

Think Spring Rally and Obedience Trials

Sponsored by WASCUNY

April 8, 2023

Location: Working Dogs NY, LLC- 1451 Route 5S, Amsterdam NY 12010

1 ASCA Obedience Trial and 2 ASCA Rally Trials (ASCA Sanction Pending)

Obedience trial starts at 8:00am. Rally trial 1 starts at 10:00am or after obedience trial. Rally trial 2 starts at noon or after rally trial 1. Trial site opens at 7:00am.

Judges: Harriet (Penny) Haynes- Waterloo, NY (all rally classes and obedience classes through open)
Debra St. Jacques- Argyle, NY (utility classes)

Pre-entry: \$20 each class, \$17 second class (same dog, same trial)

****Package-** enter at least 1 class in each of the 3 trials and pay \$50 for those 3 classes.**

Pre-entries open March 6, 2023 and close on March 31, 2023 or when total entry limit has been reached. Total entry limit of 70 runs for the day. No refunds after pre-entry closing date.

Official ASCA entry forms must be used and can be found at:
obedience- <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/obedentryform.pdf>
rally- <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/rallyentryform.pdf>

Make checks payable to WASCUNY and mail with entry form to:
Maria Accumanno 1717 Weast Rd., Pattersonville, NY 12137

Day of entries will be taken between 7:00am-7:30am if limit has not been reached.
Day of entry: \$25 per class

Trial Chair: Debrs St Jacques
Contact Trial Secretary: Maria Accumanno at bealady30@aol.com with questions.

Classes Offered:

Obedience (in order)- Utility B/A, Open CDX B/A, ODX B/A, Novice B/A/C, Grad Novice, Beginner
Novice B/A and Sub Novice

****Novice group exercises will be held before novice individual exercises. Veteran dogs will show in regular classes and are allowed to jump 4" lower.**

Rally (in order)- Masters B/A/C, Excellent B/A/C, Advanced B/A/C, Novice B/A/C.

ASCA Information and Rules:

These are ASCA sanctioned trials, no food or corrections are allowed. The event is open to all breeds and mixed breeds. All breeds are eligible for titles. No bitches in season. Bitches that come into heat or dogs that become injured before the pre-entry closing date may have their entries refunded pending

proof by veterinarian. All dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination at the trial. An ASCA registration # or tracking number will be required . The application for a tracking number can be found at:

<https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>

This event will follow all rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. For a copy of the rules go to: <https://www.asca.org> . No entry will be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs, or a person not in good standing with ASCA. Dogs with titles or legs in other registries must begin at the novice level in ASCA.

Awards:

1st through 4th place placement ribbons per class. Green qualifying ribbon for each qualifier. High in Trial will be awarded for each obedience and rally trial from the regular titling classes only. High Scoring Aussie or High Scoring Other Breed (if not high in trial), High Combined and High in Trial Junior will be awarded at each trial. High in Circuit prize will be awarded to the dog/handler team with the highest average score for the weekend. Scores must come from regular titling classes.

Location Information:

The trial will be held indoors on fully matted rubber surface. All crates and chairs must have mats underneath. No X-pens permitted inside. Please pick up after your dog. There will be no food vendor on site, however DomAdi's Deli is next door (www.domadisdeli.com). There are also many other restaurants near by.

Emergency Veterinarians:

Upstate Veterinary Specialties 152 Sparrowbush Rd., Latham, NY 12110
518-783-3198

Capital District Veterinary Referral Hospital 222 Troy Schenectady Rd, Latham, NY, 12110
518-785-1094

Motels:

Super 8 Motel, 301 N Comrie Avenue Johnstown, NY 12095 518-336-5656

Holiday Inn, 308 N Comrie Avenue Johnstown, NY 12095 518-762-4686

Microtel Inn & Suites, 136 N Comrie Avenue Johnstown, NY 12095 518-362-7022

Knights Inn Motel, 831 Rte 5S Amsterdam, NY 12010 518-842-5637

Please confirm their dog friendly policy when you call, please be courteous and pick up after your dogs.

Directions to Working Dogs NY LLC:

NYS Thruway (I-90) take Exit 27 (Amsterdam). At traffic light, turn right. Take an immediate right onto the ramp for Rt 5S. Take a left onto 5S West. Continue on 5S for half mile just past Verbraska Avenue. Turn left into the parking lot for the building with the red roof. The entrance to Working Dogs NY LLC is on the left of the building.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

This club asks you to comply with all ASCA guidelines. Exhibitors should provide their own PPE and follow all local and state mandates. These measures are in effect until further notice.

