

A **USDAA®** Licensed Event

Titling & Tournament Classes

hosted by



Austin K-9 Xpress

**Being Held At:
DePaw Dog Sports and Training Academy
Leander, TX**

December 16 - 17, 2023

Closing Date: Friday, December 8, 2023

Secondary Closing Date: Monday, December 11, 2023

(For move up in level only)

Judges

Elise Carpenter - Louisa, VA
(Officiating Judge)



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Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee is the governing body for this event and shall be the sole authority on matters relative to conduct of the event.

Chairperson	Dominique Stafford Email: dominiquestafford@gmail.com Phone: (214) 868-0072
Secretary	Courtney Keys Email: courtneypo@gmail.com Phone: (214) 868-0072
Chief Course Builder	Lauren Goldberg
Chief Scorekeeper	Riley Scott

Site Information

DePaw Dog Sports and Training Academy

13051 Old FM 2243
Leander, TX 78641
United States



[View on Google Maps](#)

<http://www.depawdogsports.com/>

Surface Type:
Ring Configuration:

RVs on site

DePaw is now allowing dry camping for \$20/night. See Gerry Brown on site to pay and receive lock instructions.

Check-in & Measuring

Dog Measurements & Certification

All dogs measuring 22" or less must be measured to validate their entry in an event and class in accordance with Official USDAA Rules & Regulations, unless:

- they have had their height permanently certified pursuant to USDAA rules and regulations measurement rules
- they meet exceptions set forth in USDAA Tournament Rules for advanced rounds
- hold a dog's temporary card or record with 3 judges' signatures as set forth in the regulations for dogs prior to 3 years of age

Please note that only dogs 15 months of age may be officially measured and recorded on temporary registration cards/forms. Dogs competing in Intro classes less than 15 months of age should be measured for the event, but the measurement shall not be officially recorded.

Event	Ring 1	Judge
Gamblers - Masters		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers Level 3		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers - Veterans		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers - Advanced		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers Level 2		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers - Starters		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers Level 1		Carpenter, Elise
Biathlon MC Standard Agility		Carpenter, Elise
Biathlon MC Performance Standard		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Agility - Masters		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Level 3		Carpenter, Elise
Standard - Veterans		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Agility - Advanced		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Level 2		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Agility - Starters		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Level 1		Carpenter, Elise
Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Steeplechase®		Carpenter, Elise
Biathlon MC Jumpers		Carpenter, Elise
Biathlon MC Performance Jumpers		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers - Masters		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers Level 3		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers - Veterans		Carpenter, Elise
Snooker - Masters		Carpenter, Elise
Snooker Level 3		Carpenter, Elise
Snooker - Veterans		Carpenter, Elise
Snooker - Advanced		Carpenter, Elise
Snooker Level 2		Carpenter, Elise
Snooker - Starters		Carpenter, Elise
Snooker Level 1		Carpenter, Elise

Event	Ring 1	Judge
Jumpers Level 1		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers - Starters		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers Level 2		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers - Advanced		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers - Veterans		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers Level 3		Carpenter, Elise
Jumpers - Masters		Carpenter, Elise
Combined Pairs Relay - Performance		Carpenter, Elise
Combined Pairs Relay		Carpenter, Elise
Combined Relay Performance - 2nd Titling Run		Carpenter, Elise
Combined Pairs Relay - 2nd Titling Run		Carpenter, Elise
Purina® Pro Plan® Grand Prix of Dog Agility®		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers Level 1		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers - Starters		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers Level 2		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers - Advanced		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers - Veterans		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers Level 3		Carpenter, Elise
Gamblers - Masters		Carpenter, Elise
Standard - Veterans		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Level 3		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Agility - Masters		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Level 2		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Agility - Advanced		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Level 1		Carpenter, Elise
Standard Agility - Starters		Carpenter, Elise

Tournament Class Rules & Descriptions

Tournament classes are open to all competitors, regardless of previous experience. Tournaments are held to test a competitors training and performance skills in head-to-head competition. One or more of the following tournament classes may be held at this event:

- **Purina® Pro Plan® Grand Prix of Dog Agility®**

An individual competition on a standard agility course to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport®. At a regional championship, competitors compete through two progressive rounds to name a Regional Champion. A direct entry to a Regional Final may be earned in this tournament by earning qualifications at local qualifying events. (see tournament regulations for more details)

- **Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Steeplechase®**

An individual competition on an enhanced jumpers-style course that includes both an A-frame and weave poles to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport®. At a regional championship, competitors compete through two progressive rounds to name a Regional Champion and to compete for prize money.

