

Tail Waggn   
DOCNA Trial Premium

May 13 & 14, 2017



Dogs on Course in North America, LLC  
Sanctioned Agility Trial



Top Notch Canines  
107 N 57<sup>TH</sup> DR  
PHOENIX, AZ 85043

**AGILITY RING - Ring Configuration: 80 X 100**  
**Contact equipment – Non-Slatted Rubberized**  
**Contact Zone 42" 24" Weave Poles**  
ELECTRONIC TIMING WILL BE USED

Judge: Cindi Jackson & Terri Stevens

**Opening Date: March 27, 2017 Closing Date: May 9, 2017 or until 300 runs reached**

**Event List for day – Times and events will vary from this order**

Please check your confirmation info.

<b>Saturday -</b>	<b>Sunday -</b>
Small to Tall Dogs	Tall to Small Dogs
Specialist, Intern, Beginner	Specialist, Intern, Beginner
Traditional Gamblers Standard Agility (1) Standard Agility (2) Snakes & Ladders Jumpers Rd (1) Jumpers Rd (2)	Trigility North America Challenge Strategic Time Gamble Standard Agility (3) Standard Agility (4)

**ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 300 RUNS PER DAY**

Entries will close upon receipt via mail or hand delivery on **May 9, 2017** or when **Runs Level** are reached

Show Chairs Cindi Jackson & Terri Stevens Phone (623) 261 3205 or (602) 390 4585 cell Questions email [Tailwaggn@gmail.com](mailto:Tailwaggn@gmail.com)

Mail signed entries to: Terri Stevens  
May DOCNA Trial  
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Phoenix, AZ 85051

Additional copies of premiums and entry forms can be downloaded from DOCNA or Tail Waggn  
DOCNA website at <http://www.docna.com/Premiums.aspx>  
Tail Waggn website [www.tailwaggn.com](http://www.tailwaggn.com)

**2017 North America Challenge - For anyone entering the North America Challenge, Dogs that are competing DOCNA Specialist Standard, or in Standard Agility at the Elite Level in NADAC, Masters or Performance III in USDAA, Excellent in AKC, Level 4/5/C in CPE etc, must enter the North America Challenge at the Specialist Level in the Division they are choosing to run in Competition, Select, Veteran, Jr. Handler or Grand Veterans**

## ENTRY QUALIFICATION TO 2017 NORTH AMERICA CHALLENGE

TO QUALIFY FOR THE 2017 DOCNA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT, COMPETITORS WILL HAVE EARNED ONE (1) NORTH AMERICA CHALLENGE QUALIFYING ROUND WITH A MAXIMUM OF 12 FAULTS (OR LESS) BETWEEN JUNE 1, 2016 AND AUGUST 1, 2017, AND IN ADDITION THEY MUST HAVE COMPETED IN A DOCNA SANCTIONED TRIAL BETWEEN JULY 29, 2016 AND AUGUST 1, 2017.

### NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- Competitors through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of DOCNA rules and regulations and agree to compete using Dogs On Course in North America, LLC rules, and also agree to follow the rules of the Trial Committee.
- DOCNA and organizing committee, reserve the right to refuse any entry. Every entrant must be in good standing with DOCNA.
- All dogs competing must have a Dogs On Course in North America, LLC Registration Number. Online registration is available at [www.docna.com](http://www.docna.com).
- Entries open **Mar 27, 2017** by postmark.
- Entries will close upon receipt via mail or hand delivery on **May 9, 2017** or when **Runs Level are reached** each day. Entries must be received by **May 9, 2017** postmarked after which entries may **not** be accepted, cancelled or changed.
- There will be a \$25.00 service charge for any returned check. Checks not honored by the bank do not constitute a valid entry fee.
- We will provide electronic acknowledgements to all entrants who include their email addresses with their entry. If you included an email address, your conformation will be sent as an attachment (PDF) in an email. It is your responsibility to make sure that the secretary's e-mail address [tailwaggn@gmail.com](mailto:tailwaggn@gmail.com) is allowed by your spam blocker or to change options that strip attachment from emails.
- Confirmation of entry will be sent to the email address provided on the entry form after closing date. If an exhibitor has not received a copy of the confirmation within 5 days of the closing date, contact the Trial Secretary at [tailwaggn@gmail.com](mailto:tailwaggn@gmail.com).  
March 2, 2015 – Collars will be permitted on the course only in the following circumstances:
  - **Outdoor trials – BEGINNER LEVEL CLASSES ONLY (Collar must have appropriate ID on it) – See rules attached**
- The following training devices are not allowed at the trial site: shock collars, bark collars, pinch collars, electronic training/collar devices.
- No food, toys, tents, crates or other aids or devices shall be permitted within 15' of the ring.
- All dogs must show in the height class they entered in, unless measured into a higher jump height class by the judge. Dogs that measure into a higher height class will run at the end of the running order for that height class or for exhibition only in the lower height class.
- All handlers for a given class should be present at ringside at least 30 minutes prior to the start of scheduled classes for walk through and briefing. Any dog and handler not present when called will be ineligible to run.
- **Top Notch Canine is an alcohol and drug free zone. NO SMOKING ALLOWED ON GROUNDS**
- THE MANAGEMENT will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any exhibitor whether the result was by accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at this event is in the care and custody and control of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises. Any exhibitor whose dogs 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 such case, no refund of fees paid will be made.
- DOCNA insurance rules: In the event of incident. DOCNA requires that the owner of the dog report the incident to the show committee
- **By filling out the entry form, competitors agree to compete using Dogs On Course in North America, LLC rules.**

