

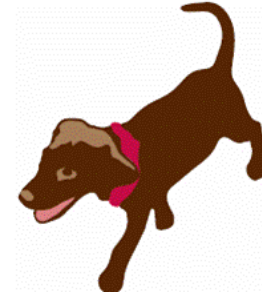
Premium  
**Agility Trial**

sanctioned by

**Canine Performance Events, Inc.**

HOSTED BY:

**Happy Tails**



**Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

**April 2, 3, 4, 2010**

**Happy Tails is pleased to offer a 50% reduction in entry fees for handlers under the age of 18!**  
See page 6!

**JUDGE:**

**Valori Duff**  
Manchester, NH

**LOCATION:**

**Happy Tails Inc**  
**119 Bishop Street**  
**Portland, ME 04103**  
[www.happytailsportland.com](http://www.happytailsportland.com)

No more than 6 entries are allowed per envelope. Only exception – all dogs within one envelope have the same 5 digit CPE member ID number.
<b>Entry Method – First Received – OPENING DATE:</b> Wednesday, February 3, 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Entries may be received at any time on or after the opening date</li><li>▪ Entries received before the opening date will be destroyed</li><li>▪ Hand delivered entries cannot be accepted on or before the opening date (day 1).</li><li>▪ Hand delivered entries can only be accepted on day 2 or later.</li><li>▪ Overnight envelopes must have the recipient's signature waiver signed or the envelope may be refused or delayed</li></ul>
<b>Final Closing Date:</b> Wednesday, March 10, 2010 6:00 p.m. ET. No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date. Checks will be cashed immediately following the closing date.
<b>Final Move-Up Date:</b> Monday, March 29, 2010 Noon ET
<b>Limits: Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday 375 Runs per Judge</b>
<b>100 runs per day will be held for competitors submitting a volunteer form WITH their entry.</b>
<b>NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES - NO FEO ENTRIES</b>
This trial will be inside in one room on rubber matting.

# Trial Committee

<p><b><u>CHAIRPERSON</u></b> Emily Steele– Happy Tails 119 Bishop St Portland, ME 04103 (207) 797-2488 <a href="mailto:esteele77@yahoo.com">esteele77@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>TRIAL SECRETARY</u></b> <b><u>Trial Secretary Services</u></b> 128 Chesham Road Harrisville, NH 03450 Phone/Fax: (603) 827-3948 Email: <a href="mailto:TSS@trialsecretary.com">TSS@trialsecretary.com</a> Web Site: <a href="http://www.trialsecretary.com">www.trialsecretary.com</a></p>
<p><i>Please make telephone calls before 7:00 p.m.</i></p> <p><b><i>Committee Members</i></b> Frank Billings, Ron Daye, Laura Raymond</p>	

## **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- **SAFETY** of the dogs is our primary concern.
- **BY ENTERING THIS TRIAL**, competitors 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 competitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) and / or children. Any competitor whose dog(s) and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the show committee, be asked to leave the show site. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- **RULES**: Please visit [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) for complete rules and regulations regarding entering this trial. Also, see Page 3.
- **OBSTACLES** shall meet the specifications for obstacles in the current edition of Regulations for Agility Trials.
- **WORKERS**: Volunteers are the *heart* of an agility trial. Without you we can't do it! Please volunteer to work at least one class each day. Thank you!
- **ENTRIES/CHECK-IN/SET-UP, ETC.**: See Page 6.
- **DUPLICATE SCRIBE SHEETS**: Happy Tails is pleased to provide competitors with duplicate scribe sheets!! Be sure to pick yours up right after your run! The yellow copy is yours to keep! They will be located on the table with the score books. If you have a question on a score, please bring your yellow copy with you.
- **RING**: The ring will be enclosed on three sides by solid walls. The remaining side will have ring fencing.
- **PRIZES & AWARDS**: Placement ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place in each level in each class. Dogs with an "NT" (no time) are not eligible for any ribbons. Qualifying rosettes will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score. Title rosettes will be awarded to dogs completing all legs in a specific level (CL-2, CL-3, etc.) and those dogs completing Level 5 Championship class titles and Level C Extraordinaire individual titles. Those dogs earning their C-ATCH, C-ATE or CS-ATCH will be awarded special rosettes and bars.
- **GENERAL COMPETITORS' BRIEFING** will be given following measuring and check-in, prior to the first "class" briefing on Saturday. Competitors not attending the general briefing will still be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such a briefing. Neither the judge nor the host club is required to provide details of the general briefing once it has been given.
- **THERE WILL BE NO MEASURING** of dogs after judge's first briefing each day. All dogs without a permanent card must be measured before the judge's briefing to show that day. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!! All dogs requiring measurement will be posted on the TSS web site before the trial.**
- **DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS** will be reviewed by the Trial Committee, and appropriate action WILL be taken if necessary. Please keep your dog a safe distance from other dogs. Not cleaning up after yourself, your guests, and your dog(s) is a disciplinary problem. You will be dismissed from the trial if you fail to clean up!
- **FOOD**: Nikki's Grill will be there with breakfast and lunch selections!
- **FLAGGED/ROPED OFF AREAS** are off limits to competitors. Do not move ropes without the express permission of the Chairperson. Competitors are not to rope off any areas without the express permission of the Chairperson.
- **CONFLICTS**: With only one ring, there will be no conflicts!! Yeah!
- **EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES**: Animal Emergency Clinic, 739 Warren Avenue, Portland, ME 04103. (207)878-3121.
- **KEEP DOGS LEASHED**: Please keep dogs in control and don't allow dogs to run loose. ***All dogs must be on leash except when in the ring or warm-up area. Do not tie dogs out or otherwise leave dogs unattended!! This includes when you are walking courses.***
- **CRATING**: NO X-pens allowed, regardless of the number of dogs in them! More details on crating will be in the General Information Letter, which will be sent with your Final Confirmation.
- PLEASE – out of respect for the humans that have to handle these items, DO NOT allow your dogs to pee on the trash or poop cans, or any other equipment on the grounds OR IN THE BUILDING. This will be grounds for immediate dismissal, no questions, no refunds.
- RVs/Campers: We are sorry, but RVs and Campers are not allowed.  
DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOGS TO RUN FREE. IF YOU DO YOU WILL BE ASKED TO IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE TRIAL GROUNDS. No questions. No refunds!

