

(Happy Animals=Harmonious Agility)

## Fall 2020 Agility Trials!!!

This being 2020 and all the challenges we have been given, HA=HA wants to make this weekend of Agility one of our most fun!! There are some rules of course to keep us all safe and there are some surprises just to keep the smiles coming. We are looking forward to a great party for all of us.... people and dogs! Speaking of fun....we have many new people and dogs to encourage and cheer for this year! Please welcome them and help where you can.

#### First the rules:

We will be observing the state and county protocols and NADAC guidelines for Covid-19 and we do ask you to sign the "Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/Covid-19". **Everyone** (participants, guests, workers, etc.) attending will need to sign one.

- Masks/face coverings. Masks must be worn when in any part of the building except when actively running your dog. Face shields will be allowed at your own set up but moving around in the room you will be required to wear your mask covering both nose and mouth. Outdoors masks/shields will not be required as long as social distancing is maintained.
- 2. Social Distancing. Please maintain 6 feet distance from other people. Even with masks and even if outdoors. Social distancing for crating areas may limit the size of your set up inside. Crating will be at least 15' from the ring and seating no closer than 10'. No food or toys closer than 15'.
- 3. Hand Sanitizer/washing. Please use the available sanitizers or handwashing between any contacts you may have.... other's leashes, jump poles, sitting at the scribe table. We will be providing you with your own pen to use rather than trading around.
- 4. Crowd size. We need to keep the size of any group within the building and outside to around 50 people. Please be aware of this so if you have others who want to see you run have them come in watch then move out.....helpers at set ups should be held to 1 or 2. We do encourage you to make set ups outside....the weather should be perfect!

### For General Safety:

1. When looking at vendors, scores, photo ops, please wear your mask and maintain social distance.

- Course maps. Judge's briefing and scores will be *online* at Ready2runagility.com
  We will also post to the wall the course maps and scores and ribbons will be
  available on a table in the aisle between arenas.
- 3. Mike Fish is putting together a photo op which is amazing and fun. Remember social distancing for you and your dog and yes please wear your mask.
- 4. Vendors.... if you are selling anything, we are so happy to have you, please situate yourself/setup away from the general crating area to maintain space and to give everyone a place to safely set up. The back corner, the aisle between the arenas, and the outdoors are available. Indoor space requires masks social distance at all times.
- 5. The gate steward will be the only one to check you in or make any changes to the order. Please respect the steward's space.
- 6. The briefing will be sent out online but we will also plan to have an outdoor welcome Saturday and Sunday morning around 7:30 a.m.
- 7. The trial secretary/scorer will be available for questions and information.
- 8. Walk throughs may be shortened with number of exhibitors limited. Masks are required.
- 9. There will be "traffic" control for getting to and from the ring. Please take note of which way the "traffic" is flowing.

#### Volunteers!!

Thank you sooooo much for your help! There will be a white board outside the ring to sign up. Remember you will be paid with raffle tickets!! (If Barb doesn't find you, find her!!)

Here's your information:

- 1. Course builders. Courses will be built by designated Course Builders. The Chiefs are Karin Bell and Cherie Singer. Masks must be worn. Sanitizers will be available.
- 2. Pole Setters. Sanitize your hands before and after the class you are working. Masks must be worn throughout.
- 3. Gate Steward. You are the only one to check in and move run orders, please be there early to do this. Mask must be worn. Keep social distance from competitors. Please sanitize board and pens between stewards.
- 4. Timer and Scribe. You will be sitting with at either end of the table. Masks must be worn. Please use your own pen (they will be provided to you). Sanitize the table, timer, etc. at end of class.
- 5. RAFFLE- Volunteers will receive tickets for each class they work. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase. The raffle items will be on display via photos online and at the table (the real things will be there Sunday for you take home) ...please maintain social distance and wear masks to peruse. Sanitize your hands before placing tickets in the bags!

#### **Ironwood rules:**

- Dogs are to be leashed at all times unless in the ring or designated off leash area. They are not allowed in any of the stall areas or in the bathrooms.
- Make sure gates are secure when using any of the outdoor arenas.
- Horses have the right of way. Please do not let your dogs chase or harass the horses.
- Exhibitors are not to use the dirt planters to potty their dogs. Dogs are to be walked on leash to the bare dirt, sagebrush areas to potty. If at all possible, do not allow your dogs to potty on any grass.
- Pick up after yourself and your dogs.

If you need anything or have questions while at the trial, please see Pat Conatser, Melissa Hardy, Barb Harkey, Jane Miller, Kelly Wilson or Stephanie Bohl (board members and trial chiefs)

## And other things to expect:

# BRIEFINGS, RUNNING ORDERS, COURSES AND SCORES WILL BE ONLINE!!

#### Ready2runagility.com and find the HA=HA tab.

Friday we will be to the arena at 8:30 a.m. to set up the ring and equipment. Participants may set up their set ups at 10 a.m. or as soon as the ring is ready for the trial. Welcome will be at 11:30 outside by the entrance then walk throughs will begin. We will limit the number of walkers at a time so expect 5minute walk throughs for each group. FIRST DOG on the line at noon. We will start with Barrelers then go to Touch and Go.

Saturday check in will start at 7 a.m., welcome at 7:30 a.m., first dog on the line 8 a.m. Same kind of walk through schedule, 5 minutes/small groups. We start with Regular (Elite, Open, Novice, Intro), then Chances, Weavers, Hoopers.

Sunday check in will start at 7 a.m., welcome at 7:30 a.m., first dog on the line 8 a.m. Same kind of walk through schedule, 5 minutes/small groups. We start with Regular then Tunnelers and finish with Jumpers.

Then the surprises:

You won't want to miss them......



Have questions or need more info before, during or after the trial: Contact Melissa Hardy, herdnlab@wyoming.com, 775-772-2172