



**USDAA® Sanctioned Junior Handler Dog Agility Test
Wednesday, August 6, 2003**

**Hosted by Ohio 4-H and FFA
Ohio State Fair
Cooper Arena
717 East 17th Ave., Columbus, OH
*Held indoors on sand***

**Judge: Lianne Baird
Columbus, Ohio**

Entries Close Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

*No entries will be accepted by fax, telephone, or without complete payment of entry fees.
Entries sent by overnight mail must be sent 'no signature required.'*

***Secondary closing date for advancements in levels only:
Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.***

**Sign and mail entries with money to:
Carole Paul, 3150 Kioka Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43221**

**Classes Offered:
Junior Handler Titling Program – Beginners, Elementary, Intermediate, and Senior**

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USDAA® SANCTIONED JUNIOR HANDLER DOG AGILITY 4-H EVENT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2003
OHIO STATE FAIR
COOPER ARENA

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

Dog agility is a competitive sport in which a handler directs their dog over a timed obstacle course. The level of the dog/handler teams determines the obstacles (see Class Description). Scoring is based on faults similar to equestrian show jumping.

The USDAA Sanctioned Junior Handler Dog Agility 4-H Event:

- Provides a statewide avenue for youth and their dogs to exhibit teamwork and skills learned in dog agility.
- Gives youth a goal to work toward if training for agility competition.
- Allows youth to display the capabilities and versatility of their dogs.
- Is a method of instilling confidence in each youth and dog as a team.
- Allows for all youth to receive statewide 4-H recognition.
- Allows youth with qualifying runs to receive credit toward USDAA Junior Handler titles.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Junior handlers and their dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete at a USDAA sanctioned event. For any competitor who has not shown his/her dog in a USDAA sanctioned event, USDAA'S registration fee is \$10.00 per dog. In addition, there will be an entry processing fee of \$5.00 for each dog entered.
- **Closing date for entries is 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2003. Entries Must Be Received By Show Secretary By This Deadline. No Exceptions.**
- Entries will not be accepted or canceled after closing date.
- **Do Not Mail Entries In Any Manner Requiring The Secretary's Signature For Delivery. Entries Requiring A Signature For Delivery Will Be Returned.**
- Changes *to advance* in Junior Handler class levels will be accepted by the secretary, in writing or by telephone, not later than 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The information presented herein pertains to USDAA® Rules & Regulations as amended January 1, 2002, the Ohio State Fair, and 4-H rules regarding ownership, health requirements, and competitor participation.
- This event is held indoors on packed sand.
- Qualifying runs will be credited toward Junior Handler titles.
- All Junior Handler/Dog teams must be registered with the USDAA Junior Handler Program to participate in this event. A registration form and details are **included**. Registration is open to purebred and non-purebred dogs, but dogs must be 18 months or older to participate in any USDAA sanctioned event. *(Note that this age limit must be followed and is different from the six-month requirement for other classes at the Ohio State Fair.)* **Dogs born after February 6, 2002 are ineligible for this trial.**
- Youth may show more than one dog provided State Fair Dog Show Rules are followed.

ABOUT THE USDAA® JUNIOR HANDLER PROGRAM (UJHP):

The USDAA Junior Handler Program is for youth eighteen years of age and younger. Dogs and junior handlers may compete in the Junior Handler Program without regard to their accomplishments in other agility classes; however, a dog and handler must register as a team with USDAA in order to participate (a registration form is included on the entry form sheet). Dogs must be 18 months of age or older to participate. A junior handler need not be the owner of the dog to participate under the USDAA rules; however, for 4-H/FFA entries, youth must be enrolled by their county's enrollment deadline, follow ownership rules, and abide by the Ohio State Fair Dog Activities "Rules for State Fair Participation," except where noted. Additionally, only the handler who has entered the dog under their team registration number may handle the dog, since accomplishments are measured and awarded to the dog and handler as a team. A dog is not permitted to be entered on the same day in the same class with two different handlers.

Scoring in the USDAA Junior Handler Program follows the schedule of faults as approved for the Starters Agility class in Chapter 5 of USDAA's Official Rules and Regulations*, which includes five fault points for displacing poles from hurdles, failure to touch yellow zones on contact obstacles, jumping on and off the pause table, and failure to clear the span of the long jump. All jumps shall have poles or planks that can be fully displaced. The handler is not permitted to jump over the jumps with the dog.

Jump Heights shall be as follows:

Dog's Height at Shoulder	Jump Height
12" and under	8"
Over 12" to 16"	12"
Over 16" to 21"	16"
Over 21"	22"
Exception: In Beginners and Elementary classes, dogs measuring over 21" and shown on lead shall jump	16"

Competitive placement awards are not offered; instead, awards are based upon USDAA performance standards in the Junior Handler Program classes as follows: A maroon ribbon or rosette is awarded for all qualifying (zero fault) performances, a Gold Medal is awarded for all scores of five fault points or less, a Silver Medal is awarded for all scores of more than five but no more than fifteen fault points, and a Bronze Medal is awarded for all scores greater than fifteen fault points. In addition to the USDAA recognitions, additional 4-H recognition will be given.

