

# INFORMATION BOOKLET

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

[www.akc.org/agility](http://www.akc.org/agility)

*Thirteenth*

### AGILITY INVITATIONAL (2018277105)

Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16, 2018

### Time-2-Beat titling class (2018277105)

Friday, December 14, 2018

*Held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin*



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#### ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

9899 International Drive, North/South Building  
Orlando, FL 32819

Three rings, 90' x 100', indoors on a sports turf surface

Show Hours: 8am – 5pm

#### Judges:

Mr. Jack Cadalso – Florida

Ms. Alexandra Davis - Virginia

Ms. Carole Evans – Colorado

Ms. Abbie Hanson – South Carolina

#### CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

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#### 2018 AGILITY INVITATIONAL EVENT COMMITTEE

Trial Chairman ..... Carrie De Young  
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702-997-5689 OFFICE / CELLULAR [steve.herwig@akc.org](mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org)

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#### 2018 AGILITY INVITATIONAL CHAIRMEN

Score Table & Results ..... Jean Murray / John Daly, Agile Genie  
Announcer ..... Katherine Leggett Merchandise ..... Rhonda Crane, Arlene Spooner  
Assistant Announcer ..... Toni Osojnicki Score Table Coordinator ..... Steve Herwig  
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Catalog ..... Arlene Spooner Volunteer Coordinator ..... Lisa Dempsey, Kitty Bradley  
Course Management ..... Gail Storm, Mark Sjogren  
Crating Coordinator ..... Steve Herwig  
Graphic Designer ..... Rhonda Crane  
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#### JUDGES

Mr Jack Cadalso (41695)  
Wilton Manners, Florida

Ms Carole Evans (38443)  
Franktown, Colorado

Ms Abbie Hanson (95245)  
Estill, South Carolina

Ms Alexandra Davis (95234)  
Ashland, Virginia



## DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER - ENTER THIS EVENT ONLINE!

This event is by invitation only. The top 5 dogs of each breed are invited to attend. In addition, FCI membership countries have also been invited to send teams of 3 dogs/team to this event.

If your dog is among the select few being honored with an invitation to compete at this prestigious event, you may enter online at <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/>

**Note: There is no Service Fee being charged to use AKC's Online Entry Service for this event!**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Two rounds of invitations will be mailed to eligible dogs. The first round will invite dogs ranked 1st-5th for their breed plus a 6th invite to the Top Preferred dog within a breed if that dog has not already been selected with an opening date of **Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. EST** and a deadline to enter the event by **Monday, August 27, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. EST**. If invitations for those dogs are declined, a second round of invitations will be mailed during the week of **September 3rd** to the next dogs ranked within the breed (including the next ranked preferred dog if the 6th Top Preferred invite is not accepted during the first round), with a deadline to enter the event by **Monday, September 24, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. EST**. Example: If an invitation for two dogs from round one are declined, dogs #6 and #7 for that breed will be invited to attend during round two.

**REGULAR & PREFERRED INVITES, SAME DOG:** If your dog receives both a regular and preferred invite, please send email to [steve.herwig@akc.org](mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org) before attempting to enter online.

**INVITATION OPT-OUT:** If an exhibitor wants to "opt-out" from receiving their invitation, an email must be sent to [steve.herwig@akc.org](mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org) by the deadline of **Monday, July 23, 2018 for Round 1 and Friday, August 31, 2018 for Round 2**. If an exhibitor/dog opt-out, they WILL NOT receive the US postal mailed invitation; instead, the next dog in-line will be mailed the invite.

## ENTRY FEES PER DOG

AKC Agility Invitational.....	\$130.00
AKC Time 2 Beat Titling Class.....	\$15.00

**Mail entry form and fees to:** AKC National Events, Attention: AGI, PO Box 900050, Raleigh, NC 27675-9050. Please make checks payable to: AKC Agility Invitational

**No entries will be accepted by phone or hand delivery. Entries will be taken by fax only within the last 24 hours before the closing date with a credit card payment.** UPS and FedEx mail may be sent to: AKC National Events, Attention: AGI, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390. **Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address without a signature being required!**

**It is the exhibitor's sole responsibility to assure their entry is delivered by the closing date and time.**

**Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. A twenty-five (\$25) dollar collection fee will be added to the amount of each returned check.

Exhibitors may only submit paper entries using the **Official AKC Agility Invitational Entry Form** provided with their invitation. Please do not submit pre-filled out generic entry forms; your entry will not be accepted.