**See the forms page at [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com), for the CPE Entry Explanation page if you have questions about entering a CPE trial for levels, jump heights and height categories.**

**Jump Heights – no dog will jump lower than 4”**

P-Card = Permanent Card: the lowest allowable Regular height a dog may jump in CPE.

Measurement	Regular (P-card or higher)	Veterans	Enthusiast	Specialist
8” or less	4”	4”	4”	4”
over 8”, 12” or less	8”	4”	4”	4”
over 12”, 16” or less	12”	8”	8”	4”
over 16”, 20” or less	16”	12”	12”	8”
over 20”, 24” or less	20”	16”	16”	12”
over 24”	24”	20”	20”	16”

**General CPE rules for entries/show site:**

- Dogs must be at least 15 months or older the first day of the trial
- Blind (both eyes), lame, in season or aggressive dogs may not enter the show. The Club may choose to exclude any of the above from the site.
- Dogs must be registered with CPE prior to the closing date of the trial, or by the trial date for Day Of Show entries. Registration forms are on the Forms page: [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com). Forms MUST be mailed to CPE and are processed 2-3 times per week. CPE ID numbers are emailed to legible email addresses. Registrations can only be processed from mailed forms.
- Dogs must be able to be measured at their first show. If a dog cannot be measured, the dog cannot run and no refund will be issued. Dogs within ½” of a jump height require at least one more measurement. When dogs reach their second birthday, a measurement is required. All dogs must be measured at their first trial regardless of jump height.
- Only CPE Judges can measure dogs.
- Electronic shock collars are not allowed at ANY CPE trial – training or bark.
- Handlers in all classes are permitted to walk the course, without a dog, prior to the start of the class. A warm-up jump shall be provided for all entered dogs. No relieving of dogs in the warm-up area.

**Dogs in the ring, leashes, exiting the ring**

- Dogs shall run without anything attached to its body. This is for the safety of the dog. This includes no: collars, stitches, wraps or any other item. The only exception is a small barrette or rubber band to keep hair out of a dog’s eyes.
- Leashes may not have anything (other than name/license tags) attached to them when used in the ring.
- Dogs may enter the ring on a collar, quick release harness or head halti/leader. If prong collars are allowed per the show site, they may *not* be used to take a dog into the ring.

- Handlers may not carry their leash with them on the course – if done so, an NT will result. Exception: Handicapped handlers that have a mobility problem in picking up the leash at the finish may put their leash in their pocket – the leash must be out of sight.
- Dogs must be under the handler’s control when leaving the ring or the judge may enter the run as No Time - NT.