### Top Notch Canines Rules

**Please help us protect our matting!** To help protect the matting on the floor from the granite, grit and grime of Arizona we request that everyone who participates in events at the facility – clean and inspect the shoes they will be wearing the night before. Please pay special attention to removing pebbles and pieces of granite since these may damage the flooring. Please wear another pair of shoes to the event. Once there you can sit down to change your shoes. As you enter the building after pottying your dog, warming up etc please re-check your shoes.

**Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s):** Exhibitors are prohibited from pottying their dog on the property of neighboring Businesses. Any exhibitor violating these policies may be excused without benefit of refund if the Trial Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement.

**All dogs must be on leash or secured in a crate at all times** when on trial grounds except when in the designated warm-up area or competing on the course. We are in an industrial area and large semi trucks frequent the area. Please watch your dogs!

**Do not leave dogs in closed vehicles!!!** All persons attending this dog show hereby waive any claim for damages against Top Notch Canines LLC or anyone associated with Top Notch Canines LLC, in the event a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.

**All beverages must be kept in a spill proof container.**

**Access to the building is limited when dogs are running.** Kennels, coolers, heavy gear bags, and chairs must be brought into the building through the side doors before the trial starts or during course walk thrus and course building. Those doors are locked while classes are being run. A door at the front of the building can be used by humans and dogs to enter/exit the building. When leaving the building the same restrictions apply.

### DOCNA RULES

The Dogs On Course in North America, LLC rule book is available for you to read or print on line at [www.docna.com](http://www.docna.com).

#### Event Photography – Competitors and guests of competitors and public attending

I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT NO USE OF IMAGES, FILM, OR VIDEO OBTAINED AT THE EVENT MAY BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM DOCNA, OTHER THAN PERSONAL USE. I understand that I have no rights to make any non-personal use of any image, film, or video footage obtained at the event, and that I cannot sell, transfer, or give the footage or completed film or video to any other party, except for personal use, and I agree to inform anyone to whom I give any footage, film, or video that it can only be used for personal use..

I acknowledge that the DOCNA name and logo are the property of the DOCNA organization, and I understand that the DOCNA organization controls all rights regarding the licensing and reproduction of any imagery recorded at the event. I agree that I will not use the mark or logo of DOCNA or likeness of DOCNA on any website or in any commercial manner.

## AWARDS

Tail Waggn Agility will offer Ribbons for First through Fourth place in each class for each jump height class. Ribbons in the DOCNA colors of Red, White and Blue will be offered to every dog obtaining a qualifying score.

First through Third place ribbons will be presented in the North America Challenge for each jump height class and level. Every dog obtaining a qualifying score in the North America Challenge will earn a North America Challenge Teal Qualifying Ribbon

## MOVE-UPS

After submitting your entry form, we will accept move-ups or changes in writing only (or e-mail [tailwaggn@gmail.com](mailto:tailwaggn@gmail.com)) through **May 10, 2017** until 6 pm. **No changes will be accepted after this date.** This includes if there are any changes that need to be made because of incorrect entry on trial secretary's part. Please **read** your confirmations carefully prior to **May 10, 2017**.

## REFUNDS

- THERE SHALL BE NO REFUNDS for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for dismissal. Bitches in heat may receive 50% refund if trial secretary is contacted by **May 10, 2017** – must be accompanied by written veterinary note.
- There will be no refunds for entries in the event a dog and/or handler is dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal.
- No entry will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riot, civil disobedience, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

## CHECK-IN AND MEASURE

Owners are responsible for entering the proper jump height division. Dogs entered requiring measurement must be available for measurement. Handlers may check in with a completed measurement form or a permanent card from DOCNA. Please bring your completed measurement form so that it can be turned into DOCNA. You will be emailed a permanent height card. Please review the information on the measurement form for which measurement option is available to you. Any dog that measures within ½ inch of their jump height cutoff will require an official measurement by the show judge of record in order for the dog to be allowed to compete (all dogs must be measured now unless they have a completed form or card) unless the owner/handler can show that they have completed the requirements of the measurement form or obtained a permanent height card from DOCNA.

