

Teacup Dogs Agility Association July 19, 2025



# **Agility Trial**

# **Gemini Dogs**

53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460

Judge: Judy Raffone

# **Snitches & Snakes**

**Saturday**: 3 Standard Classes and 3 Games: Touch & Go, Quidditch and Slither (Game of the Month) *Note: One Standard run will be in Beta "Walk Once, Run Twice" format.* 

# Pre-Entries Close on Saturday July 12, 2025

Day of trial entries will be accepted. FEO (For Exhibition Only) entries will be accepted

Site opens at 9:00 AM for crate set up, check-in and measuring (Please bring dog crate padding) Familiarization at 9:00 – Judge's Briefing and Walkthrough beginning at 9:30 AM

Tentative Running Order SMALL TO TALL (2", 4", 8", 12", 16") in class order of Beginner, Intermediate, Superior

# **Trial Chair/Secretary**

Melanie Ramsey - wombabomba@aol.com / Misty Cleary - Mistie74@gmail.com

Certification

Permission has been granted by the Teacup Dogs Agility Association for the holding of this event under Teacup Dogs Agility Association Rules and Regulations, which are available at the TDAA website www.k9tdaa.com.

Volunteer Sign Up

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!** Trials run smoother with your help! Volunteers are the backbone of any agility trial. We need all hands to make a trial work. **Please let us know if you can help with:** 

COURSE BUILDING\_\_\_\_\_ SETTING BARS\_\_\_\_\_ GATE STEWARD\_\_\_\_\_ TIMING\_\_\_\_\_ SCRIBING\_\_\_\_\_

## **Official Teacup Dogs Agility Association Entry Form**

TDAA Trial July 19, 2025

 Mail Registration(s), Height Cards and Checks to: Gemini Dogs 53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460
 OR

 Email Registration(s), Height Cards and Confirmation of PayPal Payment to: Mistie74@gmail.com Please
 make Checks Payable to: Gemini Dogs
 PayPal: payments@geminidogs.com

| Dog TDAA #              |          | Dog Call Name:  |  |      |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|--|------|
|                         |          |                 |  |      |
| Breed:                  |          | Date of Birth:  |  | Sex: |
|                         |          |                 |  |      |
| Owner's (Please Print): |          |                 |  |      |
|                         |          |                 |  |      |
| Address/City/State/Zip: |          |                 |  |      |
|                         |          |                 |  |      |
| Phone Number:           | E-mail A | E-mail Address: |  |      |
|                         |          |                 |  |      |
|                         |          |                 |  |      |

| Dog's <i>Measured</i> Jump Height:   | :: $\Box 4'' \Box 8'' \Box 12'' \Box 16''$ Height your dog will <i>jump</i> at this trial: $\Box 2'' \Box 4'' \Box 8'' \Box 12'' \Box 1$ |            |             |                           |  |  |
|--|--|------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| It is the Owner's Responsibility to enter the correct Measured jump height |  |            |             |                           |  |  |
| Time/Jump Height Accommoda   | tions: 🗆 VE  | TERAN D    | DOG (7 yrs  | s) 🗆 Doub                 | ole Digit VETERAN DOG (10 yrs) 🗌 Body Type Exemption                             |  |
| DISABLED HANDLER (A cop)   | of the disabl  | led parkir | ng permit o | or other of               | ficial documentation must be submitted with this entry or presented at check-in) |  |
| RUNS   | CLASS (CIRCLE ONE)   |            | E)          | FEES (per individual dog) |  |  |
| Touch & Go   | GI   | Gll        | GIII        | FEO                       | Trial Package (6 Runs) \$75.00   |  |
| Quidditch  | GI   | Gll        | GIII        | FEO                       | Individual Runs (Std or Game) Runs X \$16 = \$                                   |  |
| Standard 1   | Beg  | Int        | Sup         | FEO                       | FEO (All Runs) Runs X \$10 = \$  |  |
| Standard 2 (Beta)  | Beg  | Int        | Sup         | FEO                       | Day of Trial Entry Fee \$5.00  |  |
| Standard 3   | Beg  | Int        | Sup         | FEO                       |  |  |
| Slither  | GI   | Gll        | GIII        | FEO                       | TOTAL Payable to Gemini Dogs)  |  |