**Training a dog in the ring during a run**

There is no training in the ring at a CPE agility trial. First offense will result in an excusal from the run. Further offenses will result in additional excusals for the day/weekend per the judge’s discretion. This is for the safety of the dog. The following items *are not* considered training in the ring (also see FEO):

- Dog grabbing its leash at the end of a run (if the run has not yet ended, the dog would receive an NT)
- Asking the dog once for a sit or down on the table in the point games (asking more than once will be a delay of finish, 5 faults/points)  
The following items *are* considered training in the ring:
- Violating the 4 paw safety rule (directing the dog back onto the contact)
- Start line stay – leaving the dog and going back again to reposition the dog after the handler passes the plane of the first obstacle (before the handler leaves the dog, repositioning or repeated commands can be a delay of start)
- Putting the dog back on the table in the point games

**While running on course**

- The handler will direct the dog through the course without a collar or lead.
- Food, toys, training devices (includes fanny packs and leash attachments) are not allowed within 10’ feet of the ring. Clickers, training whistles and squeaky toys are not to be used within distraction distance of the ring.
- The handler may not carry anything that could aid the dog in its performance. Exclusion: Handicapped/Differently Abled Handlers using a cane, scooter, wheelchair, etc., to enable their progression around the course.

The handler may use any verbal or visual commands to direct the dog through the course. The Judge may assess a 5 fault penalty to elimination for any command that is not given in a sportsmanlike manner. Faults can be, but are not limited to: foul or abusive language, display of anger, extreme frustration or excessive harshness. If the fault is severe enough, the Judge has the right to excuse the exhibitor from the ring and / or the remainder of the trial. If excused from the trial, a report would be filed with CPE. See Faults, Eliminations and Excusals in the rulebook.

**Questions?** See the rules page on the website, [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) or your printed rulebook. If you have further questions, email CPE – [cpe@charter.net](mailto:cpe@charter.net).

**Run Safe, Have Fun, Run Fast, Run Clean!**

## Tentative Schedule

Following is the order the classes are scheduled to run. If the order needs to be changed due to extreme pretrial circumstances, it will be posted in the confirmation letter sent to pre-entered competitors at least 7 days before the first trial day.

The order will only be changed at the trial in the case of an extreme reason and must be agreed upon by the host club and judge(s).

*Judge: Valori Duff*

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<i>Friday - Small to Big</i>	<i>Saturday - Big to Small</i>	<i>Sunday - Small to Big</i>
<b>Jumpers</b> - Levels 345C then 12	<b>Standard</b> – Level 1 then 23 then 45C	<b>Colors</b> – Levels 345C, then 12
<b>Snooker</b> - Levels 12 then 345C	<b>Jackpot</b> – Level groupings to be determined	<b>Wildcard</b> – Levels 12 then 345C
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<b>Standard</b> - Levels 45C then 3 then 2 then 1	<b>Colors</b> – Levels 345C then 12	<b>Jumpers</b> – Levels 345C then 12

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### SOME MOTEL COURTESIES TO OBSERVE

- Cover the motel's bedding with a sheet, whether or not you think your dog will get on the bed.
- Make every effort to have your dog free of fleas BEFORE arriving.
- Of course, as is standard agility procedure, the dog's handler/owner will pick up all poop. Please bag and dispose of it properly.
- Don't leave your dog(s) unattended. If you must leave, either take them with you, or leave them crated. Even the best of dogs can get carried away having fun in a motel room without you present.

### DOG FRIENDLY MOTELS

IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU MAKE MOTEL RESERVATIONS ASAP.

Howard Johnson's: ..... 155 Riverside St. Portland ME .....(207) 774-5861 1.9 miles to show site.

Holiday Inn: ..... 81 Riverside St. Portland ME .....(207) 774-5601 2.1 miles to show site.

(Dog friendly in smoking rooms only)

Best Western Merry Manor: ..... 700 Main St South Portland, ME 04106.....(207)-774-6151 7.3 miles from show site.

Embassy Suites Hotel Portland: ..... 1050 Westbrook Street Portland, ME.....(207)-775-2200 4.2 miles from show site.

Residence Inn by Marriott : ..... 800 Roundwood Drive Scarborough, ME 04074 .....(207)-883-0400 8.2 miles to show site.

### CAMPGROUNDS – Check with the campgrounds to see if they are open this weekend

Wassamki Springs: 56 Saco Street, Scarborough, Maine 04074 (207) 839-4276

Bayley's Camping Resort: 275 Pine Point Road, Scarborough, Maine 04074 (207) 883-6043

### IMPORTANT SITE INFORMATION

*Quiet, well-behaved dogs are allowed to crate indoors.*

NO X-pens are allowed in the building on Friday. X-pens are allowed in the day care room on Sat and Sun. Stacking of crates may be required. If crating becomes tight, unentered dogs may need to be removed from the building.

Competitors may arrive at the site on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 a.m.