### Measurement process required

For each dog entered, the competitor is required to provide:

- Include a copy of your Permanent Height Card with your trial entry OR show the Permanent Height Card at Trial Check-in
- If the competitor does not have a Permanent Height Card, they can hand in a completed DOCNA Measurement Form either with entry or at time of check in.
- If the competitor has no permanent Height card or completed measurement form; Competitors must complete the requirements of the measurement form
- Measurement forms are available on the DOCNA website in the forms section at <http://www.docna.com>

## DIVISIONS

### Competition Division

The Competition Division is the most demanding division for both the dog and handler. The division Jump heights are 8", 12", 16", 20" and 24" and double jumps may be used at the Intern level and double and triple jumps may be used at the Specialist level. This division is also the most demanding in terms of standard course times in each event. Entry Eligibility - Any physically capable dog over the age of 15 months may enter the Competition Division.

### Select Division

The Select Division is somewhat less demanding than the Competition Division. Jump heights are reduced to 4", 8", 12", 16" and 20" in the Select Division. NO double jumps. Standard course time for the Select Division will be 15% more than the Competition Division standard course times in each event. Entry Eligibility - Any physically capable dog over the age of 12 months may enter the Select Division.

### Veteran Division

The Veteran Division is for those dogs that have reached 7 years of age, but are still physically capable of doing competitive agility or dogs being handled by anyone 60 years of age or older. Jump heights are 4", 8", 12", 16" and 20" in the Veteran Division. No double or triple jumps may be used. Standard course time for the Veteran Division will be 20% more than the Competition Division standard course times in each event. Please see rules at [www.docna.com](http://www.docna.com) for special circumstances for jump heights called "Veteran Dog Opportunity. Entry Eligibility - Any physically capable dog 7 years old or older or any physically capable dog that is handled by a competitor that is 60 years old or older may enter the Veteran Division.

### Grand Veteran Division

The Grand Veteran Division is for those dogs that have reached 10 years of age, but are still physically capable of doing competitive agility or any handler 60 years old or older handling a physically capable dog 7 years old or older. Jump heights are reduced to 4", 8", 12", and 16" in the Grand Veteran Division. Competitors/handlers entering the Grand Veteran Division must choose to jump their dog at least 4 inches lower than their Select/Veteran jump height. Standard course time for the Grand Veteran Division will be 25% more than the Competition Division standard course times in each event. Entry Eligibility - Any physically capable dog 10 year old or older or any handler 60 years old or older handling a physically capable dog 7 years old or older may enter the Grand Veteran Division.

### Junior Handler Division

The Junior Handler Division is geared towards encouraging younger handlers to be involved in the sport. Jump heights are reduced to 4", 8", 12", 16" and 20" in the Junior Handler Division. No double or triple jumps may be used. Standard course time for the Junior Handler Division will be 20% more than the Competition Division standard course times in each event. Entry Eligibility- Any physically capable dog handled by a competitor who is between the ages of 7 and 16 years of age may enter the Junior Handler Division.

While we generally believe that 7-8 years of age is the optimal age for a handler to start competing, we also recognize that there are some exceptional kids who may be ready to compete earlier than 7 years of age. Competitors who are younger than 7, but have titled a dog in another venue may also enter this division. In addition, any parent/guardian who feels strongly that their child is ready to compete may contact DOCNA ([www.docna.com](http://www.docna.com)) and provide information on age of child, training that their child has done, experience of their child, experience of the child's dog, etc, and DOCNA will review the situation and approve on a case by case basis. Juniors (ages 7 and older) may compete in other divisions and will be given same SCT as posted.

### Physically Challenged Dogs

Physically Challenged Dogs mainly includes, but is not limited to, canine amputees, visually or hearing compromised dogs. Our primary concern is for the safety of the dog. We acknowledge that canine health encompasses both the physical and the mental aspects of life. Physically challenged dogs that may otherwise be in good health and that display the desire and ability to safely execute required obstacle performances are welcome to enter and compete.

### Entry Eligibility:

Canine amputees should acquire a letter from their veterinarian stating that the dog is capable of competing in agility and that the dog will not likely suffer any long term affects above and beyond what might be normal for dogs that engage in this sport. The letter should be available on request for view by the judge or trial committee. A judge and/or trial committee reserves the right to excuse/dismiss a dog from competition that appears to be in obvious pain or discomfort and/or to designate that a dog be limited to specific classes and/or be placed under a jump height restriction. The owner of the dog may appeal a judge's/appointee's trial decision to the DOCNA offices for a binding ruling.

DOCNA supports the desire of these dogs to play in agility and allows these dogs with the opportunity to earn qualifying runs and titles, but placements are not appropriate in this category. Dogs competing at a jump height lower than the official jump height for their size may not achieve a placement over a dog jumping at its correct jump height.

For Physically Challenged Dogs competing in the correct division and jump height that have visual or hearing challenges but have demonstrated the ability to perform at a higher level by either having competed in another venue or have completed training that establishes the team as safe to compete physically at a higher level are approved to compete in the division that they are eligible for and will compete with dogs in that Division and Height.