- **Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters® Team**

A Team competition, offered locally as either a two-dog or three-dog team, to test versatility and endurance through the five core class types in USDAA rules & regulations. Offered in both formats at Regional Championships and at Cynosport®, all competitors compete against others in their respective height divisions in the individual classes, and their score from either the 2-dog or 3-dog relay is added and then aggregated with team members to name a 2-dog and 3-dog team winner. Competitors may not compete with the same dog in both the 3-dog and 2-dog tournaments when offered together. Compete at local and regional events to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport®.

- **Purina® Pro Plan® Masters Challenge BiathlonSM**

An individual competition on open, fast standard and jumpers courses to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport®.

Rules for all tournaments may be downloaded from the Internet at <https://usdaa.com/regulations/tournament-rules.cfm>, and are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. The rules include important disclosures on eligibility and advancement, start and end dates for the current tournament season qualifying period, information on special prizes and awards, advancement rules for each tournament at Regional Championships and Cynosport® championships. Regulations have not been finalized at the initial time of publication of this event test schedule. 2024 regulations shall be published no later than September 30, 2023.

Qualifications in tournament classes also count towards versatility titles (e.g., Tournament MasterSM, Agility Dog Champion® and Lifetime Achievement Awards. (see USDAA Rules & Regulations for full details.)

When the Biathlon is offered, the two classes in the Biathlon (i.e., Masters Challenge Jumpers and Masters Challenge Standard Agility) are also concurrently scored for titling purposes pursuant to rules set forth in [Chapter 12 of USDAA Rules & Regulations](#), which are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. Qualifying scores earned in each round of the tournament are recorded for tournament, title, and lifetime achievement awards.

Titling Class Rules & Descriptions

One or more titling classes may be held at this event to test development of competitor skills and training and handling at different experience levels, as described in [Chapters 3 –12 of USDAA Official Rules & Regulations](#), which are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. These can be reviewed and/or downloaded from www.usdaa.com/regulations/usdaa-rules-and-regulations.cfm. Following are informational notes that are included in more detail in the regulations referenced above:

Veteran Classes

One or more veteran classes may be offered at this event. Previous experience in the sport sufficient to establish proficiency and confidence in performance is strongly encouraged as course challenges are presented at the Masters level.

- Veteran Classes are open to a competitor with any dog that is at least eight (8) years of age as of the first day of this event.
- A dog entered in a Veterans titling class on a day may not be entered in that same class in the Championship or Performance Programs. Complete program rules can be found in [Chapter 9 of USDAA Rules & Regulations](#) referenced above.

Pairs Relay—Combined

Pairs Relay titling classes are held on a "Combined" basis within each program, meaning that experienced dogs (Masters and/or Advanced levels) can be pair with dogs working in lower class levels (Advanced and/or Starter level) and vice versa for titling purposes. Competitors with dogs in the same program and level may also enter together. Qualifications earned count towards titles at all levels within a program.