Obedience Specific Guidelines

Ring Conditions: 1. The judge will ensure that a 6' distance is maintained between themselves and the handler, including when welcoming a team into the ring, and between all handlers in the ring at the same time. 2. A chair will be placed inside the ring. Handlers will place their own dumbbells, directed retrieve gloves, and article bags on this chair; leashes will be placed by the handler either on the chair or at another designated location. Stewards and judges are not required to handle leashes and dumbbells and may use tongs or wear gloves to handle directed retrieve gloves and scent articles. Handlers will be allowed to enter the ring (with or without their leashed dog) to lay their dumbbell, articles and/or gloves on the specified chair or table, then exit the ring to prepare to enter with their dog for judging. 3. For all classes not concluding with the Sit Stay - Get Your Leash, Stand Stay - Get Your Leash, or Beginner Novice Recall, after performing the last individual exercise, the handler will pick up the leash and attach it to their dog's collar. After leashing their dog, the handler will gather all personal belongings from the chair before exiting the ring. 4. Stewards should each carry a slip lead at all times in the event that a dog is out of control. 5. Stewards should maintain their distance while setting jump heights, bringing jumps in and out of ring etc. Host clubs should consider arranging armband order by jump height, to minimize jump changes. 6. Stewards may prefer to have only one person touch a piece of equipment (Beginner Novice signs and holders; ODX cone etc.), and/or to wear gloves when touching equipment. 7. Judges may announce scores from inside the ring, with class entrants remaining outside the ring, spaced 6' apart. If handlers enter the ring for awards, they should remain 6' apart. Awards may be self-serve after scores are announced. 8. Judges may choose to disallow win photos to be taken inside the ring.

Beginner Novice: 1. Walkthrough: only 2 handlers are allowed in the ring at a time, maintaining a 6' distance at all times; judges may limit the number of times each handler gets to walk the course, especially for large classes. Host clubs should consider the additional time needed for walkthroughs when determining entry limits. 2. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Beginner Novice classes and left in the ring until the end of the Beginner Novice classes. 3. Sit for Exam: The judge is to ensure that the handler walks the full 6' away from the dog. The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear a glove to examine the dog.

Novice: 1. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Novice classes and left in the ring until the end of the Novice classes. 2. After the Figure 8 and the judge's order "Exercise finished," the judge will direct the handler to place their leash at the specified location before setting up for the Stand for Exam. 3. Stand for Exam: The judge is to ensure that handler walks the full 6' away from the dog. The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but

allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear a glove to examine the dog. 4. Group exercises: handlers should maintain 6' spacing at all times, including when lining up to enter the ring, and when exiting the ring.

Open: 1. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Open classes and left in the ring until the end of the Open classes. 2. The ODX ring should be designed so that the dog does not confuse the Figure 8 posts with the Directed Open Exercises (DOE) cone. An alternate ODX ring set-up is to use one of the two Figure 8 cones as the DOE exercise cone, and to remove and replace the other Figure 8 cone during the DOE exercise; if this option is chosen, then the placement of the cone to be removed should be marked on the ground. If this option is used, then an 18" or taller cone is to be used in the DOE exercise. 3. Handlers are to pick up their own dumbbell from the chair by the ring gate and place it on the chair after the retrieve exercises. Preferred orders for Open B classes are those in which the two retrieve exercises are consecutive (Orders I, II, and IV). 4. Only one steward should set each jump height. Only one steward should place and remove the ODX cone.

Utility: 1. Scent Discrimination: stewards may wear gloves and/or use tongs to set out and pick up scent articles and to handle the article container, and/or may use hand sanitizer after handling each set of articles. 2. Directed Retrieve: stewards may use gloves and/or tongs to set out and pick up gloves, and/or may use hand sanitizer after handling each set of gloves. 3. Moving stand and Examination: The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear gloves to examine the dog. Should the dog travel forward toward the handler such that the judge cannot maintain a 6' distance from the handler when approaching the dog, then the judge should give the order "Call your dog to heel" without approaching and examining the dog, and a nonqualifying score will be given for the exercise. 4. Only one steward should set each jump height.