### Handicapped / Handler's with Disabilities

Dogs on Course in North America, LLC is providing a special designation for disabled/handicapped exhibitors. Such exhibitors will be allowed extra time for qualifying purposes only. There will be a place on the entry form to designate this category. When entering as a disabled/handicapped handler, it is required that you enter all events with this designation. Dogs entered with handlers in this category will still be placed with the dogs jump height. The best time/most points will always place higher. DOCNA trusts that only exhibitors who have documented medical conditions will enter this category. Disabled/handicapped handlers will receive additional time in titling events.

## LEVELS

### Beginner

The Beginner level is the first experience level in all divisions. Its purpose is to offer a successful experience and a reasonable level of challenge for the beginning dog.

Within each division and titling event, the Beginner level is open to any dog that is at least 12 months old who has not recorded a qualifying round in the Specialist level for that titling event. Dogs may move back one level but not two (you cannot move to beginner level in any titling event after achieving a qualifying round at the specialist level in that same titling event). Dogs may not move up to the Intern level until they have earned a certificate of merit (title) for that titling event (exception is the experience grand-fathering clause if applicable).

### Intern

The Intern level is the middle experience level in all divisions. Its purpose is to offer challenges that demonstrate dog responsiveness on obstacles and competitor confidence with a variety of handling techniques at a greater rate of speed.

Within each division and titling class, the Intern level is open to any dog that has earned a certificate of merit (title) at the Beginner Level for that titling event and is at least 15 months old. Dogs at the Intern level may move back one level to Beginner if it is desired. Dogs may not move up to the Specialist level until they have earned a certificate of merit (title) for that titling event (exception is the experience grandfathering clause if applicable).

### Specialist

The Specialist level is the top experience level in all divisions. Its purpose is to offer **\*\*advanced\*\*** agility challenges that require a variety of handling techniques and demonstrate dog and handler teamwork at the highest rate of speed.

Within each division and titling event, the Specialist level is open to any dog that has earned a certificate of merit (title) at the Intern Level for that titling event and is at least 15 months old. Dogs at the Specialist level may move back one level to Intern if it is desired, but they may not move back more than one level (to Beginner).

## JUMP HEIGHTS

All measurements Are at the withers	11" & under	14" & under	18" & under	22" & under	Over 22"
Competition Division	Jump 8"	Jump 12"	Jump 16"	Jump 20"	Jump 24"
Select Division	Jump 4"	Jump 8"	Jump 12"	Jump 16"	Jump 20"
*Veterans Division	Jump 4"	Jump 8" or the Handler may choose to Jump 4" and be placed with 4" dogs	Jump 12" or the Handler may choose to Jump 8" and be placed with 8" dogs	Jump 16" or the Handler may choose to Jump 12" and be placed with 12" dogs	Jump 20" or the Handler may choose to Jump 16" and be placed with 16" dogs
**Grand Veteran Division	Jump 4"	Jump 4" "	Jump 8"	Jump 12"	Jump 16"
Jr. Handler Program Up to Age 16	Jump 4"	Jump 8"	Jump 12"	Jump 16"	Jump 20"

There are five (5) jump heights in the Competition Division; they are 8", 12", 16", 20", and 24".

Select, \*Veteran, and Junior Handler's Divisions jump heights are 4", 8", 12", 16", and 20". Grand Veteran jump heights are 4", 8", 12", and 16". (\*See full rules at [www.docna.com/rulebook.htm](http://www.docna.com/rulebook.htm))

**Handler's may always choose to jump their dog higher, but will be placed and have the Standard Course Time (SCT) of the dogs in that higher height. The following heights are not available to move up to in DOCNA jump heights: Select 24 inch, Veteran 24 inch, Grand Veteran 20 inch and Jr. Handler 24 inch.**

If a handler chooses to have a dog jump higher than his measured/registered jump height the equivalent Competition Jump Height for that new chosen height is used. For example a dog measured to run 16 inch in Competition runs 16 in select instead of the usual 12 -- the SCT used will be the SCT for the 20 inch height. (Measured Competition Division Height + 4) SCT + XX% (Division) = time

If a handler chooses to have a dog jump lower than his measured/registered jump height as allowed in Veterans only, the equivalent Competition Jump Height for that chosen height is used. For example, a dog measured to run 16 inches in Competition runs 8 in Veterans instead of the usual 12 -- the SCT used will be the SCT for a 12 inch dog. (Measured Competition Division Height - 4) SCT + XX% (Division) = time

## EVENTS OFFERED

**Standard Agility Event** - Standard Agility will challenge the handler /dog team with both work away sections and close proximity handling challenges. The handler/dog team must demonstrate the ability of the team to perform a variety of obstacles on the course while working as a smooth functioning team. All obstacles must be performed without fault and the team must meet the Standard Course Time requirements of the division and level.

**Jumpers** - Jumpers is an opportunity for the dog and handler team to maneuver through a course of jumps at a very fast pace. The only obstacles on a Jumpers Course are JUMPS. Jumpers Courses will challenge the handler /dog team and have both work away sections and close proximity handling challenges.