- When offered, Pairs Relay will appear on the Entry Form and Class Schedule as "Combined Relay".
- This combined approach to Pairs Relay is in keeping with a primary purpose of the Relay class in promoting camaraderie in working a course with a partner (amendment to regulations effective April 2020).
- A Combined Relay class is run on an Advanced level course and scored under Advanced level rules, and the Qualification is valid for any level title within a program.
- When entering a Relay class, simply complete the form marking the appropriate Program and list a partner of choice by including the owners name and their dog's registration number.
 - Alternatively, you may enter as a "draw" team when you do not have a partner and are willing to run with others. Your partner will be drawn from other draw entries at any level in the same program.
 - A group may pair a competitor with an "accommodating dog" (i.e., one who is not entered in the class) when an odd number of competitors are entered, but the group is not required to do so. In this latter case, a refund of entry fee will be made.
- When a second offering of the class (indicated "2nd run" on the Entry Form) is to be *run on the same course*, each handler runs their chosen portion of the course, and immediately following the first run, competitors run a second time with each running the other section of the course previously run by their partner.

Entries & Acceptance

Policy on Refusal of Entry

The Organizing Committee of an event may refuse the entry of any competitor or dog for just cause should the Committee view that participation by the competitor or dog could be prejudicial to the sport. However, in such case, the Committee must notify the competitor in writing upon receipt of entry, but in no case, more than three days following the event closing date for acceptance of entries. The burden of responsibility for the appropriateness of such action rests solely with the host group and its Organizing Committee.

NSF Check/Credit Card

Any check or credit card that is charged back by the bank or other financial institution may be assessed a service charge of up to \$40 per incident at the discretion of the host group.

Returned checks or credit card returns do not constitute a valid entry. Amounts shall be paid within 30 day of postmarked notice of the returned payment if such date follows the event date. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice will result in cancellation of event results for all classes related to the entry for which payment was made. No reinstatement of results is possible, and all awards must be returned within 10 days of notification or the dog's registration may be suspended pending restitution.

Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event, or entry is canceled without recourse.

General Rule on Eligibility

This event is sanctioned by the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. ("USDAA") and is open to all persons with dogs being at least 15 months of age (14 months of age pursuant to Chapter 10 for Intro Program when offered OR for Sanctioned Match), regardless of pedigree or absence thereof, who have a current registration with USDAA and whose owners and the dog's handler are currently in good standing with USDAA.

This event will be held under USDAA® Official Rules and Regulations, as amended as of the event date. A copy of the regulations and any any amendments may be viewed and printed online at [USDAA Rules & Regulations](#).

General Refund Policy

Unless otherwise stated in a separate provision below, the Group or Club hosting this event ("Event Host") has no obligation to refund fees paid for entries withdrawn after the published entry closing date, whether due to being absent, dismissal from a class or the event as a result of disciplinary action, or for any other reason; nor shall there be any obligation to refund entry fees if the event cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, acts of terrorism, fire, weather, or other "acts of God", public emergency, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the Event Host.

K9X Refund Policy

A refund of 100% of entry fees will be given for any reason, if the request is received by the trial secretary in writing prior to the closing date. After closing, but prior to the beginning of the trial, entry fees, minus a \$5 admin charge and the USDAA and judge's fees will be refunded for bitches that come in season and dogs or handlers injured or ill after the closing date, if a request in writing is presented to the trial secretary. A veterinarian's or doctor's note is required to document the injury or illness. No refunds will be given for any reason for requests received after the beginning of the trial. There will be no refunds under \$10.00 for overpayment of fees.

Bitches in season

This show will allow bitches in season to run. Please notify the trial secretary if you will be running a BIS. BIS may run in pants or with a mat on the start line. Facility can provide a mat. BIS will run at the end of their jump heights in all classes except Standard, when they will run last in the class. No separate crating area is required, but we can provide a crating spot in the hospitality room if requested.

General Entry Conditions

Policy on Fault Limits

In the event of a larger entry, fault limits may be set at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and/or Judge without pre-event notice.

Statement of Responsibility

Competitors alone are responsible for the behavior of themselves, their dogs, children, and guests. A competitor whose dogs, children or guests create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Organizing Committee, be asked to leave the test site.

Prohibitions on Aids & Devices

No leads, collars, food, toys or other aids or devices shall be permitted on the course at any time, except as provided for in Chapter 10 when Intro Program classes are offered, or in Chapter 8 when Junior Handler Program classes are offered.