Agreement to Participate-Waiver: I (We) acknowledge that the "Teacup Dogs Agility Association Rules & Regulations" have been made available to me (us), and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (We) agree to hold the TDAA and any TDAA approved judge harmless from any legal claim resulting from said judge's action under the TDAA Rules, Regulations and Guidelines. I (We) agree that the club holding the Agility Trial has the right to refuse entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of the Agility Trial and of the opportunity to have the dog judged, I (we) agree to hold harmless the directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or show secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties from any claim for loss or nijury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or things by the act of this dog while in or upon the show/trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other cause or causes or causes.

I (We) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this Agility Trial, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above in consideration of the acceptance of this entry. I (We) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Teacup Dogs Agility Association in the premium list for this agility trial, or both, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed above. I (We) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement

| Signature of Owner             | Date  |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Parent or Guardian if under 18 |       |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT              | Phone |

# **Trial Fees**

| Pre-Entry Fees:                                      | Day-of-Trial Entry Fee:  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Each Standard or Games class\$16.00                  | Day of trial fee\$5.00   |  |  |
| Trial Package (all 6 runs for <i>one</i> dog)\$75.00 | (The Day-of-Trial fee is a single \$5 charge, not \$5 per run.)                            |  |  |
| FEO (For Exhibition Only) each run\$10.00            | TDAA Dog Registration (Payable to TDAA)\$15.00<br>TDAA Membership (Payable to TDAA)\$25.00 |  |  |

# **Trial Eligibility**

- You must be a Member of TDAA. Membership forms and information is available at <u>www.k9tdaa.com.</u>
- Your dog must be registered with TDAA to compete in TDAA trials. Dog Registration forms and information is available at <a href="http://www.k9tdaa.com">www.k9tdaa.com</a>. If you have sent a registration form for your dog to TDAA but their number has not been received, please mark PENDING in the TDAA number space on the entry form.
   This trial is open to all dogs, without regard to breed or pedigree, measuring 20" or less, who are at least 12 months of age. No dog may participate with apparent injuries, lameness, or bandages. Blind dogs, bitches in season, and dogs that are aggressive may not compete.
- Dogs with three legs or feet, either by amputation or birth defect, shall be able to compete so long as the disability doesn't clearly create a safety hazard for the dog.
- A dog must be entered under the name of the current owner. TDAA Transfer applications for ownership are available.
- Dogs must be up to date on vaccinations and/or titers.

## Day of Trial and Late Entries

If you have sent a **pre-entry**, and during the trial wish to add additional runs, you will not be charged the additional day of-trial entry fee for those runs since your information was previously recorded for this trial. **To make any changes to your entry on any run, you must provide that change to the trial secretary at least 1 class prior to the running of the class you want to change.** 

| Games | Houston's Book of Agility Games is available for download from the TDAA website |
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JUDGE'S BRIEFING ON DAY OF TRIAL SUPERSEDES THESE PRINTED BRIEFINGS.

Touch and go - is a numbered course consisting of tunnels and contact obstacles only! ER12

Quidditch - is a simple game of handling skill. The handler must direct the dog to perform three sequences of escalating value and attempting the simple performance of a specified tunnel after each. The game is full of interesting bonuses and colorful phraseology. ER2

Slither - is a points game consisting of jumps and tunnels taken either in a serpentine or threadle fashion by handler/dog choice with distance option for higher points. ER2

#### Standard Course BETA

Beta format is for pairs of Standard runs (1 & 2, 3 & 4, and so on) and allows you to run the same course twice in the same course order (no renumbering of obstacles, no changing the course). There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> walk-thru before round 2, so if you're only running round 2, you walk before round 1.

#### FEO (For Exhibition Only)

What is FEO?? FEO is the opportunity to run your dog in a trial setting while not officially competing. For dogs not quite ready for trialing, this is a chance to practice a competition course under trial conditions. And if your dog didn't do well on a particular course during a scored run, this is a chance to try the course again. FEO runs are not eligible for placements (or for qualifying), although they will be judged and scored (compared to a fun run, which is not sanctioned, judged, or recorded.)