## \*\*NEW\*\* OFFICIALLY RECORDED TITLES

Titles used at this event for the catalog, announcer and awards shall be from what is officially recorded with AKC as of the following dates:

Titles recorded through the competition date of **Sunday, September 30, 2018** will be listed in the catalog.

Titles recorded through the competition date of **Sunday, November 18, 2018** will be made available to the announcer and used when determining award eligibility.

Exhibitors shall not need to provide title updates as we'll be using what titles are on their dog's official record.

## MEASURING & HEIGHT CARD INFORMATION

All agility dogs are required to have an Official Jump Height Card and exhibitors must be able to present it prior to running their dog(s) in any class or at any time during the trial upon request. Dogs without a valid Jump Height Card may still compete; but they must be measured by an Agility Field Representative during exhibitor check-in.

International dogs entered at this event will be required to be measured during exhibitor check-in. Dogs may not jump lower or higher than their official Regular AKC jump height as listed below.

Dogs qualifying for this event from the Preferred classes will run at the Preferred jump height and will be scored within the Regular jump height at the regular course times listed in the DESCRIPTION & SCORING section later in this booklet. (Example: 4" Preferred dogs will be scored with 8" Regular dogs.) Only dogs that have qualified for this event from the Preferred classes have the option to jump at the Preferred jump heights as listed below.

Jump height divisions:

<u>Preferred</u>	<u>Regular</u>	
4 Inches	8 Inches:	For dogs 11 inches and under at the withers.
8 Inches	12 Inches:	For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers.
12 Inches	16 Inches:	For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers.
16 Inches	20 Inches:	For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers.
20 Inches	24 Inches:	For dogs over 22 inches at the withers.

## EXHIBITOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (EXHIBITOR TEE-SHIRT SIZE, ANNOUNCER SPEAKING POINTS, CRATING REQUESTS)

All entrants will receive a free exhibitor's tee-shirt - unisex adult & children sizes available. One tee-shirt per dog entered. Your tee-shirt size must be submitted online by **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**.

To assist our announcer at the event, if you and/or your dog's name is spelled unusually, please spell them out phonetically to assist us with pronunciation using the field provided on the *Exhibitor Additional Information* web form.

The announcer will first read your dog's full registered name, then both owner and handler, followed by three speaking points which you may provide on the *Exhibitor Additional Information* web form. We can not guarantee the announcer will read each dog's information, but we will attempt to make sure that all are recognized.

Announcer speaking points may be submitted online until **Wednesday, December 12, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. EST**.

Exhibitors will also be able to update their own handler changes and announcer speaking points while at the show site using the computer workstations provided.

### **Exhibitor Additional Information Online Form**

Exhibitors are to submit online all  
Tee-Shirt Sizes, Handler Changes,  
and Announcer Speaking Points using the web link listed below!

**No alternate method of submitting this *Exhibitor Additional Information* shall be accepted.**

<http://www.akccompanionevents.com>

**Please wait until you receive an entry confirmation email with a PIN # from Steve Herwig before trying to access your dog's record**

## CRATING SPACES

Each crating spot will be approximately 3' x 5' and will be identified by a unique identification number.

Because you have pre-reserved a crating space, you DO NOT have to arrive together.

Each exhibitor will be required to display an emergency contact information card on the outside of each crate; card(s) will be supplied labeling each crating space location.

The information card must have your name and emergency contact information (cell phone# or other). Un-entered dogs will only be allowed in the facility if they can share a crate with an entered dog, or if their crate can be stacked on top of an entered dog's crate within the 3' x 5' space.

**Un-entered dogs will only be allowed in the facility if they can fit in the assigned crating area of an entered dog; either in the same crate, stacked on top, or side by side.**

**No Ex-Pens will be allowed in crating area.**

**All dogs must be housed in a crate, which must have sides, a top, and a bottom, all parts being interconnected, thus preventing the dog from being able to escape the enclosure even if knocked over. The top and/or bottom of the "crate" may be not be secured only by Velcro or a Velcro-like product. There must be additional fasteners that will prevent both the top and bottom from coming off and will not allow the dog to escape the enclosure.**

**IMPORTANT** – All exhibitors will select their dog's crating space location from an online system mapping which spaces are available between **October 15, 2018 @ 8am Pacific and November 14, 2018 @ 5pm Pacific**. Those who wish to have crating spaces next to each other must select one crating group representative who will select all crating spaces within their group at the same time.

