



"Midland Counties Canine Sports"

Presents

BAA GRAND PRIX AGILITY



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British Trios Challenge Qualifying Show

Schedule for August Show to be held on

Saturday 9th August and

Sunday 10th August 2008

(Closing date 14th July 2008)

At:

Holmebrook Valley Country Park, Water Meadow Lane, Upper
Newbold, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 8XP

Judging Commences 8.30 a.m

Entry Fees: £2.30 per class
Camping: £7 per night
Show Manager: Andrew Capille
Show Secretary: Rachel Enright

Send Entries to: "MCCS 2"
C/o 54 Ferneley Crescent, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1RZ
Entry Enquiries: June@baa.uk.net 01664 500327
Show Enquiries: Andrew Capille Tel: 07815 461762
Email: rachel.enright@googlemail.com

For running orders please enclose an A5 stamped addressed envelope or you may like to take advantage of the Online Running Orders Service. Please visit the BAA website at www.baa.uk.net for further information and a comprehensive on line results service.

Vet on Call: Companion Care, Pets at Home, Raverside Retail Park, Chesterfield,
S40 1TA Tel: 01246 557555

Please read the whole schedule carefully!

BAA Rules

Please note this show will be run to BAA Rules for Agility Competitions. All points gained at these shows count towards Promotion, League Tables & Grand Prix Finals. Copies of full show and competition rules are available on request on the entry form (cost £1.00) or via download from BAA website www.baa.uk.net

The Major differences are:

- 1 4 jump heights with option of veterans etc: to jump at lower jump height. Maximum permitted jump height is 24 ins.
- 2 Dogs may retain their status for the entire show year (if the handler wishes)
- 3 Maximum height of A frame has been reduced.
- 4 Maximum height of A frame & Dog Walk has been further reduced in Veteran & Pawsability.
- 5 Up contacts of contact obstacles will not be marked.
- 6 There will be no tyre obstacle in any class.
- 7 In Introductory classes, refusals are not marked and handlers may carry a silent toy in the ring.
- 8 Pawsability classes will be marked to same criteria as Introductory.
- 9 All competition rings to be surrounded on all sides with fencing or netting.
- 10 **IT IS A CONDITION OF ENTERING BAA SHOWS THAT ALL COMPETITORS HELP FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR PER DAY ENTERED.** A register is kept ringside. In the event of over subscription helpers get priority.

Any dog and handler is eligible to enter Shows run to BAA Rules & Regulations (though there are some restrictions at the FINALS Weekend). No membership fee or dog registration fee is required. This is automatically included free when you enter your first show. Your dog will be allocated a BAA registration number which will be on your ring card (if you have previously entered EMDAC shows your EMDAC number will now become your BAA number). Please make a note of this number and use this on all future show entries as it greatly assists in processing your entries and ensures your points tallies are maintained correctly. **NB: ENTRIES FROM PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED DOGS MUST INCLUDE BAA REGISTRATION NUMBER OTHERWISE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED.**

BAA Grand Prix Agility "Dog of the Year"

"EMDAC Show Processing and Results Services" records all results from all BAA shows and compiles the BAA performance league tables in the categories of Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate, Masters & Veteran. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the leading Agility Dog of the Year at each jump height in each category.

The leading dogs & handlers from the tables will also qualify for the BAA Grand Prix Tournament Finals on August Bank Holiday Weekend. There will be separate Finals for Jumping and Agility. At the finals show there will be a last chance opportunity for all to qualify for the Grand Prix Finals. Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the Finals winners.

Apart from exceptions given in the next paragraph, all classes at BAA shows count towards qualification for the BAA Grand Prix Agility Finals. Points are accumulated for performances from ALL BAA shows during the season.

- Pawsability classes will not be included in the points tables or Grand Prix Finals.
- No points will be awarded for Pairs, Team, invitation, demonstration or non-scheduled Pay on the Day classes.

Points accumulated after the August Finals will count for qualification for the BAA Finals the following season.

BAA JUNIOR HANDLER LEAGUE

Points from all scheduled Junior Handler classes count towards the "BAA Junior Handler of the Year Award" & the Junior Handler GRAND PRIX FINAL which will be held at the BAA FINALS Show. There will be separate categories for Under 12's & 12 to 16's.

Male & Female Over 60's Leagues

These leagues are open to all male and female handlers aged 60 years and over. Please register for these leagues by contacting June on 01664 500327, or register at any BAA show. If you were eligible for either league last season you will be automatically entered in this season's league.

