



September 14th & 15th, 2019

*** GENERAL BRIEFING INFORMATION ***

Instead of a General Briefing and in order to get started on time each day, we ask that you **please read the following information.**

ON BEHALF OF The Agility Connection (TAC), it is our pleasure to welcome you to our AAC sanctioned trial.

THANK Q to TAC's returning competitors for your continued support. To all competitors new to our trials, it is our sincere wish that you feel welcome and enjoy your TAC trial experience and we hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you back to future events. If you have any questions or concerns during the trial, please share them with us (Christine Mandy & Julie Grimwood, TAC owners). Remember, we cannot make everyone happy but we will certainly try to please!



Volunteer Info:

As always, we want to express our gratitude to ALL our volunteers without whom none of us would be able to enjoy the weekend of events.

It's not too late to help! Contact Martha at: marthasmenagerie@outlook.com

- Volunteer rosters will be posted in the main tent (just in front of the playground and at each gate).
- Snacks and a token of our appreciation for volunteering, will be available in the main tent.
- Lunch will be available around noon each day for volunteers working a minimum of 2 events.

Trial Information:

We would like to thank you in advance for your help and cooperation with keeping things moving. With the exception of the first event each day, the schedule is an approximation only. Please allow sufficient time to set up, check in and ready your dog for your first event.

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. for 1st dog on the line.

7:20	Registration
7:30	Dog measurement begins
7:40	Host welcome
7:45	Judge's briefing & walk through
8:00	First dog on the line

- We use a 2 ring alternating format, starting in Ring 1 (closest to the scoring tent).
- Courses will be open for walkthroughs as soon they have been cleared by the judge. ***Once the previous event is completed, please clear the ring to allow those who have not had the opportunity to walk the course.***
- ***A timed walkthrough will be available for volunteers and handlers working or running in the previous event*** who didn't have an opportunity to walk the course.
- ***Handlers 'first up' on the gate list for each event should take precedent walking*** in order to have sufficient time to ready their dog prior to the start of the event.
- Please check in with the gate steward.
- Please be in the 'waiting/on deck' area, and ensure the gate steward knows you are there, at least 3 dogs prior to your run.

- Toys are allowed in the ring for FEO runs provided they are in accordance with AAC standards and used in a safe manner: *Toys must be in a good state of repair (no fur or stuffing coming loose). Handlers are permitted to interact with their dog during a run by tugging with the toy or rolling/tossing the toy a safe distance away from equipment. Food, toys containing food, audible toys, and audible training aids (e.g. clickers, whistles), are NOT permitted in the ring.*

Ribbons, Titles and Awards:

- Starters Ribbons, Super Q's and Titles/Awards (all levels) will be presented as time permits. Advanced and Masters Qualifying Ribbons will be available self-serve. Please join us at centre field when we celebrate your fellow competitor's accomplishments.
- A "Title/Award" achievement pad is available by the ribbons in the main tent. Please make sure to share your accomplishment(s) with us when you and your pup earn a title/award so that we may do likewise.
- Move-ups are available throughout the weekend. A move-up sheet is available on the Ribbon table in the main tent and must be used for all such changes.

THANK Q to Julie Grimwood, TAC co-owner, treasurer & owner of a new puppy, for the home-made Q & Title cookies!

Sponsors: We are sincerely thankful for the continued support of the following sponsor:



Culligan of Kingston providing us with complimentary drinking Water Stations for competitors & dogs.

Reminders/Courtesies:

Campers: Please pay Lilian Cook (Security site #13)

Please keep your dogs on leash everywhere (except in the ring) and pick up after your dogs.

Lake Ontario Park (LOP) is, of course, a public park and spectators are welcome. Therefore, we ask you to please keep in mind that we are all ambassadors of the sport and treat the general public with consideration. If you feel that spectators actions, i.e. too close to the ring, etc. are potentially detrimental to your time in the ring or your fellow handlers, please let us know.

Driving on the grass is not permissible (with the exception of camp sites).

Recycling:

Recycling is provided by The City of Kingston. Therefore, we encourage you to recycle whenever possible and that you refrain from putting your garbage and/or dog waste in the recycling bins (that's just nasty!).

Please re-fill your water bottle at the Culligan water stations. The water is for handlers and dogs alike. Every little bit towards reducing our foot/paw prints is greatly appreciated.

Amenities:

- Portable toilets are located a short distance from the fields.
- A Puppy Pool is available to cool down your furry pal.
- There is plenty of day crating available near the field. A loading zone is between sites 12 & 13, accessed by the roadway on the west side of the agility fields. Parking is available in & around the camping areas.

Note: There is no food vendor on site.

JUDGE'S DINNER:

Invitations to our Judge's dinner Saturday night have been sent out. It will be held in the registration tent. If you have not already done so please rsvp.

Dinner payments will be collected by Christine Mandy.

Friends of Willow Fund (FOW) Raffle:

All Proceeds will be going to The Smiling Blue Skies Fund <http://www.smilingblueskies.com/>

Raffle tickets are available at the registration table.

Tickets are: \$5 each, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20 & 20 for \$50



Winning tickets will be drawn, and raffle prizes will be presented on Sunday afternoon.

You do not have to be present to win, but your name & phone number or email address must be on the ticket if you are unable to attend the draw.

WALL OF HONOUR – *dedicated to our best friends with whom we have had the pleasure of sharing our hearts and passion for agility.*

September marks the end of our 2019 Lake Ontario Park events and with it we will be celebrating the life of our beloved companions with our 5th annual **Wall of Honour**:

TAC is inviting everyone (whether you are attending the trial or not) to take part.

If you have a retired agility dog or your agility dog has crossed the rainbow bridge, you are invited/encouraged to post a photo of your best friend to the Wall.

Please keep your photos to a 4x6 (preferred) or 5x7 (largest) so that there is plenty of room for everyone!

If you aren't attending the trial, please send a photo with a friend. Posting all photos and taking them down on Sunday will be each person's responsibility.

TAC will donate \$2 for every photo posted to the Wall of Honour to The Smiling Blue Skies Cancer Fund, Pet Trust Fund, Ontario Veterinary College (OVC). In addition, Jennifer Robb will be donating \$1 for every photo posted to the Wall of Honour in celebration of Bear's 15th Birthday.

***** May the Q's be with you and the sun shine on your agility fields *****