

WASCUNY

Presents

Think Spring Obedience and Rally Trials

3 ASCA Obedience Trials and 3 ASCA Rally Trials
(ASCA Sanction Pending)

Saturday, March 26, 2022 and Sunday, March 27, 2022
Working Dogs NY, LLC - 1451 Route 5S, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Saturday Rally Trial 1	Saturday Rally Trial 2	Saturday Obedience Trial
8:00 AM Debra St. Jacques Argyle, NY	10:00 AM or After Rally Trial 1 Jayne Lips East Stroudsburg, PA	Noon or After Rally Trial 2 Jayne Lips East Stroudsburg, PA
Sunday Rally Trial	Sunday Obedience Trial 1	Sunday Obedience Trial 2
8:00 AM Jayne Lips East Stroudsburg, PA	10:00 AM or After Rally Trial Terry Papineau Nazareth, PA	11:00 AM or After Obedience Trial 1 Terry Papineau Nazareth, PA

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Pre-Entries open 2/14/22 and close on 3/14/22 or when total entry limit is reached for each day. Total entry limit of 70 runs each day. If entry limit has not been met by pre-entry, entries will be taken 7:00-7:30 AM. If limits are reached, entries will close. **No Refunds after pre-entry closing date.**

ENTRY FEES: \$20 each class pre-entry; \$17 2nd class (same trial, same dog)
\$25 day of entries

PACKAGE (**Pre-Entry Only**): \$110 for same dog (in one class) in all 6 trials (3 obedience & 3 rally);
or 6 obedience or 6 rally classes.

Make checks payable to **WASCUNY** and mail with completed ASCA Rally or Obedience entry form, and Covid waiver, to: WASCUNY c/o Robin Cooney, PO Box 25, Gansevoort, NY 12831
Obedience entry form: <https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/obedentryform.pdf>
Rally entry form: <https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/rallyentryform.pdf>

**These are ASCA sanctioned trials – no food or corrections allowed. No bitches in season.
All dogs must have proof of registration and rabies certificate available at the trial.**

Classes offered and run order:

Obedience Class order: Utility B/A, Open CDX B/A, ODX B/A, Novice B/A/C, Grad Novice, Beginner Novice B/A, and Sub-Novice.

Note: Novice Obedience Sits and Downs will be held BEFORE individual class exercises. Veteran dogs will show in regular classes and are allowed to jump 4" lower.

Rally class order: Masters, Excellent, Advanced, Novice - All Rally Classes include B/A/C

ASCA Information: To enter in obedience or rally, a dog must have an ASCA tracking number or ASCA registration number. Details on obtaining this can be found on the ASCA website (<https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/trackapp.pdf>). All Obedience dogs must have a novice title from ASCA before entering Open, and have an ASCA CDX or ODX before entering Utility. All Rally dogs must have an ASCA novice title before entering Advanced, an ASCA Advanced title before entering Excellent, and an ASCA Excellent title before entering Masters.

AWARDS: 1st through 4th placement ribbons per class. Green qualifying ribbon for each qualifier. High in Trial will be awarded at 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 TRIAL CIRCUIT prize will be awarded to the dog/handler team with the highest average score of their 4 highest scores for the weekend. Two scores must come from obedience and two scores must come from rally. (Scores must come from Utility, Open or Novice for obedience; and A or B Class for Masters, Excellent, Advanced or Novice for rally.)

ASCA RULES: This event will be held under the current rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. No entry will be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs, or a person not in good standing with ASCA. ASCA Sanctioned obedience trials and rally trials are open to all breeds and mixed breeds eligible for registry with another club (including AKC and AMBOR). This is an actual trial and dogs of all breeds are eligible for titles. Dogs with titles or legs in other registries must begin at the novice level in ASCA. Visit the ASCA site for more details. (www.asca.org)

FACILITY Information: All classes will be held inside on fully matted rubber surface. No exercise pens permitted indoors. Mats must be used under crates and chairs. Show grounds will be available to exhibitors each morning at 7:00 AM for set up. Please pick up after your dog. Telephone at Working Dogs, LLC: 518-857-6543.

Directions: Working Dogs, LLC is located at 1451 Route 5S, Amsterdam, NY 12010. Please note GPS may not recognize this address yet!

