

**JUDGING PROGRAM**  
**Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association**  
**AKC Trial**  
**September 22-24, 2017**

**LOCATION / DIRECTIONS**

The trial will be held at the Haywood County Fairgrounds, 758 Crabtree Road, Waynesville, NC 28785

**From East or West**, I-40 to Exit 24, Lake Junaluska/Hot Springs. At end of exit take Hwy 209 South (Crabtree Road). Proceed approximately 2 miles; cross a large concrete bridge, and the Arena is on your left. **From the South**, take the Great Smoky Mountain Expressway (Hwy 23/74) to Exit 104 (East Waynesville/Hot Springs/Lake Junaluska). At the end of exit ramp, turn left onto Hwy 209 (Crabtree Road) headed north. Proceed approximately 1 mile; arena will be on your right. *Note: There is construction near Exit 104 on Crabtree Road, so travel time may be impacted slightly.*

**The area has many fast food chain restaurants, but the best dining options are locally owned and unique. There will be a map and listing of local restaurants on display at the trial site to help you make a choice.**

**TRIAL SCHEDULE**

Thursday, September 21 --- Grounds open for set-up from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday, September 22 – 24

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. - Check-in and measuring;

**RING 2**

8:15 a.m. Briefing;

8:30 a.m. Judging begins

**RING 1**

8:45 a.m. Briefing;

9:00 a.m. Judging begins

On Friday the jump height order for all classes will be small to tall; on Saturday and Sunday it will be tall to small.

The Master/Excellent Standard and JWW classes for ALL DAYS will be grouped for walks/runs as follows: 4-8-12” walk/run as a group, 16” walk/run as a group, 20-24” walk/run as a group.

A projected timeline for the trial is available on the WCDFFA website at: <http://www.wcdfa.org> to help you gauge when you will need to be available to walk your course or carry out your volunteer assignments. Remember, it's JUST AN ESTIMATE and subject to change!

### **CHECK-IN**

**We will not issue armbands (stickers) at this trial.**

Your dog still has an entry-number, keep this confirmation handy in case you need your dog's armband number for clarification. (It's been known to see more than one dog of the same breed and same height with the same name in the same class).

For those entrants who indicated their dog did not need to be measured, you can arrive each morning and check off that you are present and ready to play on the gate sheets that are hung near each ring/on the railing. Be sure you are in the correct classes and heights and take note of the running order for the day. Gate check-in sheets will be available by 7:15 am, generally earlier. Course maps will be available to pick up and begin your game plan as soon as our judges arrive each day.

### **MEASURING**

We have **THREE VMO's**, both of our judges as well as Nancy Davis, who will gladly measure dogs when they are available. To assure a measurement, if you need one, plan to be at the trial during the official measuring time in the morning. Other times of the day will depend on judge availability as well as Nancy's, who is running her dog as well as the Trial Chair.

**All dogs who need measuring MUST be measured PRIOR to running, either by Nancy or one of our judges, and it is YOUR responsibility to allow sufficient time before your run for your dog to be measured.**

**IMPORTANT: If your jump height changes from your entered height due to a measurement, you MUST SEE JAYNE ABBOT, TRIAL SECRETARY, TO BE MOVED, well before you run your dog.**

### **NEXT-DAY MOVE-UPS**

For this event, competitors completing a title may move up to the next level the following day. A move-up sheet will be available by the results/stickers area, and must be completed, in writing, and presented to the trial secretary within 15 minutes of the completion of the last class of the day on which you earn your title. Email/text/facebook messages are not acceptable.

## **HANDLERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

This is a large trial, so we will need everyone's cooperation to keep things moving. To make sure that this trial runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible, we will use the following procedures:

1. You are responsible for checking in with the gate steward before or after your walk-through.
2. While each dog is running, we will have one dog on the line, one dog on deck, and one dog in the hole. Be sure that you are at the gate, ready to take your place in line. We will not look for you---if you are not there, you will lose your turn to run. If you have ring conflicts, let both gate stewards know, and they will make sure that you do get your runs.
3. The dog on the line should be ready to run before the dog on course finishes the last obstacle. When the timer tells you to go, begin your run!

## **SCORING, POSTING, QUESTIONS**

Scores will be posted in notebooks near the awards table, and we will have real-time results showing on monitors at the scoring table, located at the exit of the rings. Please check your results as soon as possible so we may resolve any questions you may have before the judge forgets your run. While it is true the score table is busy, we are never too busy to help you or answer your questions.

## **AWARDS**

Ribbons will be self-service. This is how it works: After the judge has reviewed all scribe sheets and catalog pages for your class (or height group for Masters/Excellent) we will release individual printed ribbon labels. You will then be able to come to the Awards area and make your own ribbon(s) using these printed labels. We will try to have the labels out as soon as we can, but please be patient -- remember that the AKC requires extensive review of the results by judges before ribbons can be made available to competitors.