**Traditional Gamblers** - Traditional Gamblers is an event that allows the handler/dog team to plan their own course, obtaining points along the way for completing obstacles up to 2 times each successfully for the specified opening period of time. At the end of the point accumulation period, the dog must successfully complete a work away challenge (gamble) at the required distance for level and division, and then stop the clock for time. The handler/dog team must be successful in both parts of this event to qualify.

**Strategic Time Gamble** - Strategic Time Gamble is an event that allows the handler/dog team to plan their own course, obtaining points along the way for completing obstacles up to 2 times each successfully. There are two (2) parts to this event, a point accumulation period (opening) and a strategic gamble period (closing); the handler plans a course that will allow the dog to cross the finish line at as close to maximum time without going over. The handler/dog team must be successful in both parts of this event in order to qualify.

**Snakes N' Ladders** - Snakes N' ladders is a strategic game that has tunnels, contact equipment, 1 set of 10-12 weaves, and 2 sets of 5- 6 weave poles. The handler strategically plans their course, with the goal being to complete all the contact and weave obstacles and cross the finish line as quickly as possible.

**Trigility** - Trigility is a team strategy game that tests the agility ability of the 3 members of the team to complete 3 types of agility on a regular agility course. The goal is to complete all 3 courses in the shortest amount of time and to have one team member successfully complete a mini gamble test. All dogs must start at the Beginner level in the Trigility events. When entering Trigility, keep in mind that it is a team sport and as a competitor, you have an obligation to run and not let your teammates down by training in the ring or by scratching except in the event of an illness or injury. **By entering this class, you are agreeing that your dog is reasonably proficient enough in agility to be able to negotiate a 9-10 obstacle sequence on a beginner level jumpers or standard course with two other dogs/handlers in the ring with you. You also understand that if you enter as a draw, you may be running with a dog and/or handler that are brand new to the sport of agility.**

**\*Snakes 'N Ladders and Trigility:** All dogs must start at the Beginner level in the Snakes 'N Ladders and Trigility Events.

For anyone entering the North America Challenge, Dogs that are competing DOCNA Specialist Standard, or in Standard Agility at the Elite Level in NADAC, Masters or Performance III in USDAA, Excellent in AKC, Level 4/5/C in CPE etc, must enter the North America Challenge at the Specialist Level in the Division they are choosing to run in Competition, Select, Veteran, Jr. Handler or Grand Veterans. All other competitors should enter at the Intern Level (this includes beginners).

The cutoff date for qualifying for the 2017 championships is **August 1, 2017**. Dogs that have not obtained the one NAC during the specified period (14 month time span) are not eligible to enter any runs at the championships, this includes regional events (jumpers, gamblers, standard, snakes n ladders, trigility), and national event NAC or pre-championship warm up if one is held.

## Show Information

### Local Emergency Veterinary Services:

**Emergency Animal Clinic**, 2260 West Glendale Avenue, Phoenix (602) 995-3757

**Judging Schedule:** *The judging schedule will be sent with your confirmation email, so read it carefully. If you have any questions about the schedule or what class level you should be in, please contact the show secretary ASAP.*

### TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE – Check your conformation for any changes

<b>Friday</b>	5:00 PM	Set up for helpers only	No Official Measuring or Check in
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	7:00 AM	Set up (Sunday check-in only required if you were not there Saturday)	
	7:00 to 7:30 AM	Check-in and measuring of dogs, briefing and first walk thru.	
	8:00 AM	Briefing – all competitors MUST attend – information on facility requirements	
		first walk thru . First Dog on the line 8:00 AM.	

### Walk Thru's

The judge may have all levels walk (i.e. Intern) of all divisions (i.e. Competition, Select, Veteran, Grand Veteran and Junior Handler). It is the responsibility of the handler to be aware and make necessary arrangements to attend all walk thrus. In Snakes and Ladders or Trigility judge may have all levels and divisions prior to commencing with the first dog on the line. In addition, the judge may walk all heights of a division (example Select all Heights), or one level of all divisions (example Specialist). It is the responsibility of the handler to be aware and make necessary arrangements to attend all walk thrus.

The judge may have all levels walk Specialist and Intern together for either Traditional or Strategic Gamblers events if the course allows this ability. It is the responsibility of the handler to be aware and make necessary arrangements to attend all walk thrus.

### Day of show – Should there be runs available

INDIVIDUAL RUNS – STANDARD, STRATEGIC TIME GAMBLE, TRADITIONAL GAMBLERS, SNAKES N LADDERS, JUMPERS, TRIGILITY - \$16 per run

\*North America Challenge - 20.00 \*North America Challenge – Jr Handler - \$12.00

\*\* Saturday to Sunday move-ups will be available for Gamblers, Standard, and Jumpers. Please fill out the paperwork at the score table before the end of the day.