Evolving COVID-19 Environment Health Safety Measures

The health environment related to COVID-19 and its variants are continuing to evolve nationwide. Competitors, show organizers, and guests are urged to remain respectful of individual choices and varied practices that may occur. USDAA recognizes that the biology for each person is different with respect to any illness, and each may have their own preferences on what is necessary for them to return to open events given their personal situation.

Groups may set specific requirements for their events as they deem necessary to provide a safe and enjoyable event for competitors. Because of the many uncertainties, the host Group, USDAA, and event officials can assume no liability related to these risks, and individuals shall be solely responsible for making their own decisions regarding health risk and safety measures taken, or whether to attend the event. Any stipulated requirements by the Group shall be set forth either in a note in the test schedule for the event, communicated in event confirmations (or otherwise by email), and/or posted at the event. Competitors shall expect that a host Group shall enforce whatever rules they set in place under authority set forth in USDAA Disciplinary Rules published in USDAA rules & regulations..

Each person attending this event as an official, volunteer, or competitor shall be solely responsible for and assume liability for their own decisions regarding health risk and safety measures, and each person shall be accountable for their actions relative to any procedures in effect, which may or may not include:

- Maintaining social distancing measures
- Wearing a mask or gloves
- Being aware of items that you may touch and that may have been touched by others
- Washing hands and/or use of hand sanitizers
- Enjoying of food and refreshments, if provided

Additional health and/or safety measures may be required by the facility owner at which this event is being held, or by the Event Organizer. Such statements may be included in this test schedule, in the event confirmation, or posted on site at Check-In for this event. Failure to comply with these requirements, as well as other provisions in this test schedule are subject to disciplinary action as described in Appendix C to USDAA Official Rules & Regulations, which could result in dismissal from the event and/or cancellation of all results from performance at the event, without recourse.

Further, if you have been exposed to anyone that may have been exposed or infected with a virus or flu or any other contagious illness within one to two weeks prior to the event, or if you are feeling ill, please take responsibility and stay home and rest.

Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver

Media Rights Release

I HEREBY GRANT TO USDAA and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

FURTHER, I HEREBY RELEASE United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

Prizes & Awards

Awards

Strip ribbons will be given for Qs and placements 1st-3rd and new titles. Versatility titles and championships will receive a rosette.

Strip ribbons will be given for Qs and placements 1st-3rd in Grand Prix/PGP. 1st place/Q in each height also earns a regional bye voucher.

Strip ribbons will be given for Qs and placements 1st-3rd in Steeplechase/PSJ and prize money will be awarded in round 1.

Hotel Information

[La Quinta Inn & Suites Austin-Cedar Park](#)

1010 E Whitestone Blvd Cedar Park, TX
(800) 753-3757 (512) 528-9300



[View on Google Maps](#)

[KOA Leander / NW Austin](#)

1351 CR 269 Leander, TX
(888) 562-3426 (512) 259-7200



[View on Google Maps](#)

Motel 6

800 Arrow Point Dr Cedar Park, TX
(512) 260-3233



[View on Google Maps](#)

La Quinta Inn & Suites Austin NW/Lakeline Mall

10701 Lakeline Mall Dr Austin, TX
(512) 568-3538



[View on Google Maps](#)

Volunteer Information

Volunteers

Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Volunteers will receive a voucher toward future K9X USDAA trials and access to snacks and drinks in our hospitality area.

General Agreement

1.1 - Consideration and Waiver & Acceptance of Liability

IN CONSIDERATION OF the acceptance of this entry and the opportunity to participate and/or to be judged in the event on the dates to which this entry form applies (the "Event"), I understand and willingly accept that there are inherent risks in participating in sporting events, including but not limited to risks associated with events involving animals.

