



Hello Sniffing Friends!

Thank you for entering the August 22-23, 2026 CPE CSS Trial hosted by Paws 'N' Effect in Hamden, CT. We hope you and your dogs have a great weekend! We thank our volunteers in advance – we can't run trials without you!

General Information

Volunteers! The trial cannot run without volunteers!! Please consider arriving early for your runs or staying to help for a while after you run. We need timers, assistant gate stewards and post-trial clean-up helpers. Contact Kathy at kathy.pawsneffect@gmail.com or see Kathy, Lil, Sandy or Geraldine at the trial to volunteer!

- **Check-in:** For level 1 & 2 teams is 8:15 to 8:30. Briefing at 8:30AM followed by first dog on the line at 9.
- **Crating:** There will be crating spaces in Little Paws available after 7:45 AM. Please put a mat under your crates.
- **Parking:** Handicapped spaces are available on first come basis. If you need a Handicapped parking space, please plan to arrive early. **There is no overnight RV parking.**
- **Note** – If there are cones across the driveway do not walk or drive past them – they are marking a designated search area.
- **Bathrooms:** There is a unisex bathroom in little Paws available at all times. The bathrooms in Big Paws may be available occasionally during the day, but may be temporarily unavailable if that area is close to or part of a search area.
- **Food:** There will be no food or drinks available at the trial, so please bring whatever food and drinks you will need for you and your dog.
- **Results:** Scores and results will be posted in Little Paws, as soon as possible after each pair of classes.
- **Competitors are responsible for checking the accuracy of the posted results BEFORE leaving the trial.**
- **Ribbons** will be self-serve in Little Paws.

IMPORTANT NOTES

We appreciate your cooperation in protecting our Field Turf in Big Paws by adhering to the following rules:

- Chairs and tables must be placed on the hard floor perimeter of the ring.
- Only soft-soled shoes are allowed. Your shoes must be clean and dry. During inclement weather, please change footwear before running dogs. Check your shoes each time you come in the building to be sure you did not step in a neglected poop!
- THE USE OF ANTI-SLIP SPRAY OR WAX IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED
- Make sure you walk your dog before each run.

- If you dog eliminates in the ring, gather them up immediately so they stay in one spot. Urine must be blotted immediately with microfiber towels that are located on the windowsill around the room as well as in the basket on the floor. DO NOT USE PAPER TOWELS ON THE TURF.
- There will be a \$20 cash fee for every dog elimination on the turf.

MOVE-UPS: Pre-Trial move-ups must be e-mailed to the secretary by Monday, August 17th 6 pm.

IMPORTANT!! Same day move-ups will be allowed in Containers both days.

If you are eligible and want to move up after round 1, DO NOT run round 2 at that level. Tell the judge that you are moving up – He will write “MOVE-UP” on your round 2 score sheet and it will be brought to the score table so move up can be done. For Saturday to Sunday move-ups, please fill out the form on the ribbon table and leave it on the clipboard.

Run Orders will be posted on MyDogEntry soon and will be e-mailed later in the week. They will be posted at the trial in Little Paws which is where you will also find crating, secretary, ribbons, gate steward staging area, etc.

**Posted run orders are subject to last minute changes. Volunteers will have preference in final run order.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED THAT YOU PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS.

Failure to do so will result in you being excused from the trial.

TRIAL CLASS LINE-UP – The following is the planned order for the trial to be run for both days.

We will start with level 1 and progress to level 5.

In some cases, it is planned that classes will be run in pairs – that is you will do the 2 Container searches back-to-back (if entered in both at that level). Below is the projected class order for each level, however this is subject to change depending on weather and location of search areas. The gate stewards will direct you to where you need to be!

Saturday Aug. 22	Sunday Aug 23
Exterior Vehicles (non trad. Fiber) Container 1 Container 2 (non-trad. Distance) Interior	Vehicles Exterior (non-trad. Suspended) Container 1 Container 2 (non-trad. Speed) Interior

24 Hour Emergency Veterinarians –

Central Hospital for Veterinary Medicine, Crossroads Medical Center,
4 Devine St., North Haven, CT. (203) 865-0878

DIRECTIONS – Paws ‘N’ Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge, Hamden, CT 06514

From I-91: Exit 10 (Rt 40) to end. Turn right onto Rt. 10 (Whitney Ave). Go 1.2 mi. and turn left onto Sherman Ave. go 8/10 mi. to right onto Corporate Ridge. Building is on top of hill to the left.

From 15 south: Exit 62 onto Whitney Ave north. Follow as above.

From Rt 15 north: Exit 60 (Dixwell Ave). Left at end of ramp to Rt 10 (Hamden Town Hall on left. Take left onto Rt 10 (Whitney Ave) north and go 2.1 mi to Sherman Ave. Follow as above.

From I-84: Exit onto I 691, then 1st exit onto Rt 10. Follow through Cheshire and into Hamden and take right onto Sherman Ave (Dunkin Donuts and Amity Package Store on right. Follow as above.