Any crating group representative that has 20 or more entered dogs to be housed within their group should contact Steve Herwig at [steve.herwig@akc.org](mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org) prior to **October 1, 2018**.

Crating coordinators with 20 or more in their group will be allowed early tiered access into the online system prior to general availability IF notice has been made prior to **October 1, 2018**.

If any exhibitor or group wishes to have their space(s) randomly assigned by AKC, send email to [steve.herwig@akc.org](mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org). Spaces for a group will be side by side and/or across an aisle from each other. No other special requests will be accommodated if AKC manually assigns the space(s).

Any entered dog whose owner has not selected a crating space by **November 15, 2018** will have a crating space assigned randomly from among those available.

*AKC reserves the right at any time to use an alternative crating space assignment system different than the system mentioned above.*

## INVITATIONAL CLASSES OFFERED

SATURDAY – December 15, 2018	SUNDAY – December 16, 2018
Round #1 - Jumpers With Weaves	Round #3 – Hybrid
Round #2 – Standard	Round #4 – Jumpers With Weaves
	Round #5 - Finals

## AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL - DESCRIPTION & SCORING

The Agility Invitational will consist of **Round #1 JWW, Round #2 STD, Round #3 Hybrid** (16-18 obstacles, two contacts, **Round #4 JWW, Round #5 Finals** (open only to top 57 dogs overall through 4 Rounds of competition). For the finals round only one dog from each breed within each jump height will be invited to participate in the finals. **Exceptions: If an FCI-invited dog is selected to compete in finals, the next, eligible dog within that jump height shall also be selected, increasing the number of dogs competing in finals. In addition, if a Junior Agility Competition (JAC) entrant is selected to compete in finals, the next, eligible dog within that jump height shall also be selected, increasing the number of dogs competing in finals.**

AKC Agility Master rules will apply with the following exceptions:

- Course faults will be scored as follows: Refusal or Run-out = 5 points; Wrong Course = 5 points; Failure (e.g. missed contact or dropped bar) = 5 points; Elimination (obstacle not completed or skipped) = Whistle (score of zero); Course time deductions = 3-point deduction for every second over course time truncating down to whole numbers.
- All obstacles must be completed or a score of zero will be assessed.
- The 4-paw safety rule will not be in effect, however any dog incurring what would have been the 4-paw rule violation will be faulted 5 points and be required to complete the obstacle. The judge shall continue to judge the dog's performance on the obstacle, e.g. refusals, missed contacts, etc.
- Fault limits may be imposed by the Event Committee based on entries. If a dog reaches the announced fault limit, the round would be scored as a zero.
- Obstacles required by class level may be altered for this event. The table shall not be used in Standard or Hybrid classes.
- Preferred dogs will run at their Preferred height but will be scored within their Regular height at the regular course times listed below. (e.g. 4" Preferred dogs will be scored with 8" Regular dogs.)
- All dogs entered will be required to jump at the AKC jump height based on the shoulder height of the dog. Any dogs without an official AKC jump height card, including international entries, will be required to be measured during exhibitor check-in. Dogs may not jump lower or higher than their official AKC jump height.
- In case of a cumulative score/time tie, the dog with the highest score, then lowest run time from the Standard round will break the tie.

Standard Class Course Times		Jumpers With Weaves Class Course Times		Hybrid Class Course Times	
8"	2.50	8"	3.05	8"	2.80
12"	2.70	12"	3.25	12"	3.00
16"	2.85	16"	3.50	16"	3.20
20"	3.10	20"	3.75	20"	3.45
24"	2.90	24"	3.55	24"	3.25

### ROUND 5 – FINALS

Dogs will be run in reverse order based on placements through 4 rounds of competition. This will be a Standard agility course and Finalists placements will be based on score, then time, from the Finals class only. Finalist placement runs must have received a time and score.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the [Regulations for Agility Trials](#) by contacting the American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390, by phone (919) 233-9767, by email at [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org), or on the website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

## RIBBONS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

### AKC Time 2 Beat Titting Round: (for each jump height.)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Placement Rosette
- All Qualifiers - Green Rosette

### AKC Agility Invitational

- Each dog will receive a special ribbon for each of their clear rounds, not including the Finals.
  - First through Fourth place, in each class, in each round, will be awarded a Placement Rosette.
- All monetary awards will be mailed approximately 30 days after the competition. Winners of these awards must provide their Social Security Number to the AKC to receive the awards*