Alternative Handlers League

The BAA is once again supporting the Alternative Handlers League. The league is open to any competitor entering a BAA Show that may have a long or short term disability, which has an effect on their everyday life. To register, please contact Rowena Beall (e-mail: rowena@kentroad.eclipse.co.uk). If you have previously registered for this league you will be automatically entered in this season's league.

Trophy Pet Foods British Trios Challenge

The BAA are pleased to announce a new Team Trios event, sponsored by Trophy Pet Foods, that will run throughout the outdoor season, culminating in a British Trio's Challenge Final for each height of dog at the BAA Grand Prix Finals on 23-25 August 2008.

FEATURING

- **THE TROPHY PET FOODS BRITISH MINI/MICRO TRIO'S CHALLENGE**
- **THE TROPHY PET FOODS BRITISH MEDIUM TRIO'S CHALLENGE**
- **THE TROPHY PET FOODS BRITISH MAXI TRIOS CHALLENGE**

Teams will consist of 1 Introductory, 1 Primary and 1 Novice Plus dog. For example, to enter a team for the Alpha British Medium Trio's Challenge, the team must comprise 1 Introductory Medium, 1 Primary Medium and 1 Novice Plus Medium dog. During the outdoor season, the BAA will nominate 6 qualifying shows at different venues. Individual members of the teams will earn points for their team dependent on their individual performances in classes they compete in at the qualifying shows. For the purposes of this challenge, the highest placed Maxi, Medium and Mini/Micro in each class at the qualifying shows will earn 10 points for their team, with the next highest earning 9 points and so on. All dogs will earn 1 point for a clear round outside the top 10 of their height.

Teams **MUST** register **BEFORE** they can earn any points for the team and points cannot be gained retrospectively!

A team only need to register once for the entire season and no dog can be a member of more than 1 team. To register a team look out for the British Trios Challenge Registration forms that will be posted on the BAA website and sent out with running orders for future BAA shows. The British Trios Challenge Finals will take the form of a Trios Relay for the Top 10 Teams in each height category.

Qualifying Shows 2008:

May 3-4	Beach-Side Agility
May 17-18	EMDAC Summer Show 2
July 5-6	Paws At Play
June 28-29	Midland Counties
July 17-20	EMDAC Summer Show 4
August 9-10	Midland Counties

Any others to be confirmed

Height Definitions

A dog may be entered in ONE height category only, Micro, Mini, Medium or Maxi
Please check definitions below – you may find your dog is eligible at a different height category than you compete elsewhere. You may also have a choice of height category. Please specify jump height category on the entry form.

Micro

For dogs that measure under 11in at the withers. Jump height will be 9in.

Mini

For dogs that measure under 15in at the withers. Jump height will be 13.75in.

Medium

For dogs that measure over 14in but less than 18in at the withers. Jump height 17.75in.

Maxi

For dogs that measure over 17in at the withers. Jump height will be 24in.

Level Classification A dog may be entered in *ONE* level only, and must be specified in the appropriate box for each dog on the entry form. Levels are:- Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate, Masters, Veteran and Pawsability.

All dogs AND handlers new to agility should enter as **INTRODUCTORY**.

Dogs/handlers that compete under other organizations are required to make initial entry to BAA shows at the appropriate level as follows:

Dogs which currently compete in Grade 4 or above (KC) by virtue of handlers wins with another dog may enter at – **PRIMARY**.

Initial entry levels are:

KC Grade 1	= INTRODUCTORY
KC Grade 2	= PRIMARY
KC Grade 3*	= PRIMARY or NOVICE
KC Grade 4	= NOVICE
KC Grade 5*	= NOVICE or GRADUATE
KC Grade 6	= GRADUATE
KC Grade 7	= MASTERS

*Grades 3 & 5 have a choice of entry level.

Schedule of Classes

Veteran: for dogs of 7 years of age and over. Choice of jump height: 9, 13.75 or 17.75ins. No veteran dog will be permitted to jump higher than 17.75ins. Once a dog enters BAA Veteran it will be expected to remain there for the remainder of its agility career and will not be permitted in future shows at Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate or Masters.

Pawsability: for dogs of any age that for whatever reason are not able to jump at their designated jump height as specified in height definitions. Choice of jump height 9, 13.75 or 17.75ins. No dog in this class will be permitted to jump over 17.75ins. This category is designed for young dogs just starting their agility careers and also for dogs that are returning to agility after a layoff from illness/injury. Dogs can enter this class at any time and when ready, return to their appropriate ability level & jump height. It also gives an opportunity for veteran dogs to enter at lower height before fully committing to veteran classes.