### ENTRY FEES

All checks received will be cashed the week of **May 10, 2017**



## Directions to Top Notch Canines

**From the North:** Travel South on I-17 (or the 101 South to the I-10) Take I-10 to the 59th Ave. exit. Take 59th Ave. South to Van Buren (2nd light) (0.6 mi). Take Van Buren East, not quite 0.2 miles to the first right which is 57th Dr. A little ways down (0.1 mi) on the left is the facility. We are right across the street from Auto Parts Nation.

**From the South:** Take I-10 West through downtown Phoenix to the 59th Ave. exit. Take 59th Ave. South to Van Buren (2nd light) (0.6 mi). Take Van Buren East, not quite 0.2 miles to the first right which is 57 Dr. A little ways down (0.1 mi) on the left is the facility. We are right across the street from Auto Parts Nation.

**From the East:** Take US 60 and merge onto I-10 West; travel through downtown Phoenix to the 59th Ave. exit. Take 59th Ave. South to Van Buren (2nd light) (0.6 mi). Take Van Buren East, not quite 0.2 miles to the first right which is 57 Dr. A little ways down (0.1 mi) on the left is the facility. We are right across the street from Auto Parts Nation.

**From the West:** Take I-10 EAST to the 59th Ave. exit. Take 59th Ave. South to Van Buren (2nd light) (0.6 mi). Take Van Buren East, not quite 0.2 miles to the first right which is 57 Dr. A little ways down (0.1 mi) on the left is the facility. We are right across the street from Auto Parts Nation.

### **RV Parking**

Due to limited parking and maneuvering space on site, RV's may not park on-site during the day. **Street Parking is available from 6 AM till 6 PM on both sides of a long industrial street. Large semi-tractor rigs navigate the street to and from warehouse facilities; caution should be taken to keep back from driveways when parking and be careful when entering and exiting your vehicle. Approximately 10 RVs should be able to park within a 1 to 3 block walk.** A very limited amount of overnight **dry** RV parking is available on site (# depends on RV size). RV's must be moved onto TNC property after competitors have left and moved back to the street for daytime parking prior to set up time for that day. Remember there is no exercise area for the dogs. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**Email Debbie at [topnotchcanines.com](mailto:topnotchcanines.com) for overnight RV reservations.**

### Hotels /Motels THAT ACCEPT DOGS

<b>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites Phoenix I-10 West</b> <a href="http://www.lq.com">www.lq.com</a> 4929 W. McDowell Rd Phoenix, AZ (800) 753-3757 (602) 595-7601 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b>La Quinta Inn Phoenix Thomas Road</b> <a href="http://www.lq.com">www.lq.com</a> 2725 N. Black Canyon Hwy. Phoenix, AZ (800) 753-3757 (602) 258-6271 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b>La Quinta Inn - Phoenix Arcadia</b> <a href="http://www.lq.com">www.lq.com</a> 4727 E Thomas Rd Phoenix, AZ (800) 753-3757 (602) 956-6500 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>
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**\*Equipment or personal items left at the show site are the responsibility of each exhibitor.**

DOCNA and/or TAIL WAGGN will not be not responsible for lost or stolen dogs or equipment.

### **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**

***DOCNA welcomes and encourages all our competitors to volunteer to assist with the trial. If you can help, send in a volunteer sheet with your entry or sign up for your favorite job at check-in or anytime during the trial on the volunteer assignment board.***

***If you're unfamiliar with the volunteer positions, we'll be happy to teach you.***

***Without volunteers, no organization can be successful in hosting a fun and efficiently run event.***

***Thank you!***



## Entry Agreement

It is agreed that the laws of Arizona shall govern interpretation of this Agreement,

I (We) agree that DOCNA or the hosting group for this trial. has the right to refuse this entry for any cause, which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) acknowledge that:

- 1.1 As used here DOCNA means Dogs On Course in North America, LLC, its owners, rule committee, members, officers, employees, show chairs, show committees and agents. Handlers/Competitors/Exhibitors/Owners, agree to abide by the rules and regulations of DOCNA and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium for this event
- 1.2 I (we) agree to hold DOCNA and hosting group for this trial (including their owners, employees, members, officers, directors, and organizing committee), Dogs On Course in North America, LLC (DOCNA) including its owners, rule committee, members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, owners of premises upon which the event is held, and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. The person who signs this agreement represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both exhibitor and the owner of entered dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry:
- 1.3 I (we) have read and agree to comply with the Official Rules and Regulations of DOCNA, the Notices to Exhibitors as set forth in the Agility Test Schedule, the complete Agility Test Premium, any confirmations sent in reference to this trial in the regular mail or by email, and any other supporting documentation made available by DOCNA or the hosting group by any means for this event and that the entered dog is familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.
- 1.4 I (we) certify that the entered dog is not a hazard to persons, dogs, or property and that the entered dog's rabies vaccination is current in accordance with the requirement of the state in which the dog primarily resides.
- 1.5 I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, the organization that it represents, including its owners, employees, members, officers and directors, DOCNA, sponsors of this event, owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees, harmless 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 this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto.
- 1.6 I (we) acknowledge all hazards presented by the event and the event premises, but not limited to, the condition of the floors, stairways, halls, lighting, security measures or lack of, electrical appliances, fittings, show rings, parking areas, and the presence of unfamiliar animals and people; I (we) assume the risk of any harm arising from these.
- 1.7 I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such a claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless 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, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.
- 1.8 I (we) hereby specifically assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (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 resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, 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.
- 1.9 I (We) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog(s), by disappearance, theft, damage, or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. Further, I (we) recognize that there are inherent risks, to both dog and handler, in the sport of dog agility, and I (we) expressly assume all such risks to myself/ourselves and to our dog(s)."
- 2 Handlers/Competitors/Exhibitors/Owners acknowledge all hazards and I (We) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (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 resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, 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.