### SPECIAL AWARDS

- **Cumulative Awards After Round 2 (based on score then time).**  
**Top In Group Awards** The Top 4 Dogs from the following eight Groups will be awarded monetary certificates: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, Herding and Misc./FSS/All American Dogs  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$200 sponsored by AKC    3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100 sponsored by AKC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150 sponsored by AKC    4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50 sponsored by AKC
- **Cumulative Awards After Round 3 (based on score then time):**
  - \$500 sponsored by AKC - **Top Clear Round Dog\*** in each jump height – fastest dog with a cumulative score of 300 (3 clean rounds, after 3 rounds of competition)
  - \$500 sponsored by AKC - **Top International Clear Round Dog\*\*** in each jump height – fastest FCI international dog with a cumulative score of 300 (3 clean rounds, after 3 rounds of competition)
  - \$200 sponsored by AKC - **Top Scoring Dog (after 3 rounds)** with:
    - an Obedience title                      a Tracking title
    - a Rally title                                a Conformation Championship
- **Cumulative Awards After Round 4 (based on score then time):**
  - **Top Scoring Bred-By Exhibitor\*** – based on cumulative score an award medallion sponsored by AKC.
  - **Top Junior\*\*\*** – based on cumulative score an award medallion sponsored by MAD Agility.
  - **Top Dog Medallion after 4 Rounds for each Breed\*** - based on cumulative scores.  
 Sponsored by each breed's AKC Parent Club (if the Parent Club has chosen to offer this award) – An award medallion with a neck ribbon. See a complete list of Parent Club Sponsored medallions at: <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/>
  - **Top Dogs after 4 Rounds\*** in each jump height – based on cumulative scores will be awarded by the AKC:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$ 200    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150    3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100    4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50
  - **Top International Dog after 4 Rounds\*\*** in each jump height – FCI international dog based on cumulative scores will be awarded by the AKC:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$200    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150    3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100    4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50

*\* Only dogs from Top Dogs by Breed invitations are eligible for Top Score BBE, Top Clear Round, Top Dogs after 4 Rounds, and Top Dog Medallion after 4 Rounds for each Breed awards.*

*\*\* Only dogs from FCI invitations are eligible for Top International Clear Round and Top International after 4 Rounds awards.*

*\*\*\* Junior Agility Competition (JAC) winners are only eligible for the Top Junior from the special awards.*

**Final Round Awards:** All Finalists will receive a Finalist Ribbon. Placement rosettes and prizes will be awarded for each jump height as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place -	\$200 - J & J Gift Certificate \$300 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place -	\$100 - J & J Gift Certificate \$200 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place -	\$75 - J & J Gift Certificate \$100 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette
4 <sup>th</sup> Place -	\$50 - J & J Gift Certificate \$75 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette
5 <sup>th-8<sup>th</sup></sup> Place -	Placement Rosette sponsored by AKC

## HUMAN EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE - AMBULANCE - POLICE - DIAL 911

## UPDATED INFORMATION POSTED ON AGILITY INVITATIONAL WEBPAGE

Please check the AKC Agility Invitational webpage for updated information as it becomes available regarding:

- Accommodations
- Banquet Menu & Reservations
- Directions to Show Site
- Day of Show Parking
- RV Overnight Parking Reservations
- Souvenir Merchandise
- Ticket Purchases
- Top Dog Breeds Medallion Listing
- Veterinarian On-Call
- Videographer and Photographer

<http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational>

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendations to assure their dogs are free of Internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

**A copy of a dog's vaccination record, inc. a current rabies certificate, must be present for all dogs at the event.**

## PUBLICATION RIGHTS – PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEOS

By entering this show, all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition. NOTE: By entering this show all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree to make themselves available for interview if requested. Exhibitors may video tape **individual runs only** for personal use.

## OBSTACLES AND RING CONDITIONS

Obstacles and jumps shall be used pursuant to the latest edition of the AKC Regulations for Agility Trials, however, obstacles required by class level may be altered for the event. All classes will take place indoors on a sports turf surface. There will be three 90' x 100' rings. Electronic timing and rubberized contacts will be used.

Anyone running more than one venue at this event, that has a ring conflict, MUST run during your dog's jump height.

## CATALOG ADVERTISING

Take the opportunity to advertise your club or company, or send special wishes to this year's competitors in a memorable and visual way by placing an ad in the catalog for the 2018 AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Juniors Agility Competition.

