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### **Exhibitor Briefing February 13-15, 2026**

Welcome to All Dogs Can January agility trial and thank you for coming out and supporting our trial. We are excited to have Karen Hamilton as our judge this weekend.

**Please read through this letter to become familiar with how the weekend will go and changes from past trials. It is a lot of information but will save questions the day of the event.**

Please take extra care with your dog at the trial to encourage good manners. This is a high arousal sport so please be aware of your dog and those dogs around you. We want to avoid any incidents.

**DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES:** The trial did not fill and we are planning on taking DOS entries at this time for all days. However, I am encouraging people to e-mail me ([vfagility@comcast.net](mailto:vfagility@comcast.net)) their entry the night before to help minimize contact at the trial secretary table and quicken the process in the morning.

**CRATING & SPECTATING:** The narrow rows are aisleways and the wide rows are for back-to-back crating. **Mats must be placed under all crates and chairs on the blue mat.**

**Please remember:** No toys or food allowed within 10 feet of the ring unless Judge approved for Training in the ring.

**IMPORTANT:** At this time, we have more than adequate crating each day however if areas are being saved for exhibitors not attending that day this may not hold true therefore, we are requesting you not reserve spaces for friends not competing that day. In order to accommodate all competitors please occupy a participant space only on those days that you will be competing. You may reserve your space with a notice for those days you will be competing and move your equipment to the unused spaces on those days you are not competing in order to accommodate others as necessary

#### **EXERCISE/DOG POTTY AREAS:**

There is plenty of room to walk/potty your dogs on the North and East side of the building, please **do not** go behind the building (southside) or on the baseball fields. If it's man-made don't let your dog pee on it. Always pick up after your dog at the facility/hotel and dispose in the trash cans provided.

**COURSE MAPS:** Will be posted on the My Dog Entry Web site at 3pm the evening before each trial day. Full size course maps will be posted at the site as well. If you are staying at the Holiday Inn Express, the front desk may be able to print copies for you.

**GENERAL BRIEFING AND WALK THROUGHs:** Will be very quick each morning and before each class we will announce the walk-through breakdowns based on entries in each height. This will minimize the number of people in the ring. Each walk through will be 5 minutes long. Once you have walked, we ask that you start preparing your dog as we will start as soon as the last walk through has completed.

**JUDGES' CLASS BRIEFINGS:** The judge will give a short briefing before each class and be available for any questions at that time.

**CHECK IN:** Gate sheets will be posted at the class entry gate. Please check your dog in either before or after your walk through. Running order will be posted. If we skip you, please do not panic, we will do our best to fit you back in the line-up so you do not miss your run.

**MOVING YOUR DOG IN THE LINEUP:** This must be done with both the running order and the score sheets so please see Venisa Figure if you need to move your dog in the lineup and we will take care of it. If you will be leaving the trial before your dog has completed his/her runs for the day please let the trial secretary know so we can adjust the lineup and score sheets.

**COURSE BUILDERS & RING CREW:** Our head course builder is Linda Karalambo. If you wish to help course build, please see her for assignments.

**WORKERS:** Volunteer sheets will be posted at the Trial Secretary Table in the morning so please volunteer whenever you can to help the trial move along smoothly. We will give our volunteers a \$1 doggie dollar for each class worked, this is good toward your next ADC trial. If you do not know how to do a job, we will happily teach you. The coordinator for the day will be announced at the morning briefing. If you must have a cell phone in the ring, please make sure it is on silent.

We will also have worker raffles. You will receive 1 ticket for every class worked. Raffles are drawn each day at the end of the day. If you are not present, we will save the prize for you for the next day or you can ask someone to pick it up for you. We will also have a daily NQ Raffle.

### **ENTERING AND LEAVING THE RING:**

- No toys or treats are allowed within 10' of the entrance/exit gate of the ring; exception is approved DTIR toys.
- The dog leaving the ring has the right of way.
- There will be marked staging areas for the next dogs in the ring.
- No one is allowed to linger near the scoring table except the judge and the person scoring the scribe sheets.
- Please wait for the timer's signal to start your run.
- Upon Entering the ring announce your dog's name TO THE SCRIBE to be sure we have the correct scribe sheet.

**LEASHES:** Dogs are no longer required to run naked but cannot have more than 1 collar on and there may be nothing attached to the collar such as studs, rhinestones or ID tags. All handlers have the choice to put their leash in their pocket or safely loop it around their waist or neck, it does not have to be out of the dog's sight, however, if the dog plays with it during the run, it would be considered a toy. If the handler cannot carry their leash, leashes will be dropped on the ground at the start line and the leash runner will pick it and place it at the exit gate on a chair or the ground/floor. Do not loop leashes on the ring barrier.

**RESULTS:** Realtime results can be viewed on the monitor in the crating area please check your results ASAP and bring any potential discrepancies to the attention of the trial secretary immediately. The Judge is not likely to remember a run from the morning that you question in the afternoon. Results and labels will be posted in the binders on the back table at the end of each run, they will also be e-mailed at the end of the trial Sunday evening.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Changes to trial results will not be made once the trial has been completed. Handlers are responsible for the accuracy of information in their confirmation from the Trial Secretary (i.e., dog's information), prior to running in a trial, and for reporting any discrepancies of posted results prior to leaving the trial site each day. Includes if there was a correction to a scribe sheet then the handler must verify that the results were corrected as well. Labels are not official results.

**RIBBONS:** Are self-serve. The teal Q ribbons are for level 1-5, Rainbow Q ribbons are for level C. We will be providing our usual label sheets for you to put your stickers on.

**TITLES:** If you are up for a title this weekend, please let Venisa Figure or Nicki Smith know class/day/title and number (C-ATCH 1, CATE 2, etc.) We have some spiffy things for you and want to make sure we have enough for everyone who is eligible.

**FOOD:** We will be providing bottled water and lunch for workers each day. Please wait for the judge to be served first. Remember to bring plenty of water for your dog(s)

**ILLNESS CREDIT:** Please do not come to the trial if you are ill. All Dogs Can will issue a credit to a future trial if you cannot make it to the trial due to illness.

**STAYING AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN LAPEER:** Please use the side entrances for coming and going to your room. This is specified in the agreement with the hotel that dogs should not be brought in the main entrance. As always, pick up after your dog and please adopt stray poops. This is the only hotel in Lapeer that accepts dogs and they have been good to CPE folks. Please be mindful so we can keep using this hotel for future trials.