DOCNA assumes no responsibility for local site conditions, including, but not limited to, such things as: the conditions of the floors, agility field or ring(s), fences, gates, stalls, bathrooms, stairways, hallways, lighting, structures; security measures or lack thereof; electrical plug-ins, receptacles, or appliances; show rings and equipment used in fencing the rings; parking areas and drives; agility obstacles; air or water quality; and the presences of unfamiliar animals, people, sights, sounds, and smells.

### ASSUMPTION OF RISK, STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I (We) understand that agility is an activity that is held in the presence of other dogs and their owners/handlers. I also understand that the participation of my dog and myself in agility will require some physical activity on my part and on the part of my dog. I also understand that this activity will involve some running, jumping, and the use of obstacles such as tunnels, scaling planks, jumps, and tires which could result in injury to me, to my dog, or others. I represent that I am in good health and my dog is in good health and we are both in physical condition to participate in the sport of dog agility. I further represent that my dog is friendly and not a hazard to persons or other dogs; **that I am participating at my own risk**; and that I will not hold the trial club/group or any owner, employee, committee member, nor the sanctioning organization Dogs On Course in North America, LLC liable for any loss, injury, illness, expense or other hardship that may arise in connection with my participation and/or my dog(s) participation in the activity. It is distinctly understood that every dog participating is in the care and custody and control of his owner or handler at all times on the premises. I further agree to assume full responsibility and liability for any and all injury or damage caused in any way by my dog(s) or myself. Any competitor/exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior, may, at the discretion of the Trial/Show/ Committee be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of fees paid will be made.

The club or group or Dogs on Course in North America, LLC will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog competing; or for the possessions of any competitor whether or not the result was by accident or any other cause.

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I (We) have read the attached Collars in the Ring policy (also located on the website).

***In addition, I have read ALL the information in this premium, including the information pertaining to Walk thrus, and by signing this agreement understand it is my responsibility to be available for all walk thrus.***

**Competitors through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of DOCNA rules and regulations and agree to abide by these rules and those of the club/ group hosting this trial.**

**I have read the section on DOCNA's Event Image and Audio Media policy and am aware of and accept the terms publically available at <http://www.docna.com/Photography.aspx>.**





**Collars in the Ring**  
**Dogs on Course in North America**  
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**Phoenix, AZ 85071-3238**  
<http://www.docna.com>

March 2, 2015 – Collars, **WITH APPROPRIATE ID**, will be permitted on course only in the following circumstances:

- Outdoor trials – **Beginner level classes only**
- Under special circumstances a handler not in beginner events may approach the Judge to ask for permission to use an appropriate collar – Judges discretion

The purpose in allowing collars in the ring is designed to assist the handler in finding their dog should it escape or wander off from the agility trial.

For safety reasons, all competitors in the Beginner events are encouraged to run their dogs without a collar. For those who choose to run with a collar, a quick release collar is suggested. Flat or rolled collars with a buckle or plastic release clasp made of fabric or leather are also acceptable designs.

It is mandatory that any collar worn in the ring have appropriate owner contact info (phone number at a minimum) Acceptable identification examples include an info plaque riveted flat against the collar or info stitched into the collar. It is also acceptable to use tag bags that contain license tags and owner information on a collar as long as it fits securely on the collar.

Collars without acceptable contact info will not be allowed in the ring. Collars with dangling tags, martingale type loops, halters, gentle leaders, harnesses and any electronic training devices (shock, bark, pinch, citronella, etc.) will not be allowed in the ring. Any dog that runs with an unacceptable collar will be eliminated from the run.

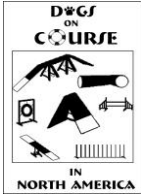
Should a judge feel that a collar does not fall within DOCNA standards or is otherwise unsafe, they will have the authority to request that the exhibitor remove it from the dog or not run.