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS each of the parties listed below (including each of their members, officers, directors, agents and employees), hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Event Organizers", from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of myself or the dog listed on the entry form while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto -

- The Event's Organizing Committee
- The Event Organizer, being the USDAA Affiliated Group (or Groups) hosting or otherwise responsible for conduct of the event
- United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. ("USDAA"), World Cynosport Limited and affiliated companies
- Event Sponsors and Sponsors of the aforementioned parties
- Property Owners of the premises upon which the event is held

I FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS the aforementioned parties from any claim for loss arising as the result of death, injury or illness to myself and the dog listed on my event entry form, or other dogs under my care that are present at the Event, without regard to the cause of such loss, including but not limited to, disappearance of property, theft, injury or other loss caused by the actions of dogs, exposure to or contraction of communicable diseases, whether such loss or injury is caused or alleged to be caused for any reason, including negligence.

I FURTHER WAIVE RIGHT OF CLAIM and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned parties for any claim for loss that may be or have been sustained or incurred as a result of cancellation of this event and any series of events of which this event is a part by reason of war, terrorism, earthquakes, hurricanes, acts of government, plague, pandemic, war, or other circumstances or events beyond the control of the parties.

THROUGH ENTRY TO THIS EVENT I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND ACCEPT ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS, INCLUDING LEGAL FEES SHALL BE MINE AND MINE ALONE.

1.2 - Acknowledgment & Acceptance of Regulations

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND USDAA® Official Rules and Regulations and rules for competition (e.g., tournament rules) that relate to the Event, whether incorporated in this General Agreement by reference or as stipulated herein for the Event to which this entry form pertains.

I ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY any and all rulings of the Organizing Committee (and its members), the Event's Disciplinary Action Committee and/or USDAA relative to matters related to the Event.

1.3 - Acknowledgment & Representation of Accuracy

I ACKNOWLEDGE, REPRESENT AND WARRANT that the information supplied by me in the entry form is correct and complete. If any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my entry, such finding shall render my entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid or other recourse against the Event Organizers. Any acceptance of additional information or corrections to information after the closing date shall be at the sole discretion of the Event secretary.

1.4 - Representation of Ownership or Agency

I HEREBY REPRESENT AND WARRANT that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority from the dog's owner as their agent to enter the dog in competition and to assume their responsibilities for the care, custody and control of the dog for entry to the Event, and

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS the Event Organizers listed in paragraph 1.1 from any liability or claims, including legal fees, related to such ownership or agency status.

1.5 - Media Release, Grants & Waivers of Rights to Broadcast & Promote

COMPETITOR HEREBY GRANTS TO USDAA and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

1.6 - Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

FURTHER, COMPETITOR HEREBY RELEASES United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

1.7 - Signature/Electronic Submission Execution

THROUGH MY PHYSICAL SIGNATURE ON THE PAPER ENTRY FORM, OR THROUGH MY SUBMISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC ENTRY TO THE EVENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE, ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ABIDE by the provisions of this General Agreement, and all policies, rules, regulations and conditions of entry to the Event

FURTHER, IF ENTRY IS FOR A MINOR, THROUGH MY PHYSICAL SIGNATURE ON THE PAPER ENTRY FORM, OR THROUGH MY SUBMISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC ENTRY TO THE EVENT, I REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT I AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE COMPETITOR/HANDLER entered in the Event, and I ACKNOWLEDGE that I have reviewed all provisions of this General Agreement, policies, rules, regulations, and conditions of entry to the Event with the Minor and I SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROVISIONS FOR THE EVENT, AND ASSUME FULL LIABILITY FOR MINOR'S ACTIONS AND ACTIONS OF THEIR DOG.

USDAA® Official Dog Registration Form

☐ **DOG REGISTRATION - \$40.00**

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REG #

UJHP #

Dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete in USDAA sanctioned events. A registration card and number with a "U" prefix will be issued to facilitate entry at USDAA events and tracking of show results in the regular classes.

You must complete ALL information for a valid registration:

OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:

Primary Owner: _____

Name(s) to appear on awards: _____

Junior Handler: _____ DOB: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City / State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____

DOG INFORMATION:

Formal Name: _____ Call Name: _____

(Dog name to appear on certificates; please print clearly or type)

Breed: _____ DOB: _____ Height @ Withers: _____

(Specify breed or state "All American" to denote mix-breed)

(Estimate if unknown)

(To nearest 1/4")

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