lunch.

*****Use of any electrical outlet in the McGough arena will require payment of \$25 – that's what the arena charges us for each outlet used.**

Please clean up after your dog at the trial site and at your motel.

Express mail entries must include a signature waiver.

If a dog must jump a higher height as determined by the judge's measurement at this event, the dog will be moved to the new jump height OR the handler may opt to run For Exhibition Only at the lower height, but no awards or qualifying scores may be earned and no change in program is allowed at check in.

All competitors through entry at this event waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast of this event. Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes. All video, broadcast and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive property of United States Dog Agility Association, Inc.

Portions of this event may be taped for television. Through entry at this event, ALL COMPETITORS and HANDLERS HEREBY GRANT to USDAA and its 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 now known. All competitors and handlers hereby release USDAA and its 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 right.

BLUE RIDGE AGILITY CLUB MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE GOOD LUCK AND CLEAN RUNS!

Please volunteer to help out at the trial by filling out the volunteer information at the bottom of the entry form. We really need and appreciate your help. Volunteers will receive lunch, snacks and drinks, as well as vouchers for \$ off future entries at BRAC trials.

Make checks payable to BRAC and send entries to Peggy Franklin, 212 Sugar Hollow Road, Hendersonville, NC 28739.

OWNER /DOG Dog's Call Name: Breed Sex Height at Withers: Birth Date: USDAA # (Required) Owner's Name: Handler (if other than owner) Address: City: State/Province: Zip Code: Phone Number: Email address:

CLASS INFORMATION: Jump Height: Championship: 12" 16" 22" 26"

Performance: 8" 12" 16" 22"

FRIDAY \$50 Tournaments (select one) Team Versatility Pairs SM List 2 partners below Championship Heights (max 2 heights/team) List 1 partner below Performance heights (any heights may pair) Team/Pair Name (Club reserves the right to determine appropriateness) 1st Partner Dog U # Jump Height 2nd Partner Dog U # Jump Height OR Draw Team Draw Pair

SATURDAY \$20 Tournaments * Steeplechase Performance Speed Jumping \$12 Standard Masters Advanced Starters PI PII PIII \$12 Gamblers Masters Advanced Starters PI PII PIII \$12 Snooker Masters PIII \$12 Pairs Masters Advanced Starters PI PII PIII Pairs Partner: Handlers Name Dog Name USDAA # Jump Ht DRAW, but do not pair me with:

SUNDAY \$20 Tournaments* Grand Prix Performance Grand Prix \$12 Standard Masters Advanced Starters PI PII PIII \$12 Jumpers Masters Advanced Starters PI PII PIII \$12 Snooker Masters Advanced Starters PI PII PIII

*This dog may not be entered in both Team & Performance Versatility Pairs OR Steeplechase and Performance Speed Jumping OR Grand Prix and Performance Grand Prix. One jump height per program per entry form. If entering tournaments or tournament and test classes at different heights in the same program you must submit separate entry forms.

Dog Reg. fee (\$20) Fri entry \$ Sat entry \$ Sun entry \$ TOTAL Entry \$

I will volunteer to help at the trial: Fri Sat Sun (Work will not conflict with your runs)

Preferred Jobs

AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED FOR VALID ENTRY!

GENERAL AGREEMENT: I (We) agree that the Blue Ridge Agility Club has the right to refuse this entry for cause, which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, Blue Ridge Agility Club, United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. 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, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of 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 expense (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 resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I (We) further acknowledge that I (we) have read, understand and will abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Agility Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I(We) acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me (us) herein is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my (our) entry, such finding shall render my (our) entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I (we) represent that I (we) am (are) the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I (we) have full authority as agent for dog's owner and shall hold Blue Ridge Agility Club, USDA, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors harmless from any liability or claims made by dog's owner.

Further, I(we) hereby grant to United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate my (our) and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identify for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I (We) hereby release USDA, its representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality or any similar right.

Signature: Date:

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE if entrant is a MINOR: