

Team USA Medium dogs who were slated as the 17th team to run. This course was proving very difficult for the dogs as well as the handlers. Standings were going to rise and fall based on the amount of runs that were disqualified for one reason or another. Ashley Deacon with "Luka" were the first team to the line. They started out in great fashion and negotiated some of the difficult sequences without a problem. Then came the dogwalk and Luka was faulted for a missed down contact. Only three jumps left to the Finish when Luka missed the middle jump and was disqualified. Laurene Galgano with "Token" ran next. Every jump stayed up, every contact was hit and no wrong courses so they ran clean with a time of 40.05. Jean LaValley with "Cheer" ran next. They were running high octane but unfortunately the Broad Jump was taken as an wrong course as they were heading to the weave poles and were disqualified. John Nys with "Rush" were the last team to run and run they did. They were running with such speed it was breathless to watch. When they crossed the finish line the crowd roared since their run was one of the fastest of the day with a scorching time of 34.66.

Team USA Medium Dogs ended up in 8th place for the Standard class which was an excellent placement indeed since all of the teams were having such difficulty with this course. Overall they placed 6th in the team competition with the Jumping round combined with the agility round.

At the end of the day we all got back into our bus around 8:00PM for a well-deserved relaxing trip back to our hotel. Tomorrow will be another day when the individual competition begins as well as the completion of the Small Dog Team Competition.