Rally Specific Guidelines

1. All maps should be available outside in the crating area. When also posted, each should be 6 ft apart, only 1 handler at a time may review or take a picture of the map. 2. Judges are encouraged to provide sufficient maps so that there is no sharing needed. 3. Ring armband order should be strictly observed at all times. 4. In the case of indoor trials, the affiliate should determine the maximum number of handlers, with their dogs, that may be in the building at one time, according to the size of the building and the need to maintain the six feet social distance. Handlers may remain in the building only until their score is announced or posted. On exiting the building, the handler should notify the next handler that they may enter the building. 5. Separate entry and exit gates are required for all classes, with a minimum of 40 ft between. Judge will not greet handler upon entering the ring, they should only ask "are you ready?" 6. If the building is large enough to accommodate crating, there should be 6' between set-ups, and handlers should maintain physical distancing at all times. 7. Social distancing should be maintained outside the building, and in parking area. 8. When establishing entry limits, extra time for multiple walk-throughs should be allowed. 10 minutes per group of 3 or 4 should be observed. An area for waiting to walk should be designated, but sufficient to allow proper social distancing. 9. Judges, stewards, and competitors should wear masks within 10' of the ring and the judge/steward table; club should provide judge and stewards with masks; handlers should bring their own masks and gloves. Judges and stewards are the most at risk of exposure (handlers are only in the ring for a short time). 10. Only one person should fill out the judge's books. To save time, the table steward should complete the judge's books. 11. Calculators, pens, and pencils should only be used by one person, and should be sterilized after use by one person. 12. The steward table should be set perpendicular to the ring to

maximize distance between judge & table steward. 13. All judges score sheets should be given to the judge at the beginning of each class, including A, B & C scoresheets. Score sheets should be given to the judge in run order & only the completed scoresheet at the end of each run will be passed to the table steward. Only one clip board will be used and only handled by the judge. The table steward should wait until the judge moves away from the table to retrieve each score sheet. 14. Scores should be given verbally to the handler by the table steward at the end of the run and should be called out to the person writing scores on the board. 15. Clubs should limit the supplies at the table to only those required. Extra items should be kept in a separate location to avoid contamination. 16. Judges books for A, B & C classes should be kept by the trial secretary until all runs are completed before returning to the judge to announce. The judge will announce winners, then leave the sheets in the middle of the table to be picked up by the table steward. 17. The timer should remain 6 ft from the table steward, times shall be called out orally. 18. If more than 1 timer is used during the trial, the stopwatch should be thoroughly disinfected. 19. Powder-free nitrile gloves should be provided for judges and stewards. 20. Hand sanitizer, soap, spray disinfectant and disinfectant wipes should be provided each day. 21. Judges should plan their ring to minimize jump changes. 22. Only one steward can touch a piece of equipment (signs, cones, etc.). Gloves should be worn. 23. Only 1 person may pull and change signs. 24. Gloves worn by stewards should be changed if the steward leaves, then returns to the ring area, or as often as the steward feels necessary. 25. Judges should nest all courses to eliminate the need to move numbers between classes. 26. All equipment should be sanitized at the beginning and end of each trial on each day by one designated club member. 27. Judge will announce scores at the end of each class. The class will be called back into the building for the announcements. Exhibitors will remain outside the ring, spaced 6 ft apart, and should wear masks. 28. Ribbons and awards are to be placed on a separate table at least 6' from the judge/steward's table; awards are self-serve after scores are announced. 29. Score sheets will not be available for review at trials where these rules are be utilized. 30. A chair, leash holder, or designated location on the ring gating is required for leashes. Handlers should place their own leash at the designated location, while maintaining control of their dog, either in a stay, or at their side. Stewards and judges are not to handle leashes items. 31. Judges are encouraged to design courses that eliminate the need for a leash runner for all classes. 32. A stay exercise is encouraged. 33. A club member/volunteer should disinfect all surfaces using an EPA approved disinfectant in the immediate ring area, or inside a building, on a regular basis. 34. Non-aerosol disinfectants should be used to eliminate the possibility of particles spreading into the ring where dogs are working.

Judges Books:

1. Clubs are encouraged to group dogs by jump height on the judge's books. This will minimize the number of jump changes required. 2. If entries in A, B and C, consideration might be given to doing all of one height, then the other to further reduce the number of jump heights. Be sure the run order posted for the handlers reflects this change to avoid confusion & delays. 3. If the Table Steward did not take entries, all paperwork should remain untouched in a binder, box, or envelope five (5) days before giving to the Steward. The same waiting period is needed if the final paperwork will be completed by other than the Table Steward. Per sources, the virus lives only a few minutes on most paper, but could last up to 5 days on a few types of paper.

Walkthroughs:

1. Only one steward, wearing gloves, is to touch signs. If the judge wants a sign moved, the steward should make the change. 2. Only 3 - 4 handlers in the ring at a time. 6 ft distance is required at all times. If handlers request a sign be moved to accommodate a larger dog, the steward should return to make the actual change to the sign. The judge, steward and any exhibitors should maintain a 6 ft distance at all times.