



Thank you for entering our New Year's Weekend AKC Agility trials to be held at the Murieta Equine Complex on December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2008. 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. Move ups for Saturday, December 27 are accepted until Monday, Dec 22, 2008 at 6:00 pm and must be in print (either letter or email). Move ups for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be taken until 30 minutes after the close of day's event. If you have anything to change, email [kathie@touchngoagility.com](mailto: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://www.agiltracs.org/tracs\\_membership\\_app01265.pdf](http://www.agiltracs.org/tracs_membership_app01265.pdf)

**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 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008 .***

***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.***

**CRATING:** 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 near the entrance to 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. 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.

**RV PARKING:** Is by advance reservation only and there are limited hook ups. Contact Murieta Equine Center at (916)985-7334. TRACS has no involvement with RV parking/camping. Except by prior arrangement, there is NO RV Parking in between the two arenas. If you have not secured an RV reservation in the RV parking area - please park your RV in the parking lot on the left as you drive into the complex.

**USE OF GENERATORS:** Unless necessary for the conduct of the trial, there may not be any generators running in the parking area between the two arenas during trial hours. 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 tickets you can use at the concession. Your Ring Crew Chief will provide you with tickets 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 tickets!

**WORKERS:** We are doing advance worker scheduling for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Schedules will be posted by each ring each morning. There will also be a white board to sign up to work the various classes. So, if you see a gap, please sign up to help! If you find you cannot make your assignment, erase your name. If you volunteered but we were unable to schedule you because of multiple dogs and classes, thank you anyways! Feel free to step in and help out if you see the chance! 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! There will be a person in the scoring office to act as a liaison between the scorekeepers (who we all know are incredibly busy) and anyone with a question. While it's true the score table 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:** If you sent in a copy of a valid temporary or permanent height card, you can pick up your armbands at our self-check in. Course Maps will be available at the check in table for pick up. PLEASE, only take the maps for the classes you entered. If you did not send a copy of your height card with your entry or if your temporary card has expired, you will have to present your card at check in or be measured to receive your armbands. **You MUST check in and receive your armbands before you run.** You only have to check in once for the set of trials.

**MEASURING:** If you did not submit a copy of your height card(s) with your entry and forgot to bring yours, or just plain don't have one, your dogs MUST be measured BEFORE running. This includes dogs running the 24" and 26" classes because we have two volunteer measuring officials (VMOs) present. If you have one and forgot to send it with your entry (and don't have one on file), you can simply present it at check-in to receive your armbands.

**OFFICIAL HEIGHT CARD MEASUREMENTS:** Robin Kletke will be our volunteer measuring official for the weekend. Official measuring will be done periodically throughout the day. 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) and listen for announcements or 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. With the exception of our photographers, 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 - See following page**

**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.

**ONLY THE GATE STEWARD OR OTHER DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS MAY CHANGE THE RUNNING ORDER. HANDLERS MAY NOT MOVE THEIR OWN DOGS.** Handlers with multiple dogs will be separated by at least 10 dogs if at all possible, given the number of dogs in their jump height. If there are not 10 dogs between a handler's dog, it will be handled on a case by case basis. The first dog running will be moved UP in the running order to the maximum extent. Then, and only then, will the second dog be moved down until there are 10 dogs between them.

**MOVE UPS:** Pre-trial move ups will be accepted until noon on Mon, Dec 22, 2008. Day-to-day moveups 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.

**LIVE TO RUN AGAIN Library:** Penny Larson is starting another Live to Run Again library of audio tapes. The libraries were started in memory of an agility person who was killed when the person driving her home from a trial fell asleep at the wheel. It's a circulating collection of audio tapes (CDs and/or cassettes) that you can borrow from and donate to. Bring any tapes you would like to contribute and feel free to 'borrow' one to listen to and then put back. The bin will be at most AKC trials and a few USDAA trials in the area.

**RAFFLE TO SUPPORT MILITARY WORKING DOGS:** TRACS has "adopted" a kennel of military working dogs at Kalsu, Iraq. We will be having a small raffle to raise funds to help provide items our handlers have requested that they have difficulty getting through the military supply system as well as some creature comfort items for the dogs and the handlers. Additionally, we send 50% of the funds raised to the general program to help outfit other military working dogs with cooling vests. Please, help us help those who are far from home.