NYS Thruway (I-90) to Exit 27 (Amsterdam). After passing through toll booth, at the traffic light, turn right. Take an immediate right onto ramp for Route 5S. Take a left onto Route 5S West. Follow Route 5S a half mile, just past Verbraska Avenue. Building will be on left (red roof). The entrance is on the left side of the building.

LODGING:

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

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

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

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

Please confirm their dog policy when you call. Be courteous and pick up after your dogs.

Vet Hospital – Capital District Emergency Clinic, 222 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham NY 518-785-1094 Open all weekend, 24 hour care.

Trial Chair: Deb St. Jacques 58 Bain Rd. Argyle, NY 12809

Trial Secretary: Robin Cooney PO Box 25, Gansevoort, NY 12831 518-361-6164

Email: RobinCooney33@gmail.com

Food information: No food available on site. DomAdi's Deli is next door (www.domadisdeli.com) and is open on Saturday, but closed on Sunday. There are many other restaurants nearby on Route 30N.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Please keep in mind that New York State rules on the day of the trials take precedent. This club will comply with ASCA guidelines and New York State rules. Please be sure you are aware of all guidelines in effect on the date of the trials.

The following are general WASCUNY guidelines in effect for the obedience and rally trials being held on March 26 & 27, 2022:

1. All handlers will need to complete and sign a covid waiver and submit it with their entry.
2. Masks will be required indoors at all times. Please provide your own PPE.
3. Social distance requirements are in effect, including appropriate distance in crating areas.
4. Only exhibitors and entered dogs are allowed in the building.
5. Competitors showing any symptoms or with relatives showing symptoms must stay home and not participate in events. People who test positive or have relatives who test positive for coronavirus should follow state and local quarantine rules.
6. Proper hygiene practices and safety protocols will be used.
7. Social distancing will be observed at the show/trial tables, line-ups, people sitting ring side, between timers and judges, crating areas, etc. This means observing the 6 feet distance from all tables. Please space yourselves and your crates at least 6 feet from your neighbor and their crates. Mats must be placed under crates and chairs.
8. Hand sanitizer will be available for stewards, entry clerks, and judges.
9. A container will be available where competitors can return flat ribbons and rosettes if they so desire.

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 touch 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 non-qualifying score will be given for the exercise.
4. Only one steward should set each jump height.

Rally Specific Guidelines

These guidelines were developed with the most stringent requirements, to account for regulatory differences between different jurisdictions where ASCA trials are held.

General:

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 judge's score sheets should be given to the judge at the beginning of each class, including A, B & C score sheets. Score sheets should be given to the judge in run order & only the completed score sheet 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. Judge's 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 being 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.

Judge's 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.

MANDATORY COVID-19 LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I attest that to the best of my knowledge, I do not have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event and understand the risks of unknowing exposure to this and other illnesses by or to myself, my family, other participants, and third parties. I have not been tested and found positive; am not waiting for test results; and do not have symptoms. To the best of my knowledge, I have not been exposed to anyone infected with COVID-19 within the last 14 days. I agree that I will not knowingly expose others to any illness I may have or be at risk to have. I will follow all ASCA and WASCUNY rules and requirements to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading the virus. I will also fully cooperate with and follow any City, County or State guidelines that have jurisdiction in the area in which the event is taking place. If any of the above should change prior to my arrival at the trial site or during the completion of the event that is the subject of this consent, I will inform ASCA and WASCUNY and proceed accordingly in light of the new information.

I agree that I am attending this ASCA and WASCUNY event entirely at my own risk and assume all risk and assume all risk and full responsibility for my own health, well-being, and safety during this event. I fully agree that ASCA and WASCUNY, the owners of Working Dogs NY, LLC, employees, WASCUNY Board Members, and volunteers are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after this event. I hereby waive and release ASCA, Working Dogs NY, LLC, employees, WASCUNY, Board Members, and volunteers from any and all liability for damages or personal injury to me, my dogs or my property.

Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless ASCA, Working Dogs NY, LLC, employees, WASCUNY, Board Members and volunteers from any and all claims by or liability to any third party arising out of my participation in the site and WASCUNY event. Any liability to anyone for any incident involving me, the location, or those pets or actions of other participants and spectators will be my sole responsibility and I assume all financial liability and will also assume all and any financial costs associated with my actions.

I will not come if I have been exposed within 14 days of the trial or if I am having any symptoms at the time of the trial.

Signature

Print Name

Date Signed