#### Infractions

- At no time should a collar be used as a training device at the start line, nor should the dog be dragged to the line by the collar, from the course, or back to an obstacle during training in the ring.
- At no time should a collar be purposely used to hold the dog's front feet up off the ground while entering or leaving the course or to lead a dog back to an obstacle during training in the ring
- The handler's hand should be free and clear of the collar prior to starting the run
- Competitors may not use a collar as a holding device, bowling the dog to start by holding the collar
- In Trigrility, once the dog is finished, you are welcome to hold this collar in a positive manner

#### Faults and Elimination

- Any competitor that uses a collar in an unacceptable way will receive a minimum of 5 faults, but may also be eliminated from the run
- At the judge's discretion, any competitor that uses a collar in an unacceptable way while training in the ring (after the run has been eliminated) may be eliminated for the rest of the day or the weekend depending on the severity of the infraction
- Any dog that runs with an unacceptable collar will be eliminated from the run



**DOCNA Measurement Instructions**  
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### **Measurement Process/Permanent Height Cards**

Competitors must complete the requirements of the measurement form as stated below **ALL** dogs must complete the measurement requirements. DOCNA does not have specifically designated measuring judges; any judge can sign a measuring form. All dogs must be over two (2) years old to receive the final measurement and permanent height card.

#### **STEP ONE: HAVE YOUR DOG MEASURED AND YOUR MEASUREMENT FORM SIGNED**

- The judge will sign the form as complete if your dog is over 2 years old AND
  1. Your dog measures in the top height category (over 22") OR
  2. Your dog measures under ½ inch or more from the cut off.
- If you're dog measures at ½ inch or less from official cut off, you must obtain three (3) judge's measurements that state the exact measured height of the dog. After you have obtained three measurements and your dog is over 2 years of age, the judge will sign your form as complete.
- Dogs that complete measurements prior to two years of age will obtain the 3<sup>rd</sup> measurement after they turn two years of age, at which time the judge will sign your form as complete. Prior to turning two, you may use this form with two (2) signatures at check in.

#### **Optional Methods: Acceptance of Jump Height Cards from Other Organizations**

These options are only available for dogs over two years of age– Pick one option only:

- Option 1: Permanent height card does not specify an exact measured height. You may present your dog's USDAA, NADAC, and AAC, AKC or CPE permanent jump height card (or a copy of the card) that does not specify an exact measured height at measurement, along with a DOCNA measurement form. One (1) measurement by a DOCNA judge is required to fulfill the measurement process.
- Option 2: Permanent height card, jump height form, card, or database subscriber information specifies the exact measured height of the dog (example 20.75 inches). At measurement, you may present a copy of the above documentation along with a DOCNA measurement form. The judge will complete the form with the information supplied (no measurement will be required) **but the dog must be present when using this option.** (Information from multiple organizations may be combined)

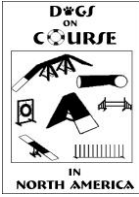
#### **STEP TWO: TURN IN YOUR COMPLETED FORM FOR A PERMANENT HEIGHT CARD**

Once you have received all the required measurements for your dog as outlined above, turn in the completed form to the trial secretary at the trial for submission to DOCNA for a permanent height card. DOCNA will issue your permanent height card via E-mail.

- Please ensure your form has your Email address included and that it is legible.
- If you do not have Email address, you may please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your measurement form.
- If you would like a laminated copy, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your measurement form and \$5.00 check made out to DOCNA.

### **VERY IMPORTANT – EMAIL Measurement forms will be sent from the following address**

**\*It is your responsibility to make sure [ranger.bc@cox.net](mailto:ranger.bc@cox.net) and [mkk65@cox.net](mailto:mkk65@cox.net) are allowed by your spam blocker or to change options that strip attachment from emails.**



**DOCNA Measurement Form**  
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Dog's Call Name:		Birthdate:		Breed:		DOCNA Reg#:	
Owner Name:				E-mail:			
Owner Address:			City/St (Prov)		Phone #		Zip/Code:
<b>Judge completes information below this line:</b>							
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Measurement (if required)</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Measurement (if required)</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Measurement (after 2 yr of age) or Option #1 Measurement</b>			
Date:	Measurement:	Date:	Measurement:	Date:	Measurement:		
Trial Club or Group:		Trial Club or Group:		Trial Club or Group:			
Judge Name:		Judge Name:		Judge Name:			
Judge Signature:		Judge Signature:		Judge Signature:			
<b>For Measurements with Jump Height Cards – choose only one option below:</b>							
<b>OPTION #1 Permanent Jump Height Card – No exact measured height specified on card presented - 1 measurement required</b>							
Card Type: (Circle only one) USDAA NADAC AAC AKC CPE Other: _____ Card #: _____ Height on Card: _____							
<b>OPTION #2 Jump Height Documentation – Exact measured height specified</b>							
Card Type: (Circle only one) USDAA NADAC AAC AKC CPE Other: _____ Card #: _____ Height on Card: _____							
Date Card Reviewed:		Judge Name (print)				<b>DOCNA Competition Division Height (all options)</b>	
Measurement on Card:		Judge Signature:					

**Completed Forms are to be turned into at Trial CHECK IN**