* To obtain a copy of the USDAA Official Rules and Regulations contact:

United States Dog Agility Association, Inc.
PO Box 850955 Richardson, Texas 75085-0955
phone: 972-487-2200 fax: 972-272-4404
website: www.usdaa.com

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- This event shall be held under the Official Rules and Regulations of the USDAA.
- Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge they are knowledgeable of USDAA Rules and Regulations, including, but not limited to, the following rules regarding entry: This event is open to all dogs being at least eighteen months (18) of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season, dogs suffering any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression.
- **Dog/handler teams to be entered in Junior Handler titling events must have a registration number, or include a "J" registration form, with proper fees, with their entries. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR REGISTRATION CARD (BLUE PAPER OR YELLOW PLASTIC) TO THE EVENT!**
- No leads, collars, food, toys, or other aids or devices shall be permitted on the course at any time, except for those Junior Handling classes that permit a lead or collar. No training collars of any kind (including, **but not limited to**, any choke, pinch, shock, or similar collars) are allowed in or about the rings, including the warm-up areas. There shall be NO intentional training involving the use of collars or other corrective devices on the show grounds, nor training in the ring, either of which may result in disciplinary action being filed under the USDAA Official Rules and Regulations.
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times.
- The Event Organizing Committee may refuse any entry for any reason.
- Entry fees will not be refunded for any reason after the closing date, or in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a Veterinarian or Judge, barred from competition by action of the Event Committee, or in the event the show cannot open or be completed by reason of riot, civil disturbances, fire, act of God, public emergency, act of public enemy, strike or any other cause beyond the control of the organizers.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$20.00 service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 30 days of postmark of notice of returned check where notification is received after 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 by owner/handler.
- All dogs must be kept on leash or crated when not competing in the ring or in the designated warm-up area(s).
- Competitors, along with their parents or guardians, alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any dog or children creating unnecessary disturbances or engaging in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Organizing Committee, be asked to leave the Event Site. In such case, there will be no refund of any fees paid.
- There will be NO equipment familiarization period.
- One ring will be run for all classes.
- Agility obstacles will meet USDAA specification, and will be chosen from those described in the current edition of the Official Rules and Regulations of the USDAA as amended January 1, 2002.
- Competitors will be notified of check-in and class times.
- All dogs participating in the Ohio State Fair must be currently licensed in the competitor's county of residence. **The competitor must bring a certificate of license to registration.**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All dogs participating in the Ohio State Fair must be immunized against distemper (CDV), adenovirus (CAV 2), leptospirosis, parainfluenza (CPI), parvovirus (CPV), and rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.

- a. ALL required vaccinations must have been given **after August 7, 2002** and **before July 23, 2003** by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
- b. Veterinarians must note any deviations from the required vaccinations (i.e. leptospirosis vaccination not given by veterinarian or titer tested in lieu of vaccinations) either on the *ODA Official Health Certificate* or *2003 Certificate of Vaccination for the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show* or on veterinarian's letterhead that accompanies the official health papers.
- c. All competitors must have either an ***ODA Official Health Certificate*** or the ***2003 Certificate of Vaccination for the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show***, available for examination when registering at the State Fair.
- d. An *ODA Official Health Certificate* or *2003 Certificate of Vaccination for the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show* signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian is required. These certificates must include the name, breed and age of dog. **Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted.** When getting an *ODA Health Certificate*, or *2003 Certificate of Vaccination for the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show*, be certain the dates of the required vaccinations, including the rabies vaccination, are listed by the veterinarian. Most dogs, unless it is their first time for a rabies vaccination, will receive or have received a three-year vaccine. The veterinarian must circle which vaccination (1 yr. or 3 yr.) was given and record the date it was given. Make certain health certificates are signed by the veterinarian. Veterinarians must also provide their license number or their name/address stamp in the space provided.
- e. Upon competitors arriving at the dog show area, a health check of your dog will be performed and health certificates checked. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal. Also, your dog's certificate of license will be checked.
- f. **These are the vaccination requirements for showing a dog at the Ohio State Fair. It is the competitor's responsibility to make sure that these vaccination requirements for State Fair are met.**

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

Beginners Agility Class

The JH - Beginners AgilitySM certificate requires completion of one round of competition with no penalties. Completion of the course within the designated time without fault shall result in the award of USDAA's JH -Beginners Agility certificate of accomplishment. The obstacle course shall be comprised of ten (10) obstacles set in a simple horse shoe or simple "M" design, including an A-Frame (apex at 4'6"), Table at 12" for all dogs (to be performed in the down position for five cumulative seconds), Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel and Six Hurdles (wings, if any, should be no more than 18" in width). The standard course time shall be 60 seconds.