Status for all BAA shows in 2007/2008 is that effective at 1st October 2007 or initial entry level if entering first BAA show after that date. Dogs may retain their status for the entire BAA show season (1st October to September 30th), if the handler wishes. BAA will keep a record of results during the season. At the end of season the top performing dogs will be promoted to next level for the following season.

An 'On Application' relegation system also operates to allow dogs to move down the levels. For full details of progression system, please refer to 'BAA Rules for Agility Competitions' & the BAA website.

Online Running Orders

The BAA now offer all their competitors the option to download Running Orders, Ring Plans and Show Information for all BAA Shows. Please note that the online running orders ARE NOT SENT BY E-MAIL and are only available via download from the BAA website. The BAA will only publish running orders for competitors who request it. For those wishing to take advantage of our Online Running Orders service, please tick the box on the entry form & do not send an SAE. Running orders will be available approximately 2 weeks before each show.

Awards

Dependent on entries, levels may be Combined/Split for awards.
Rosettes & Trophies (depending on individual class entries)
Clear Round Rosettes in all Classes
Pawsability are for clear round rosettes only

Camping

There are camping, toilets & shower facilities available at the venue. There will also be catering on site.

Parking: Please park vehicles as directed.

Saturday 9th August 2008

1. Introductory Agility
2. Introductory Jumping
3. Introductory Helter Skelter
4. Introductory Tunnel Teaser
5. Primary Agility
6. Primary Jumping
7. Primary Helter Skelter
8. Primary Tunnel Teaser
9. Novice Plus Agility
10. Novice Plus Jumping
11. Novice Plus Helter Skelter
12. Novice Plus Tunnel Teaser
13. Pawsability Agility
14. Pawsability Jumping
15. Veteran Agility
16. Veteran Jumping
17. Veteran Helter Skelter
18. Junior Handler Jumping

Sunday 10th August 2008

19. Introductory Agility
20. Introductory Jumping
21. Introductory Circular Jumping
22. Introductory Wicked Weaves
23. Primary Agility
24. Primary Jumping
25. Primary Circular Jumping
26. Primary Wicked Weaves
27. Novice Plus Agility
28. Novice Plus Jumping
29. Novice Plus Circular Jumping
30. Novice Plus Wicked Weaves
31. Pawsability Agility
32. Pawsability Jumping
33. Veteran Agility
34. Veteran Jumping
35. Veteran Circular Jumping
36. Junior Handler Jumping

A 'Pay on the day' ring will be available both days weather and time permitting

Class Descriptions: Judges will provide a more comprehensive description at the show where necessary.

Helter Skelter.

Helter Skelter is a jumping course based on a decreasing or increasing circle

Circular Jumping

A flowing jumping courses with no weaves.

Tunnel Teaser

A course comprising jumps and tunnels. The tunnels will be negotiated several times throughout the course.

Wicked Weaves

A course comprising jumps, tunnels and weaves. The weaves will be negotiated several times.

MCCS SHOW RULES

1. ***British Agility Association Rules for Agility Competitions apply to this event. Copies can be ordered on the entry form or downloaded from www.baa.uk.net***
2. ***MCCS reserves the right to refuse entries. In the event of over subscription entries may be limited.***
3. ***Competitors enter at their own risk and must sign and date the declaration on the entry form.***
4. ***In the unlikely event that this event is cancelled, the organisers reserve the right to deduct unrecoverable expenses incurred before returning entry fees.***
5. ***MCCS reserves the right to combine/split classes depending on entry levels.***
6. ***Competitors are required to report for allocated ring duties.***
7. ***It is very difficult to find suitable venues so please respect our venue and pick up after your dogs, and also dispose of all rubbish responsibly.***
8. ***Competitors are solely responsible for ensuring that they are available for their classes.***
9. ***Have fun with your Pet dogs!***



Directions to venue:

From the North

- Exit M1 junction 30
- Take 1st exit towards Chesterfield (A619)
- At roundabout take 3rd exit A619 towards Chesterfield
- Follow A619 towards Chesterfield for approx 6.5 miles
- At roundabout with A61 (Tesco roundabout) take 3rd exit signposted Town centre ***

From the South

- Exit M1 junction 29
- Take 2nd exit A617 towards Chesterfield
- At roundabout take 3rd exit A61 towards Sheffield
- At next roundabout (Tesco roundabout) take 1st exit signposted Town centre ***

- At roundabout take 2nd exit signposted Newbold
- Take 2nd left onto Highfield Lane
- Follow till end and turn right at the mini roundabout
- At next mini roundabout go straight over signposted Barlow
- Straight over traffic lights
- Follow until get to Venue on left (Water Meadows Lane)