



Thank you for entering our 2013 Happy Holidays AKC Agility trials to be held at the Murieta Equine Complex, 7200 Lone Pine Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA on Dec 27-30, 2013. This is a preliminary judging schedule which is contingent on move-up entries not yet received. Upon acceptance of your entry, you were emailed an entry confirmation. Please ensure you have read this confirmation carefully. No additions, deletions, or changes may be made after closing except for move ups or in a wait list situation. Move ups for Friday, December 27, 2013 are accepted until Monday, Dec 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm and must be in print (either letter or email). Move ups for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday will be taken until 30 minutes after the close of day's event. If you have anything to change, email kathie@touchngoagility.com.

IMPORTANT COMPETITOR NOTE

DO NOT, under any circumstances, allow or encourage your dog to relieve itself anywhere under, in or on the arena floor, structure, or anything man-made anywhere on the site.

Additionally, be sure to pick up after your dogs regardless of where or when they leave a mess. At recent shows, we have all picked up many, many piles of dog droppings. We don't KNOW that they are from agility competitors, but we will be blamed, regardless of who leaves them.

Disregard of this directive will be cause for a Bench Committee hearing.

Murieta has had a change of management. It will not take much at all for us to lose this site.

Join US!!

TRACS is a small, but active club. We host AKC and USDAA agility trials as well as AKC Tracking tests throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining us, there are membership applications available at all TRACS events or you can download an application at our website:

<http://agiltracs.org/about-us/joining-tracs/>

DIRECTIONS:

From Sacramento/Bay Area and other points west/south: Take Hwy 50 east towards Lake Tahoe. Exit at Sunrise Blvd. Turn right off the exit ramp and proceed for 7.4 miles to Jackson Road (Rt 16). Turn left on Jackson Road and proceed 7.1 miles to Lone Pine Rd. Turn right on Lone Pine. Murieta Equine Complex is immediately on your right.

From Reno: Take Hwy 80 towards Sacramento. Exit at Sierra College Blvd. Turn south. Sierra College Blvd becomes Hazel Ave. Follow Hazel Ave to Hwy 50 west. Follow Hwy 50 to Sunrise Blvd exit. Turn left off exit ramp and follow directions above.

NOTE:

***THE SITE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VENDOR AND COMPETITOR SET UP AFTER
3:00 pm ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2013.***

Anyone setting up prior to that time will be asked to stop, move or be moved until we get the show set up or 3 pm, whichever is later.

SET UP: TRACS will be setting up the trial starting at 2 pm and would love to have your help! Only those involved with setting up the trial may set up prior to 3 pm, so if you'd like a chance to set up YOUR space early, be on site ready to work at 2 pm. Only those folks actually there for the set up can set their mats out. No land grabbing for friends. You can do that after 3 pm.

NOTE: The platform area next to the ring is reserved for vendor and keyworkers until 4 pm. After that time, any space remaining will be opened for general crating.

DAY PARKING: Currently there are no restrictions on parking other than to not block fire lanes. Unless there are signs posting areas with "no parking" signs, you may park on all sides of the main arena. In the event we have heavy rains just prior to the trial, the arena between the two arenas may be very soft and cars have been known to get stuck!! Be careful.

CRATING: Please check out the attached site map to get an idea of where you will be able to crate this year. Crating is always tight at Murieta especially in the event of inclement weather. Please only stake out as much space as needed for your crates and ex-pens, and only in the marked off areas. There will be no crating in between rings or along the wall on the entrance side of the wall near the rings. You are permitted to set up either in the designated areas of the arena floor or on the second floor overlooking the arena. We want you to have fun and be sociable, but we also want there to be sufficient crating space for everyone entered, especially those coming on the later days of the event. If you are setting up ex-pens, which is fine, please be prepared to be extra friendly with others, especially on the ground floor platform area. This issue will become especially important if we have inclement weather which may reduce the amount of crating space. The Trial Committee reserves the right to require people to reduce their crating area to the minimum needed for crates and ex-pens if conditions warrant.

UNATTENDED DOGS: **In accordance with AKC rules, all dogs must be on leash and attached to a human being.** Please do not tie your dog to the fences, leave them in chairs, or in an unattended down stay next to the ring while walking your course. If you are early in the running order, you may bring a crate to the warm up area to stage your dog so you can be ready immediately following the walk though. However, you will have to remove it after your run to keep congestion down near the front of the rings.