In addition to rosettes for placements and qualifying flat ribbons, we will have new title ribbons, double Q ribbons, and MACH/PACH ribbons and bars. **IF YOU MAY EARN A MACH/PACH AT THIS TRIAL**, please let Anne Bello, ribbons coordinator, know before your run. All ribbons will be available for pickup at the awards area.

Ribbons will **NOT BE MAILED** to you after the trial; you must pick them up on **Sunday** or they will be recycled.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

If you offered to volunteer to help out at the show, THANK YOU! We have posted an online sign up schedule for volunteers linked to our website, [www.wcdfa.org](http://www.wcdfa.org). The online scheduling tool allows you the opportunity to choose your favored jobs and times for helping that work best for you.

In addition to our sincere appreciation, volunteers will get vouchers that can be used at the concession stand, for shopping at our vendors, and/or for \$\$ off future entries. Online signups to volunteer will close at 6pm on Monday, September 18. If you forget to volunteer prior to the trial, you can sign up at the trial. No experience necessary!! We train!! We always need volunteers. There will also be a volunteer raffle each afternoon for a \$25.00 Clean Run Gift Certificate.

## **VENDORS**

We are happy to host a great variety of vendors for your shopping pleasure. They are listed below:

In Motion Photography - Gary Depp

Blue Ridge Therapeutic (Massage for Pets & People) - Beverly Adams

Maney Dog Beds - Steve & Nancy Maney

Smokey Mountain Mobile Vet (acupuncture & massage) - Mary Coker, DVM

JodLinn Southern Treats (toys, collars, leashes, supplies) - Joyce Linnon

The Dog House Sweet Shoppe - Amy Gurly

## **CRATING**

The Great Smokies Arena is a dirt-floored outdoor, covered arena. There is ample room for crating; however, we will need to conserve space as much as possible--we have 370 dogs entered. The Arena will be open for crating after 4pm on Thursday. Please do not plan to set up earlier than 4pm.

## **FOOD**

Lenoir Creek Beef & Bakery will be on hand once again with great fresh food choices for breakfast and lunch. They will be open from 8am – 3pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 8am – 1pm on Sunday.

## **VETERINARIANS ON CALL**

**On Call During Trial Hours:** Country Lane Animal Hospital

9019 Carolina Blvd. Clyde, NC 28721 (828) 627-9100 (1.5 miles from show site)

**After Hours: Haywood Animal Emergency @ Junaluska Animal Hospital**

3248 Asheville Rd. (Bus. US 23), Waynesville, NC (828) 452-1478 (1.4 miles from show site)

5:30 pm – Midnight M-F, 8:30 am – Midnight Sat/Sun

From show site: left onto Crabtree Rd., continue under US19/74 overpass, road becomes Business US 23/Asheville Rd., go past Lowes, clinic on left

**After Midnight: Reach Emergency Animal Hospital**

677 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 665-4399

From I-40, take Exit 47 and go south on 191 for 0.9 miles; clinic on your right

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **Waynesville NC area MOTELS & CAMPGROUNDS THAT ACCEPT DOGS**

*The area surrounding our trial is unique in that we have very few “chain” hotels. Many of the facilities listed below are locally owned and very individual in their appearance and amenities. Please contact hotel(s) for information. Canton, Maggie Valley and Waynesville facilities are <10 miles from the trial site; Asheville/Candler are approx. 20-25 miles from the site.*

**NOTE: Information is for Sept. 21-24, 2017 and does not include taxes. Call to verify prices. Waynesville is a tourist area so make reservations early! Lodging information may be found in the premium list at [wcdfa.org](http://wcdfa.org).**

## **CAMPING ON-SITE**

- RVs may dry camp free (there are no hook-ups or dump site at this facility) at the site. **No Reservations Required.** Dump service available at Winngray Campground, 26 Winngray Lane (off Hwy 276), Waynesville, NC 28785; 828-926-3170 at a cost of \$7.00
- ***Please park with sufficient distance between rigs to maintain comfort and safety.***
- Free tent camping but tents are NOT allowed in the barns nor can you use electricity from the barns because these facilities are not included in our rental contract. Tenting is not available under the arena as the area is locked at night.
- If camping onsite, please plan to arrive no earlier than 3:00pm on Thursday, September 22.
- In addition to dry camping, a limited number of hookups may be available through the Haywood County Fairgrounds manager. Please contact Jude Lowery, manager, at [hcfgmanager@gmail.com](mailto:hcfgmanager@gmail.com) or 828-400-1704 for more info.

## **RAFFLE!!**

WCDFCA is proud already to have donated \$1000.00 toward pet rescue and relief efforts associated with Hurricane Harvey in Texas. The club will be holding a raffle at this year's trial to assist with fundraising Hurricane Irma rescue efforts. We will raffle a chance at winning an oil portrait of your pet by artist Shawn Hart (valued at \$150.00). The drawing will be held on October 8, and the winner will be notified. Please visit the awards area for more information and to purchase tickets.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Have a safe trip to the trial.

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