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

Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday:	7:15	Check In Opens
	8:00	Walk throughs begin (or when judges approve the courses)
	8:15	Judges' Briefing
	8:30	Judging starts. Subsequent classes will start when rings are prepared
Monday	7:15	Check In opens
	7:45	Excellent FAST briefing and walk through
	8:00	Excellent FAST judging begins
	8:00	Ring 1 Walk through begins (Open Standard)
	8:15	Open Standard briefing
	8:30	Open Standard judging begins

## CLASS ORDER

Saturday & Tuesday	Ring 1 - Open Standard; Excellent Standard; Novice Standard; "B" Match Ring 2 - Novice JWW; Open JWW; Excellent JWW
Sunday:	Ring 1 - Novice FAST; Open Standard; Excellent Standard; Novice Standard Ring 2 - Excellent JWW; Open JWW; Novice JWW; Excellent FAST; Open FAST
Monday:	Ring 1 - Open Standard; Excellent Standard; Novice Standard; Novice FAST Ring 2 - Excellent FAST; Open FAST; Excellent JWW; Open JWW; Novice JWW

## WALKTHROUGH / JUMP HEIGHT ORDER

Novice and Open Standard, JWW, FAST: Saturday & Monday: Small to Tall  
Sunday & Tuesday: Tall to Small

Excellent:

Saturday	Standard: 16; 20; 24/26; 8/12 JWW: 8/12; 16; 20; 24/26
Sunday	Standard: 20; 26/24; 12/8; 16 JWW: 20; 26/24; 12/8; 16 FAST: Tall to Small
Monday	Standard: 8/12; 16; 20; 24/26 JWW: 8/12; 16; 20; 24/26 FAST: Small to Tall
Tuesday	Standard: 26/24; 12/8; 16; 20 JWW: 20; 26/24; 12/8; 16

## Saturday, December 27, 2008

	<i>REGULAR</i>						<i>PREFERRED</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	<i>24"</i>	<i>26"</i>	<i>4"</i>	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	
<b><i>TOTAL STANDARD</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	1	4	3	6	5	0	0	1	2	1	0	<b>23</b>
<i>OPEN</i>	1	5	1	6	3	0	0	1	0	3	2	<b>22</b>
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	10	24	25	46	22	6	0	1	2	2	2	<b>140</b>
<b><i>TOTAL JWW</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	2	7	2	7	4	0	0	1	1	2	1	<b>27</b>
<i>OPEN</i>	1	5	4	7	6	1	0	2	1	4	1	<b>32</b>
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	10	27	26	45	20	4	0	2	2	2	3	<b>141</b>

## Sunday, December 28, 2008

	<i>REGULAR</i>						<i>PREFERRED</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	<i>24"</i>	<i>26"</i>	<i>4"</i>	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	
<b><i>TOTAL STANDARD</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	2	3	2	9	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	<b>24</b>
<i>OPEN</i>	1	5	1	9	3	0	0	1	0	3	2	<b>25</b>
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	12	24	27	54	25	6	0	1	2	3	2	<b>156</b>
<b><i>TOTAL JWW</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	2	5	1	11	5	0	0	1	1	2	1	<b>29</b>
<i>OPEN</i>	1	4	5	10	5	1	0	3	0	4	2	<b>35</b>
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	12	27	26	54	24	5	0	1	2	3	3	<b>157</b>
<b><i>TOTAL FAST</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	2	4	3	5	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	<b>20</b>
<i>OPEN</i>	2	3	4	10	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	<b>24</b>
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	3	6	13	24	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>62</b>

## Monday, December 29, 2008

	<i>REGULAR</i>						<i>PREFERRED</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	<i>24"</i>	<i>26"</i>	<i>4"</i>	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	
<b><i>TOTAL STANDARD</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	3	0	2	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	14
<i>OPEN</i>	2	5	1	7	3	0	0	1	0	2	2	23
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	14	28	27	45	24	6	0	1	2	3	2	152
<b><i>TOTAL JWW</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	2	4	1	7	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	22
<i>OPEN</i>	3	2	3	7	7	1	0	3	1	2	1	30
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	14	31	28	45	21	5	0	2	2	3	4	155
<b><i>TOTAL FAST</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	2	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	15
<i>OPEN</i>	3	2	4	6	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	20
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	3	9	11	23	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	62

## Tuesday, December 30, 2008

	<i>REGULAR</i>						<i>PREFERRED</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	<i>24"</i>	<i>26"</i>	<i>4"</i>	<i>8"</i>	<i>12"</i>	<i>16"</i>	<i>20"</i>	
<b><i>TOTAL STANDARD</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	11
<i>OPEN</i>	1	5	1	6	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	20
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	11	26	23	39	22	6	0	1	2	2	2	134
<b><i>TOTAL JWW</i></b>												
<i>NOVICE</i>	0	3	1	6	2	0	0	2	2	2	1	19
<i>OPEN</i>	2	2	4	5	6	1	0	2	1	2	1	26
<i>EXCELLENT</i>	12	30	24	40	20	5	0	1	2	2	5	141