The Exhibitor's Catalog will be 5.5" x 8.5". Send camera-ready ads only, please, in finished size as stated below. Do not forget to include the correct orientation: Full page and 1/4 page ads must be portrait orientation, and half page ads must be landscape orientation. All ads must be in black and white or grayscale. You must submit your ad in .jpg format through email, on disk or CD, or you may mail the ad in printed form to the address below. If mailing, please send only high-quality prints for scanning purposes.

Pricing is as follows:

1/4 Page up to 2.0" x 3.5".....	\$40
1/2 Page up to 4.5" x 3.5".....	\$55
Full Page up to 4.5" x 7.5".....	\$90

Deadline for submission is **Monday, September 24, 2018**

Electronic Ad submissions and any Questions (no payments) should be sent directly to:

Arlene Spooner  
Executive Field Rep  
[arlene.spooner@akc.org](mailto:arlene.spooner@akc.org) (201) 421-7190

All ad payments must be sent with a check made payable to **AKC Agility Invitational** and mail it to:

AKC National Events  
Attention: AGI-Catalog Ad  
PO Box 900050  
Raleigh, NC 27675-9050

Or provide the credit card information and mail it to the address above, or you may fax the payment information to (919) 816-4204.

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Print Name as it appears on the credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL PAYMENTS FOR CATALOG AD SUBMISSIONS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT.

*Please thank our generous sponsors!*

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## ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

The American Kennel Club and the Orange County Convention Center will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site. **A full service food concession** is available on the site.

**Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

**Dogs may not be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside the buildings at the Orange County Convention Center. No dogs are permitted to be crated or groomed on any carpeted area.**

## BANQUET INFORMATION

We will celebrate this year's Agility Invitational, Juniors Agility Competition, and the 2017 Top Dogs will be honored with a banquet on **Friday, December 14, 2018**.

All eligible entrants will be sent an email notification when the banquet menu and reservation form becomes available on AKC's Agility Invitational web site.

<http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/>

## OTHER EVENT ACTIVITIES

The AKC National Championship has something for everyone:

Over 150 AKC recognized breeds may be represented at **AKC Meet the Breeds** booths to help you choose the breed that's right for you.

**Vendor booths** packed with everything for dogs and their owners.

Two days of action packed competition as the **AKC National Championship, AKC Obedience Classic, AKC Junior Classic, AKC Junior Agility Competition** are held in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational to find the nation's top dogs in the world.

**AKC Booth** for information on how to register your dog and to encourage dog owners who want to become involved in the **world of AKC events**.

And much, much more!!

## FRIDAY TIME-2-BEAT TITLING CLASS

All AKC Agility Invitational exhibitors may enter the TIME-2-BEAT titling class with dogs that are entered in the 2018 Agility Invitational or 2018 Juniors Agility Competition. No other dogs are eligible for entry. This class will be timed, judged and scored using the current AKC regulations for T2B. **A Qualifying leg and Points may be earned during Friday's T2B run!**

For dogs to participate in this T2B class, exhibitors must complete the class selection on the entry form. The walk-thru and run times for T2B will be published in the posted Ring Schedules after Round 2's closing date.

If you entered your dog online and forgot to enter the T2B Class, please fax/email a paper entry form with the note to add T2B Class to your entry. Fax to (919) 816-4233 with your credit card information AND email [steve.herwig@akc.org](mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org), or mail it to AKC National Events, Attention: AGI, PO Box 900050, Raleigh, NC 27675-9050 so your entry is received by the closing date of **Monday, September 24, 2018**.

## 2017 YEAR-END TOP DOGS

**Year-End Top MACH & PACH Dogs for 2017** were calculated based on the calendar year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The dog with the highest score of (2Q's x 10) + MACH/PACH points earned during this calendar year timeframe has earned the status of 2017 Top Dog for their breed. Year-End Top Dog awards for 2017 will be given out during our agility banquet.

This award is **not** calculated based on the eligibility period of the Agility Invitational (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018), but rather the January-December 2017 calendar year, therefore, these dogs may not be the #1 ranked dogs invited to the 2018 Agility Invitational to compete. You can check to see if your dog was #1 for 2017 by going to <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/statistics/>

Year-End Top Dog notifications will be emailed to the **primary owner on-record after Monday, September 24, 2018**.