ATTENTION RV OWNERS STAYING ON SITE:

ALL DOGS MUST BE CONFINED BY AN EXERCISE PEN/YARD OR CRATES IF LEFT OUTSIDE THE RVs, WHETHER THE OWNERS ARE THERE OR NOT. NO DOGS MAY BE TETHERED OR TIED OUT. THERE IS TOO GREAT A RISK OF SPOOKING A HORSE COMING BY IF THE DOGS BOLT TOWARDS THE ROAD, EVEN IF THEY CANNOT REACH THE ROAD.

RV PARKING: TRACS has no involvement with RV parking/camping. Contact Murieta Equine Center at (916)985-7334. Except by prior arrangement, there is NO overnight RV parking north of the main arena.

USE OF GENERATORS: Unless necessary for the conduct of the trial, there may not be any generators running in the parking area between arenas except between the hours of 6:00 - 7:00 am and 60 minutes after the last dog runs. Additionally, the trial committee reserves the right to require ANY generator be shut down if exhaust fumes are causing problems.

FOOD: There will be an on-site concessionaire selling breakfast and lunch items. Complimentary coffee, muffins, and fruit will be available to competitors until 10:00 am. HOWEVER, if you were clever enough to volunteer and are assigned to work, you will receive a food sticker you can use at the concession. Your Ring Crew Chief will provide you with your lunch sticker you exchange at the concession. If you are scheduled to work after lunch, be sure to track down your Ring Crew Chief in the morning and ask for your sticker!

WORKERS: We are not doing advanced worker scheduling. There will be white boards to sign up to work the various classes. So, if you see a gap, please sign up to help. Every class you work in will earn you raffle tickets for our awesome Workers Raffle. If your Ring Crew Chief doesn't give you any, don't be shy—ask for them!

SCORING, QUESTIONS, POSTING: Scores will be posted in binders outside the scoring office and near awards as soon as possible after each jump height is completed. Please check your results as soon as possible so we may resolve any questions you may have before the judge forgets what your run was like! If you have a question, come into the office and ask. While it's true the score room is busy, we are never too busy to help you.

If you have any questions about anything other than scoring, or have any feedback about ways we can improve our trial don't be shy about saying something (although I've never really known agility people to be shy about expressing their opinions). Track down our Trial Chair, Susan Cochran; our Trial Secretary, Kathie Leggett; or talk to anyone wearing a red TRACS shirt/jacket.

AWARDS: We will have your awards ready as soon as we can, but please be patient. AKC requires judges to review all scribesheets prior to awards being available to competitors. In addition to rosettes for class placements and qualifying flats, there are special rosettes for Double Qualifying rounds; for new titles; and for any MACH. **IF YOU MAY EARN A MACH AT THIS TRIAL, PLEASE LET OUR TRIAL SECRETARY KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**

CHECK IN: Armbands will be available in binders on tables outside the scoring office by 7 am each day. Remember that if your dog needs to be measured, you MUST have them measured before you run your first run of the weekend. We will have at least one VMO available for official measurements in addition to our judges (who can also do official measurements). With a couple of exceptions, course Maps will be available at the check in table outside the scoring office for pick up. Open and Novice FAST maps will be held in the scoring office. If you are entered in those classes, come in and ask for them. They will be on the window sill closest to the office door.

MEASURING: In accordance with recent changes, the only dogs that require measuring are those without height cards or dogs over two years of age who only have one measurement. If you have a permanent height card or two measurements on a dog more than two years old or have a temporary height card for dogs less than two years old, you no longer need to submit or show height cards. Only if you have a dog over two years of age (of any height) and do not have your permanent card will you need to be measured.

OFFICIAL HEIGHT CARD MEASUREMENTS: We will have three Volunteer Measuring Officials for the weekend. Cindy Macklin, Kathie Leggett and Robin Kletke will our volunteer measuring officials for the weekend. Official measuring will be done at the beginning of the trial and approximately at the top of each hour during the trial. If you need a height measurement (and remember that dogs over two years of age without permanent height cards at this time now need at least two measurements), fill out your paperwork (available at the trial) watch for posted measuring times.

RESTRICTIONS ON VENDING/SELLING STUFF: In order to sell anything, anywhere on the trial grounds, you must pay Murieta a per day vendor fee plus carry a \$1,000,000 insurance policy (and have proof insurance with you on the grounds). All vendors must set up in the vendor area. There will be no vending from the arena floor. Please do not jeopardize our good relations with Murieta by not following these requirements. This is not a TRACS requirement, but one set by Murieta Equine Center.

