NOW SHOWING
ACT1 AND ACT2
WHAT IS ACT?

- Agility Course Test

- **ACT1** is an entry level test that is designed to introduce dog and handler to the agility ring and basic agility obstacles.

- **ACT2** is the second level and designed to further introduce the dog and handler to the agility ring and additional agility obstacles.
WHY ACT?

• ACT WAS DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE NEW HANDLERS TO AKC AGILITY TRIALS. IN MANY CASES IT IS THEIR FIRST “DOG SHOW” WITH THEIR DOG.

• HELPS HANDLERS LEARN HOW TO ENTER SHOWS, FILL OUT ENTRY FORMS, READ COURSE MAPS, CHECK IN AT THE RING AND WALK COURSES.

• GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN HANDLERS TO HELP IN THE RING WHEN THEIR DOG IS NOT RUNNING. BAR SETTERS, LEASH RUNNERS, SCRIBES, TIMERS, ETC. IN A LOW PRESSURE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.
EASY TO HOLD

- NO APPLICATION NEEDED TO HOLD ACT EVENTS - SIMILAR TO CGC
- NO PREMIUM NEEDED. CAN USE JUST A FLYER
- CAN BE ADVERTISED IF CLUBS WANT TO OPEN ACT EVENT TO OTHERS: ACT FACEBOOK PAGE
  - HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/AKC.ACT/
  OR ON ACT CALENDAR
  HTTPS://GO.ACTIVECALENDAR.COM/AKC/SITE/ACT/?VIEW=LIST&SEARCH=Y
WHO CAN ENTER?

• ANY DOG THAT MEETS THE AGE AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A REGULAR AKC AGILITY TRIAL.
  • DOG MUST BE 15 MONTHS OLD OR OLDER
• THE DOG MAY NOT HAVE EARNED ANY AKC AGILITY TITLE. DOG MAY ALREADY HAVE LEGS IN NOVICE CLASSES.
• NON REGISTERED (CAN BE REGISTERED DAY OF EVENT FOR CANINE PARTNERS) OR AKC REGISTERED
• DOGS WITHOUT REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED A TEMPORARY ONE AFTER THE EVENT BY THE AKC OFFICE.
• IF A DOG HANDLER TEAM HAS QUALIFIED AT AN EVENT WITH AN UNREGISTERED DOG THEY WILL BE SENT A QUERY TO REGISTER THE DOG AFTER THE EVENT.
EVENT REQUIREMENTS

• HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF ENTRY LEVEL AGILITY CLASS (CAN BE USED AS A GRADUATION EVENT) ON TRAINING GROUNDS.

• CAN BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGILITY TRIAL, BUT REMEMBER THESE ARE ENTRY LEVEL DOGS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPOSED TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF REGULAR AGILITY TRIALS. REGULAR AGILITY TRIALS CAN BE INTIMIDATING TO NEW HANDLERS AND THEIR DOGS

• DOES NOT HAVE TO BE HELD BY AN AKC LICENSED OR AFFILIATED CLUB

• ANY AKC AGILITY JUDGE OR ACT EVALUATOR MAY HOLD A STAND ALONE EVENT

• NO APPLICATION OR APPLICATION FEE TO THE AKC. NO MORE THAN TWO ACT1 AND/OR TWO ACT2 EVENTS MAY BE HELD PER DAY
WHO IS THE EVALUATOR?

- AKC AGILITY JUDGE
- ACT EVALUATOR
  - MUST HAVE AN AX OR AXP (EXCELLENT TITLE) MINIMUM TO APPLY TO BE AN EVALUATOR
- AKC AGILITY FIELD REPS (AND DIRECTOR!)
PERFORMANCE AND TITLES

• The Act1 and Act2 titles can be achieved in one day if the event offers two runs in each class.

• Dogs must be AKC registered to achieve a physical title certificate and have the title printed after the dog’s name.

• If dogs are not registered the day of the event they will receive title after dog is registered with the AKC.
PERFORMANCE AND TITLES

• ACT1 – MINIMUM COURSE SIZE IS 40’ WIDE AND 3500 SQ FEET
  • RUN A COURSE AT ANY HEIGHT, 10-12 OBSTACLES
    • A-FRAME (5’), TABLE, JUMPS (NO SPREADS), OPEN TUNNELS
    • COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE IN 60 SECONDS WITH A SCORE OF 85,
      NO DROPPED BARS, NO MISSED CONTACTS, NO MORE THAN 3
      ATTEMPTS TO COMPLETE ANY OBSTACLE, NO MORE THAN 3 WRONG
      COURSES.
  • 2 QUALIFYING LEGS
  • ACT 1 TITLE AND CERTIFICATE,
  • PRIZES AND/OR RIBBONS IF OFFERED BY THE CLUB
ACT 1 COURSE
ACT 1
COURSE
PERFORMANCE AND TITLES

• ACT2 - MINIMUM COURSE SIZE IS 40’ WIDE AND 3500 SQ FEET
  • RUN A COURSE AT ANY HEIGHT, 11-13 OBSTACLES
    • A-FRAME (5’), TEETER, TIRE, DOG WALK (ALLOWED), TABLE, JUMPS, SPREAD (1), OPEN TUNNELS, WEAVES
    • COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE IN 70 SECONDS WITH A SCORE OF 85, NO DROPPED BARS, NO MISSED CONTACTS, NO MORE THAN 3 ATTEMPTS TO COMPLETE ANY OBSTACLE, NO MORE THAN 3 WRONG COURSES
  • 2 QUALIFYING LEGS (QUALIFY/NOT QUALIFYING)
  • ACT 2 TITLE AND CERTIFICATE, PRIZES AND/OR RIBBONS IF OFFERED BY THE CLUB
ACT2 COURSE

COURSE SIZE: 40’ X 86’
ACT 2 COURSE

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COURSE #2 SAME DAY
WHO DESIGNS THE COURSES?

- There is a master library of courses to pull from based on course size.
- Courses can be requested through ACT@AKC.ORG
  - Need to send ring size, note any obstructions, entrance/exit – even a hand sketch helps!
- Courses can be reused.
  - Some facilities have a couple of sets they rotate use of
- Judges, evaluators, AKC field reps and director can design: Must be approved by an AKC agility field representative. Courses are to be sent to ACT@AKC.ORG.
  - Lisa Dempsey, agility field representative currently manages the program
ENTRY AND SCORING

• EXHIBITOR WILL FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM DAY OF EVENT

• ORGANIZATIONS HOLDING EVENTS WILL SET ENTRY FEES. A $5 RECORDING FEE FOR EACH ENTRY/RUN IS DUE TO THE AKC. A TRAINER OR CLUB MAY WANT TO INCLUDE THE RECORDING FEE TO THEIR CLASS FEES IF THEY USE ACT AS A GRADUATION EXERCISE. WILL NEED
  • SECRETARY/SCORE KEEPER
  • TIMER/SCRIBE-CAN BE HAND TIMED
  • GATE
  • RING CREW
  • EVENT COORDINATOR
  • COURSE BUILDERS
ACT GOALS-FUN.....FUN....FUN

- It is up to the host organization as to whether they want to provide toys, certificates, ribbons and trophies for the qualifiers.
- This event is to kick off a dog/handler’s agility career.
- The event is to encourage the sport of agility and help the dog handler team prepare for regular agility events.
- ACT competitors can help and learn how to time scribe, ring crew..........
- Mentor, mentor, mentor