"Walk Once, Run Twice"

| Class Information        |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| STANDARD AGILITY         |  |  |  |  |
| Beginner                 | All dogs in sound physical condition, meeting the height specifications of the organization, and familiar with all obstacles shall be eligible for participation in this class.  |  |  |  |
| Intermediate<br>Superior | Only dogs who have earned the Teacup Beginner Agile Dog (TBAD) shall be eligible for participation in this class.<br>Only dogs who have earned the Teacup Intermediate Agile Dog (TIAD) shall be eligible for participation in this class. |  |  |  |
| <u>GAMES</u><br>Games I  | All dogs in sound physical condition, meeting the height specifications of the organization, and familiar with all obstacles shall be eligible for participation in this class.  |  |  |  |
| Games II<br>Games III    | Only dogs who have earned the Games I (TG1) shall be eligible for participation in this class.<br>Only dogs who have earned the Games II (TG2) shall be eligible for participation in this class.  |  |  |  |

# **Move-Ups**

Move ups will be accepted for dogs earning a title at a prior show with written notice to the trial secretary, emails are accepted. Dayof-trial move ups will also be accepted, except as noted below between Standard Beta runs.

## Height Divisions

The TDAA offers the following Measured Jump Height Divisions: 4", 8", 12", 16"; and the following Jump Heights: 2", 4", 8", 12", 16". Owners/handlers are responsible for entering their dog at the proper height division, both the dog's Measured Jump Height and the height at which they want their dog to jump at the trial. **Per TDAA rules, dogs may be entered at any jump height desired; however, the scoring height continues to be the dog's Measured Jump Height.** Dogs jumping at a height other than their Measured Jump Height will earn qualifying legs and all TDAA titles. The judge reserves the right to measure dogs entered in any trial. Any dog that has not previously competed at a TDAA trial must be measured before competing.

#### **Time Accommodations for Veteran Dogs & Disabled Handlers**

**Veteran Dogs:** Veteran dogs receive additional time in Standard runs based on their measured height division. Double-digit veteran dogs receive an additional extension in standard course time. Additional time in games will depend on scoring criteria. There is no special system of titling for veteran dogs.

**Disabled Handlers:** Disabled handlers receive an additional 4 seconds for Standard runs. Additional time in games will depend on scoring criteria. Proof of disability shall be a copy of the handler's disability parking tag or other official documentation, which must be included with the entry or presented at check-in at the trial. There is no special system of titling for disabled handlers.

#### Mulligan

A "mulligan," is a situation where the handler is given the opportunity to re-run an event with the second run superseding the first. No more than one mulligan per dog, per day will be allowed.

#### Awards

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place in each jump height in each class. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score. Titling ribbons will also be awarded to dogs completing a title. Dogs may receive placement ribbons without qualifying.

#### Obstacles

Obstacles shall meet the specifications for obstacles in the current edition of the TDAA Rules and Regulations. The following is a list of obstacles to be used. Contacts have rubber coating. This trial will be held indoors on 3/4–inch (EVA Foam) Agility Matting

| A-frame (6'8" x 30" wide) | Tire Jump (15")             | Dog walk (12' ramps)   | Table (36" by 36")        |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Open [Pipe] Tunnel (24")  | Single & winged jumps (36") | Teeter (8' x 12" wide) | Weave poles (22" centers) |

A Warmup jump will be provided for all exhibitors.

Obstacle familiarization is available each morning prior to judging.

# DIRECTIONS to the Trial -- -- Gemini Dogs

**DIRECTIONS**: Take Interstate 495 to Route 2A/110 exit. Turn left and travel just over a mile on Route 2A/110 West. Go through a stoplight located at the gas station. As you crest the hill, you will notice a gravel company on your right. Please note that GPS devices cannot find our main door. They can get you to this point on Route 2A/110, however. Watch for the gravel company, and then turn right onto Distribution Center Drive. If you immediately look to your right, you will see the trial site; we are located in a very large concrete warehouse. Travel only about 500 yards down Distribution Center Drive and make your first right into our parking lot. If you need help finding us, call (978) 387-3663. Signage will be posted as well! **PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE** "CONFORMATION" DOOR.

