



USDAA® Sanctioned Junior Handler Dog Agility Test

Saturday, August 1, 2009

Check-In starts at 8:30 a.m.; Test starts at 10:00 a.m.

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

Judge: Dawn Comstock

Entries Close Wednesday, July 15

**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.'**

Sign and mail entries with money to:

Julie Strawser, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Rd., Piketon, OH 45661

Classes Offered:

Junior Handler Titling Program – Beginners, Elementary, Intermediate, and Senior

This event is for Ohio 4-H members only

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***Limited to 4-H members ages 8 and in the 3rd grade as of January 1, 2009, and not past their 18th birthday.**

***Dogs must meet 4-H ownership eligibility as stated in the Rules for 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules, page 2, Ownership, rule 1, definitions a-f, and rule 2.**

USDAA® SANCTIONED JUNIOR HANDLER DOG AGILITY 4-H EVENT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009
OHIO STATE FAIR
COLISEUM

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

Dog agility is a competitive sport in which a handler directs his or her dog over a timed obstacle course. The level of the dog and 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; and
- 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 and show in the USDAA Sanctioned Junior Handler Dog Agility 4-H Event. *All handlers and dogs NOT currently registered with the USDAA Junior Handler Program, MUST be registered PRIOR to entering the USDAA Sanctioned Junior Handler Dog Agility 4-H Event.* The USDAA Junior Handler Registration Application fee (for handler and dog) is \$17.00, \$15.00 if registering online. Register online at: <https://www.usdaa.com/dogSignup.cfm>
- Junior handlers must pay an entry processing fee of \$7.00 for each dog entered, which includes the \$4.00 State Fair entry fee. *Note: Checks may not be deposited until 8/10/09.*
- **Closing date for entries is Wednesday, July 15, 2009. 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.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The information presented herein pertains to USDAA® Rules & Regulations as amended March 30, 2007, 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. Register online at: <https://www.usdaa.com/dogSignup.cfm> or download a registration form at: http://usdaa.com/binary/files/dog_reg.pdf. 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 1, 2008 are ineligible for this trial.**
- Youth may show more than one dog provided State Fair Dog Show Rules are followed. Refer to the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*.

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 (<https://www.usdaa.com/dogSignup.cfm>). 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 Show 2009 *Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*, except where noted. Additionally, only the handler who has entered the dog under his/her 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 class, 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 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.

The USDAA Official Rules and Regulations can be downloaded from the USDAA website (www.usdaa.com) at: <http://www.usdaa.com/rulesReg.cfm>.

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! (If by chance a permanent card is being processed for the dog, other acceptable check-in material would be check-in letter issued by USDAA/print out of dog info page from subscriber account indicating the dog is permanently carded.)**
- 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 of an event 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.
- 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 March 30, 2007.
- All competitors must check in. All dogs must be measured prior to checking in and competing UNLESS the dog jumps 22", the handler presents a permanent card, temporary card with 3 signatures awaiting a CMJ, or check-in letter issued by USDAA/print out of dog info page from subscriber account indicating the dog is permanently carded.

LICENSE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. **The exhibitor must bring a certificate of license to health check. The dog license tag alone is not sufficient.**

2. The *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* completed and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian *is required for exhibition. THIS IS THE ONLY CERTIFICATE THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HEALTH CHECK.* This certificate must include **ALL** information requested in the Identification Form section, completed and signed by the exhibitor. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section. **Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that all health requirements for State Fair are met.**

3. The Ohio Department of Agriculture requires dogs to have current Rabies vaccinations. Veterinarians must document on the *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.

4. The Ohio 4-H Dog Program requires that all dogs be vaccinated yearly for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. However, if the veterinarian feels that administering the Leptospirosis vaccination would jeopardize the dog's health, it may be waived, and the administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box under the DHLPP section on the Vaccination Certificate. If the veterinarian follows the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) recommendations or vaccine antibody titer tests, the administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box under the DHLPP section.

5. All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations to older or other dogs, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. **For the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, all vaccinations must be current through August 6, 2009.** (Note: Vaccination deadlines for county fairs may differ.)

6. **The 2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is available from the county Extension office.** It can also be downloaded from the OSU South Centers or Ohio 4-H website. This same form may be used for county fair shows provided the vaccinations are current through August 6, 2009 for State Fair exhibition. *The use of this*

form/certificate at the county level must be approved by the county 4-H professional and must be consistent throughout the respective county.

7. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the health check officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. **Decision of the health check officials is final.**

8. ***Bitches showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. They are not permitted to show!*** Each dog must go through a health check where all females will be checked for signs of heat. If a bitch shows **any** signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. Any bitch, which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. **Decision of the health check officials is final.**

9. **Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, and are not permitted to be shown.**

10. Any male or female dog that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds.

11. Before going to Registration, exhibitors must bring their dog(s), dog license certificate(s), and *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate(s)* to Health Check. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

Beginners Agility Class

The JH - Beginners AgilitySM certificate requires completion of one round of competition with no penalties. Entrants must complete an eight to ten question examination, and items missed on the exam must be reviewed prior to or during the judge's briefing. 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. Dogs may compete on leash using a buckle collar. Election to do so must be designated on the entry form.

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. Dogs may wear a buckle collar, but must compete off leash.

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. Dogs must compete off leash without a collar.

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 5'10" (5'6" for the 8" & 12" 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. Dogs must compete off leash without a collar.

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 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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USDAA® OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
USDAA SANCTIONED JUNIOR HANDLER DOG AGILITY 4-H EVENT
Saturday, August 1, 2009
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Return this completed form, with appropriate fees, to: **Julie Strawser, Show Secretary, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Rd., Piketon, OH 45661. Entries close and must be received by Wednesday, July 15, 2009; no exceptions.** No entries will be accepted by fax, telephone, or without complete payment of entry fees. Your entry will be confirmed by mail, with check-in and class times noted, prior to August 1.

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: _____ **Entry processing fee** payable to **The Ohio State University** in the amount of **\$7.00**.
(This includes the \$4.00 State Fair entry fee.)

You must already have your USDAA® Junior Handler Registration Number prior to entering this event.

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: (4-H member must own the dog being handled)

Name _____ Age (as of 1/1/09) _____

Address (Street or P. O. Box) _____

City, State, Zip _____ County _____

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 what is the best way to contact you? _____

Signature of Competitor _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Please read and sign the General Agreement below for your entries to be valid.

GENERAL AGREEMENT

I(we) agree that the State 4-H Dog Advisory 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, State 4-H Dog Advisory 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 _____

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

2010 IFCS WORLD AGILITY COMPETITION

As the U.S. representative of IFCS, USDAA will be sending a team to Europe for the 2010 World Agility Competition. To kick off the fund-raising, USDAA asks that you consider making a donation. All monies donated in this manner will be put directly into a fund for the entire team. Donations of \$50 or more receive benefits as listed in the USDAA Store and should be made through the store at www.usdaa.com.

_____ **I am excited to support Team USA 2010 with a contribution of:**
 \$2 \$5 Other
My check payable to USDAA is included.
(\$50 or more go to www.usdaa.com, USDAA Store)