Elementary Agility Class

The JH - Elementary AgilitySM certificate requires completion of two rounds of competition with no penalties. Successful completion of the two rounds will earn the JH - Elementary Agility certificate of accomplishment. The obstacle course shall be comprised of ten obstacles set in a simple horseshoe or simple "M" design. The same agility obstacles and related modifications shall be used as in the Beginners class, except that the A-frame shall measure five (5) feet at the apex. The standard course time shall be the same as in the Beginners class, set at 60 seconds.

Intermediate Agility Class

The JH - Intermediate AgilitySM class requires three rounds of competition with no penalties. Dogs completing three clear rounds in this class shall be awarded the JH - Intermediate Agility certificate of accomplishment. The courses shall be of simple design, being slightly more challenging than a figure of "8", and shall include twelve (12) to fourteen (14) obstacles, including an A-Frame (apex at 5'6"), Dog Walk (elevation at no more than 3'0" and planks of no less than 7'0" in length), Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, Short set of weave poles (five or six), Table at 12" for dogs jumping in the lower two height classes and at 16" for dogs jumping in the two higher jump height classes (to be performed in the down position for five consecutive seconds), Long Jump, Tire Jump and Four to six hurdles. The standard course time shall be 75 seconds.

Senior Agility Class:

The JH - Senior AgilitySM class requires three rounds of competition with no penalties. Dogs completing three rounds without fault in this class level shall be awarded the JH - Senior Agility certificate of accomplishment. The courses shall be of simple design, being slightly more challenging than a figure of "8", and shall include thirteen (13) to fifteen (15) obstacles, including the same obstacles as in the JH - Intermediate class with the following modifications: A-frame apex at 6'0" (5'6" for the 8" height class) and the addition of a see-saw. The standard course time shall be computed at the rate of two yards per second not to exceed 75 seconds.

RELEASE OF RIGHTS AND DISCLAIMERS RELATED TO TELEVISION

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 handles 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Crank, Show Chairperson
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Pataskala, Ohio 43206

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USDAA® OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
USDAA SANCTIONED JUNIOR HANDLER DOG AGILITY 4-H EVENT
Wednesday, August 6, 2003
Ohio State Fair
Cooper Arena

Return this completed form, with appropriate fees, to: Carole Paul, 3150 Kioka Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43221. **Entries close and must be received by 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2003; no exceptions.** No entries will be accepted by fax, telephone, or without complete payment of entry fees. **If you need to register your dog with USDAA, please enclose a separate check payable to "USDAA".** Your entry will be confirmed by mail, with check-in and class times noted.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not send your entry in any manner requiring a signature for delivery.
Entries requiring a signature for delivery will be returned.

- I enclose: 1. _____ **Entry processing fee payable to "State 4-H Dog Committee" in the amount of \$5.00.**
2. _____ **My dog's registration fee payable to "USDAA" in the amount of \$10.00 (necessary only if this is the first time dog is shown).**

DOG'S IDENTIFICATION:

Dog's Call Name _____ USDAA Jr. Reg. # _____
Birth date _____ Breed _____
Height Division Entered: (Circle) 8" 12" 16" 22" Actual Height at withers _____

4-H MEMBER/HANDLER INFORMATION:

Name _____ Age (as of 1/1/03) _____
Address (Street or P. O. Box) _____
City, State, Zip _____ County _____
Handler, if other than registered owner _____
Phone (_____) _____ e-mail _____
Name of 4-H club or FFA _____

CLASS YOU ARE ENTERING:

_____ Beginner _____ On leash _____ Off leash
_____ Elementary
_____ Intermediate
_____ Senior

If there are any questions or problems with your entry, would you like me to:
_____ return it? or _____ call collect to resolve them? (check one)

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR USDAA "J" REGISTRATION CARD!

<p>IMPORTANT!!! You MUST include your signatures on the other side under "General Agreement" for your entry to be valid.</p>
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GENERAL AGREEMENT

I(we) agree that the 4-H Dog Committee 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, 4-H Dog Committee, the Ohio State Fair, 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 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 an 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 there from, 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 further acknowledge that I 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 acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me herein is correct to the best of my knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my entry, such finding shall render by entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I represent that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority as agent for dog's owner and shall hold [host group], USDAA, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors harmless from any liability or claims made by dog's owner. Further, I hereby grant to United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate my and the 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 or hereafter to become known. I hereby release USDAA, 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 of Competitor _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

USDAA® DOG REGISTRATION FORM

Junior Handler Registration Application - \$10.00 (per dog)

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 that is expected to compete in both programs (regular classes and UJHP) must be registered separately for each program.

If you have not already registered, complete the form below and include the appropriate fee per dog with your entry for the Ohio State Fair Dog Agility 4-H Event. Make checks payable to: "USDAA". You must complete ALL information for a valid registration.

Junior Handler (for JH registration) _____

Street Address _____

City/State _____ Postal Code _____

Dog's Formal Name _____

Dog' Call Name _____ Dog's height at Withers (to nearest 1/4") _____

Breed: _____ Birthdate (estimate if unknown) _____
(specify breed or state "All American" or "All Canadian" to denote mixed breed)