TRIAL SCHEDULE - Please see details on the following pages!

CONFLICTS: Conflicts will be handled as needed. If you even THINK you might have a conflict, notify your GATE STEWARD before your class begins or as soon as you know you have a problem. We will do everything we can do make sure you get your run, including resetting jump heights once after all dogs have run, so long as you have told us you have a problem. However, we will not hold a ring open once all dogs present at ringside have run; there are other classes to get going.

Recent AKC directives have established that only the Judge can approve any changes to the published running order. The Judge will brief the Gate Stewards on the process they want them to use to handle conflicts. If you have a conflict, identify it to the Gate Steward and he/she will handle it in accordance with the Judge's guidance. If the Gate Steward has not received specific guidance from the judge or is unsure of how to handle your particular situation, the judge must be consulted and give approval for any change.

Handlers with multiple dogs will be separated by as much as possible while remaining in their class (in most cases, Masters dogs will not be moved to the end of the Excellent dogs), given the number of dogs in their jump height.

MOVE UPS: Pre-trial move ups will be accepted until noon on Mon, Dec 23, 2013. Day-to-day move ups will also be taken provided you have completed a move up form and given it to the Scoring Office Table no later than 30 minutes after the end of the final class of the day.

If you have any questions about in this letter, contact Kathie Leggett, Trial Secretary, at Kathie@touchngoagility.com or call her at (916)719-0516.

TRIAL SCHEDULE:

Check in: 7:15 all days

Briefings: Will be approximately 15 minutes prior to start of judging

Judging Begins:

Fri: Ring 1 - 8:30 am
Ring 2 - 8:45 am

Sat: Ring 1 - 8:45 am (or when Robin is done judging 24 Ex/Mas FAST dogs, whichever is later)
Ring 2 - 8:30 am

Sun: Ring 1 - 8:45 am (or when Greg is done judging 26/8" Ex/Mas FAST dogs, whichever is later)
Ring 2 - 8:30 am

Mon: Ring 1 - 8:30 am
Ring 2 - 8:45 am

On all days / all rings, subsequent classes will start when the rings are prepared.

NOTE:

NOTE TO EXHIBITORS ON SCHEDULE, CLASS ORDER, AND JUMP HEIGHT ORDER:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION VERY CAREFULLY. WE HAVE SET THE SCHEDULE TO BEST REDUCE CONFLICTS THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL. CLASS ORDER AS WELL AS JUMP HEIGHT ORDER CHANGES DAILY, ESPECIALLY IN THE EXCELLENT CLASSES.

FAILURE TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE SCHEDULE IS NOT GROUNDS FOR RUNNING OUT OF ORDER.

JUDGING CHANGE - SAT / SUN

Due to our entry numbers on Saturday and Sunday, the following judging changes were required:

On Saturday, Dec 28, Robin Kletke will judge the 24" Ex/Mas FAST dogs in Ring 2 prior to the start of judging in Ring 1

On Sunday, Dec 29, Greg Beck will judge the 26 & 8" Ex/Mas FAST dogs in Ring 2 prior to start of judging in Ring 1

CLASS ORDER - ALL DAYS

Ring 1 - T2B; Mas/Ex Std; Open Std; Nov Std

Ring 2 - Mas/Ex FAST; Open FAST; Nov FAST; Nov JWW; Open JWW; Mas/Ex JWW

WALKTHROUGH / JUMP HEIGHT ORDER

Novice and Open: Std, JWW, FAST
Friday: Tall to Small
Saturday: Small to Tall
Sunday: Tall to Small
Monday: Small to Tall

Time to Beat:
Friday: 26/24/20; 16/12/8
Saturday: 8/12/16; 20/24/26
Sunday: 26/24/20; 16/12/8
Monday: 8/12/16; 20/24/26

Excellent/Masters:
Friday Standard & JWW: 16; 20; 26/24; 12/8/4
FAST: 16/12/8; 26/24/20
Saturday Standard & JWW: 4/8/12; 16; 20; 24/26
FAST: (Kletke) - 24"; (Beck); 20/26; 4/8/12/16
Sunday Standard & JWW: 26/24; 12/8/4; 16; 20
FAST: (Beck) - 26/8; (Kletke) 16/12/4; 24/20
Monday Standard & JWW: 20; 24/26; 4/8/12; 16
FAST: 20/24/26; 4/8/12/16