## HOTEL AND TRAVEL

Official host hotels, airline and car rental discounts will be posted online at:

<http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

If your family and/or friends would like to volunteer to work in the rings at this year's AKC Agility Invitational / Junior Agility Competition, please complete the online interest form found at: <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/>

Please watch for an email in **November, 2018** which will give you information on how to sign up on-line to volunteer for a specific time and job.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Dempsey at [lisa.dempsey@akc.org](mailto:lisa.dempsey@akc.org)

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

**DOGS PARTICIPATING.** This event is by invitation only. The top 5 dogs of each breed are invited to attend. In addition FCI membership countries have also been invited to send teams of 3 dogs/team to this event. Dogs must meet the minimum entry requirements in order to participate at this event and must also meet the eligibility requirements specified in the Regulations for Agility Trials. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

**DUE TO LIMITED SPACE,** no ex-pens will be allowed in the facility. Each entered dog will receive one assigned crating space. No un-entered dogs unless they are crated within the same space assigned to an entered dog.

**ENTRY FORMS:** No phone, fax, or hand-delivered entries will be accepted. First Class, USPS Priority Mail, UPS Express Mail and/or courier-delivered entries are accepted.

**ENTRY FEES** shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of Event Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or to complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.

**ENTRY FEES FOR BITCHES IN SEASON** will be refunded if the Trial Secretary is notified in writing at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging on **Saturday, December 15, 2018**. Vet statements should be provided to the Trial Secretary in writing to receive a refund. After **December 15, 2018**, entry fees will not be refunded for bitches in season. Refunds will be issued within 60 days of the request.

**T2B CLASS** – A T2B titling class will be held on **Friday, December 14, 2018**. All dogs entered in the AKC Agility Invitational and Juniors Agility Competition are eligible to enter this class. In order to participate, check the T2B class selection on the entry form provided with the invitation.

**CANCELLATION NOTICES** of entries must be received by **Monday, August 27, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m. EST** for Round 1 invited entries and **Monday, September 24, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m. EST** for Round 2 invited entries. Refunds will be issued within 60 days of the request. **No entry fee** will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee.

**ON-LEASH.** Dogs must be on leash at all times on event grounds except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area.

**CLEAN UP.** Please pick up after dogs at show site and hotels. Dogs must use the designated exercise areas.

**RINGSIDE.. Judges are not required to wait for dogs!** The owner/handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when it is to be judged. The club has no responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

**SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY.** The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

**LEADS.** Dogs may not be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside the buildings at the Orange County Convention Center

**VACCINATION RECORDS.** A copy of a dog's vaccination record, including a current rabies certificate, must be present for all dogs at the event.

**This club does agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.**

**No wait list shall be maintained for this event.**

## EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN TIMES

Date	Check-In Time	Location
Friday, December 14, 2018	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibitor Check-In Area at the Trial Site
Saturday, December 15, 2018	Check confirmation letter for times	Trial Site Information Booth

  

DOG JUMP HEIGHT MEASURING TIMES		
All dogs without height cards will be measured on the following schedule <b>ONLY</b> . It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be present for measuring at these times.		
Friday, December 14, 2018	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibitor Check-In Area at the Trial Site
Saturday, December 15, 2018	Check confirmation letter for times	Trial Site Information Booth

**OUR ESTIMATED FINISHING TIME ON SUNDAY IS 7:00 PM**

**PICTURES OF THE WINNERS & AWARDS WILL FOLLOW COMPLETION OF THE EVENT**

**ALL WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO WAIT FOR PHOTOGRAPHS**

## IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Monday, July 23, 2018**

- Deadline for exhibitors to send email notification if they wish to "opt-out" from receiving their round 1 US postal invitation

**Thursday, July 26, 2018**

- Round 1 Top 5 invites mailed via USPS

**Wednesday, August 1, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time)**

- Round 1 Top 5 invites Open for Entries

**Monday, August 27, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Invites Entry Form deadline
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round invites refund requests for cancelled entries deadline

**Friday, August 31, 2018**

- Deadline for exhibitors to send email notification if they wish to "opt-out" from receiving their round 2 US postal invitation

**Monday, September 3, 2018**

- Round 2 invites Open for Entries

**Monday, September 24, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Invites Entry Form deadline
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round invites refund requests for cancelled entries deadline
- Catalog Ads are due

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

- Exhibitor Tee-Shirt size online updates deadline

**Monday, October 15, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time)**

- Self-Service crating space selections open

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)**

- *Self-Service crating space selections deadline*

**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

- *Dogs not yet assigned a crating space by their owners will be assigned a space randomly based on availability*

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018 @ 5:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time)**

- Announcer Speaking Points online updates deadline

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

- Refund requests for bitches in season deadline (*before judging starts*)