### DIRECTIONS TO OUR FACILITY

#### Coming from I-95 North or South

- Take Exit 48- Riverside Street
- Turn right onto Riverside Street
- At second light, turn right onto Warren Avenue. (Home Depot will be on the right corner)
- Go approximately 1.3 miles, watch for Advantage Tools on the right
- Immediately after Advantage tools, turn right onto Bishop Street Ext
- The road quickly bends to the left and becomes Bishop Street
- Happy Tails is the second building on the left

**Sorry, but there is no RV/Trailer parking allowed in the parking area at any time.**



## **ENTRY INFORMATION**

- **OPENING DATE; CLOSING DATE; PRETRIAL MOVE-UP DEADLINE** -- See cover page for more information.
- **MOVEUPS:** Must be received **in writing**. Email to [TSS@trialecsecretary.com](mailto:TSS@trialecsecretary.com). The notice of the move-up must identify dog, handler, dog's CPE number, current classes and levels entered, and what classes need to be moved up one level. All move-up requests will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within a day of your request, please inquire again with the trial secretary.
- **ENTRY ACCEPTANCE METHOD:** See Cover page. Please check our web site, [www.trialecsecretary.com](http://www.trialecsecretary.com), for a current list of accepted entries.
- **WAITING LIST:** A waiting list will be kept and will be posted on the TSS web site after the random draw date.
- **CPE DOG REGISTRATION:** IF YOUR DOG IS NOT REGISTERED WITH CPE, and you are sending an entry for this trial, mail your form NOW TO CPE. All dogs entered in CPE Trials MUST be registered with CPE prior to the trial's closing date to compete. A membership form is available online. Visit CPE's website at: [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com). Do not send your dog registration forms with your entries. They must be sent directly to CPE. Allow enough time to snail mail your dog registration form to CPE and to receive your number before the closing date. CPE WILL NOT ACCEPT EMAILED OR FAXED REGISTRATION FORMS. THEY MUST BE MAILED!
- **HANDLERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS:** Please indicate your date of birth on the entry form if you are eligible for the 50% discount in entry fees. If another handler, 18 years of age or older runs the dog, simply see the secretary to pay the balance of the fee.
- **ENTRY STATUS:** If you want to check the status of your entry, please visit the Trial Secretary's web site, [www.trialecsecretary.com](http://www.trialecsecretary.com), where the current list of competitors can be found. The list is updated periodically as entries arrive.
- **ENTRIES:** The first attempt at resolving an issue on an entry form will be made by email. If no response is received by the competitor within a reasonable amount of time, the Trial Secretary will telephone. Please include a phone number and a legible e-mail address on your entry form.
- **MOVE-UPS AT THE TRIAL:** Happy Tails is offering move-ups at the trial in classes that are offered multiple times. Please submit your request for a move-up in those classes within 30 minutes of the scores being posted. **Move-downs will not be accommodated after the closing date. Please be sure to enter the level for which you are eligible when you submit your entry.**
- **CONFIRMATIONS:** Pre-Confirmation will be emailed to all competitors as soon as entries are processed. Final Confirmations will be emailed to all competitors that provide an email address within one week after the closing date. PLEASE let the Trial Secretary ([TSS@trialecsecretary.com](mailto:TSS@trialecsecretary.com)) know if you have not received your Final Confirmation by then.
- **BAD CHECKS** for ANY reason will be charged a minimum \$30.00 charge, in addition to bank charges. All entry fees will be deposited immediately following the closing date. Please plan accordingly.
- **REFUNDS:** Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the show committee. There shall be no refunds for entries withdrawn after the closing date. However, a 50% refund of entry fees for injuries to dogs or handlers, or bitches in season, may be given if the request is received in writing by the Trial Secretary ON OR BEFORE the Monday before the trial at Noon. The request MUST be in writing and MUST be accompanied by a **dated letter** from your Veterinarian (or Doctor, if the injury is to the handler) **on your Veterinarian's (or Doctor's) letterhead** with a brief description **explaining the reason the dog, or the handler, cannot compete**. Also, no entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reasons of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- **FOREIGN CHECKS:** Fees may be submitted in United States Funds via international postal money order, business check or personal check, written on a United States bank account. If the check is written on a bank NOT payable through a U.S. bank, please include a \$6 fee with your entries.
- **COMPETITORS ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE** for complete, accurate, and legible information on the entry forms. Overpayments of entry fees will not be refunded. Please check your math carefully. Your Trial Secretary is NOT responsible for choosing the classes for you to run. That is your responsibility as a competitor. Also, please see above "Entries".
- **SET-UP, MEASURING AND CHECK-IN:** The building will be available to competitors for set-up after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and 6:30 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please read your General Information Letter, which will be sent with your FINAL confirmation for check-in and measuring times on Saturday and Sunday. Self Check-in will be available to those competitors who hold Permanent Height Cards for all their entered dogs.

# PLEASE READ YOUR CONFIRMATIONS!!!

**Do not send your dog's registration form with your entry. Send it directly to CPE**

