



THE AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL: FAST FACTS

- ❖ Thousands of dogs will compete in **three national AKC events** taking place under the same roof. In conjunction with the **AKC Agility Invitational**, the **AKC/Eukanuba National Championship** and **AKC National Obedience Invitational** are held.
- ❖ The first AKC Agility Invitational took place in December 2006 in Long Beach, Calif.
- ❖ The top five ranked agility dogs in each of the 175 AKC recognized breeds are invited to attend this prestigious event. In addition, FCI membership countries have also been invited to send teams of three dogs per team to this event. The event qualifying period ran from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- ❖ Winners will be crowned in five height classes: 8", 12", 16", 20", 24"
- ❖ On Saturday, dogs will run Excellent-level Standard and Jumpers with Weaves courses. On Sunday, dogs will run Excellent-level Hybrid and Jumpers with Weaves courses. After the completion of four rounds over two days, the top dogs in each jump height will move to the finals. The Finals are open only to the top 57 dogs overall through the four rounds of competition.
- ❖ Four hundred and twenty nine (429) Master Agility Champions (MACH) will compete in the 2012 Invitational, including a MACH36. Other champions entered include three National Agility Champions, 119 Breed Champions; 15 Grand Champions; 5 Triple Champions; 2 Dual Champions, 3 Field Champions; 2 Champion Trackers and 6 Obedience Champions.
- ❖ California has the largest number of entrants, with 70 dogs entered.
- ❖ Breeds ranging from the Great Dane to the Chihuahua will compete in the 2012 event. Several rare breeds entered include the Catahoula Leopard Dog, Coton de Tulear, Danish-Swedish Farmdog, Kooikerhondje, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno and Spanish Water Dog. All-American dogs have been invited to compete for the second year.
- ❖ Awards will be provided for all dogs that run clear during each individual round. Additionally, cash prizes will be awarded for the Top Group winners after two rounds and the Top Clear Round and Top International Clear Round dogs will be awarded after Round 3. Four Top Scoring Dogs awards for dogs with an obedience title, a rally title and a tracking title and dogs with a conformation championship title will be awarded after Round 3. Also, Top Dog Medallions for each breed shall be awarded after Round 4, if sponsored by the Parent Club.
- ❖ The second annual [AKC Juniors Agility Competition](#) will run Friday morning prior to the weekend's AKC Agility Invitational. Juniors participating in the AKC Juniors Agility Competition will be running both Standard and Jumpers with Weaves courses in either the Junior Excellent or Superior Classes, depending on whether they've achieved an agility title.
- ❖ To learn more about the AKC Agility Invitational, visit <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/>