# Area Accommodations

#### Hotels that accommodate pets and are 20 minutes from the trial site:

(Please check with hotel when making reservations—acceptance of dogs and rates are subject to change.)

- Hampton Inn & Suites in Westford, MA (978) 392-1555
- Boxboro Regency in Boxboro, MA (978) 263-8701
- Motel 6 in Leominster, MA (978) 537-8162

**Nearby Camping:** 

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 Spacious Skies Campgrounds – Minute Man (978) 772-004

 264 Ayer Road Littleton, MA 01460 website <a href="https://spaciousskiescampgrounds.com/minute-man/">https://spaciousskiescampgrounds.com/minute-man/</a>

#### **Emergency Veterinarian**

#### Westford Emergency Veterinary Center

Cornerstone Square, Westford, MA

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

#### Food

Refreshments will be available at the trial site for all volunteers, and there are several fast food and dine-in restaurants nearby. There will be no food vendor on site. Please plan ahead and bring food and drinks for you and your dogs.

- Lazy Mary's (Pizzeria, Market, Deli, Bakery) 30 Littleton Road, Ayer, MA
- Sal's Pizza 25 King St, Littleton, MA

#### 2025 TDAA PETIT PRIX – National Tournament

The TDAA Petit Prix for 2025 is being held September 12-14, and is hosted by: Oak Prairie Agility W6485 County Road H New Glarus, WI 53574 Click <u>HERE</u> for the premium!

### **TDAA Forms**

To **register a dog** with the TDAA, please use this link: <u>TDAA Dog Registration Form</u>. To become a member of TDAA, please use this link: <u>TDAA Membership Application</u>. For either form, you can:

- 1. Fill out the form online, save it to your computer and email it;
- 2. Print the form, fill it out, scan it and email it;
- 3. Print the form, fill it out, scan it and snail mail it.

If you wish to email the form(s), please send to: <a href="mailto:teacupagility@gmail.com">teacupagility@gmail.com</a>. If you wish to snail mail, send to:

#### TDAA W6485 County Road H New Glarus, WI 53574

Thank you for supporting TDAA and small dog agility!

Phone: 978-772-7600

(978) 577-6525

Phone: 978-339-5313

- The safety of the dogs 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.
- All entries must be submitted on an Official TDAA Agility Entry Form with the signed TDAA agreement. One entry form per dog. Unsigned, incomplete, or illegible entries are not acceptable. A \$25.00 service charge will be charged for any returned checks. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. All fees must be paid in US funds
- Bitches in season and injured dogs are not permitted in the trial. A refund will be given for withdrawals up to and including the day of the trial. A letter from your veterinarian may be required.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- 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 unnecessary disturbance, repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior,
  unsportsmanlike conduct, including rough handling, 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.
- All participants in TDAA events, including competitors, judges, regional master judges, trial chairs, secretaries, members, vendors, handlers, owners of dogs, and anyone else involved with a TDAA event must refrain from behavior detrimental to the confidence, or the public perception, of the TDAA's events and integrity.
- Those involved in the TDAA's events must behave in ways that do not negatively reflect on dog agility and the TDAA.
- Conduct by anyone that is reckless, careless, perilous, turbulent, violent, or illegal puts others at risk, damages the reputation of others in the TDAA organization, and undercuts public respect and support for the TDAA is to be avoided.
- All dogs must be on leash at all times except when using the warm-up area or in the agility ring.
- At the handler's option, the dog may wear a flat (buckle or quick release) collar, with or without tags or wear adornments, clothing, ties, or other attachments. Choke collars, pinch collars, electric and dummy electric collars are prohibited.
- Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s).
- Exhibitors are responsible for being at the ring gate when it is their turn to run.
- Exhibitors may wear shirts or insignias of their training group, if they wish.
- Food and toys are permitted in the course area in accordance with TDAA Rules and Regulations.
- Handlers are not allowed to use whistles or other instruments or devices at the Trial Site.
   This trial shall be judged under the current Rules and Regulations of the TDAA. Rules can be obtained online at <u>www.k9tdaa.com</u>.

# SAVE THE DATES

TDAA Gemini Dogs in December 2025