

A **USDAA®** Licensed Event

**Intro Program Only**

hosted by



**Agile Dogs Agility  
Training**

**Being Held At:  
Sugar Bush Farm  
Stephentown, NY**

**October 12 - 12, 2012**

Closing Date: Monday, October 1, 2012  
Secondary Closing Date: Sunday, October 7, 2012  
(For move up in level only)

**Judges**

Bob Domfort - Cohoes, NY

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**No Secondary Closing**

**PLEASE NOTE: There is no secondary closing for the Intro Program.**

**Use of Electronic Timing Systems**

One or more electronic timing systems may be utilized for measuring performance times at this event.

## 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.

<b>Chairperson</b>	Lisa Norris Email: <a href="mailto:jumpinbeandogs@hotmail.com">jumpinbeandogs@hotmail.com</a> Phone: (518) 330-4447
<b>Secretary</b>	Trisha Stall Email: <a href="mailto:Trisha@agiledogs.net">Trisha@agiledogs.net</a> Phone: (518) 331-7814
<b>Trophy &amp; Awards</b>	Marge Stall
<b>Chief Ring Steward</b>	Lisa Norris
<b>Chief Scorekeeper</b>	Debbie Wlodarski
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Craig Chittenden

## Site Information

### Sugar Bush Farm

760 East Rd.  
Stephentown, NY 12168  
United States

[View on Google Maps](#)

[www.sugarbushfarm.net](http://www.sugarbushfarm.net)

**Surface Type:** Outdoor on Soil

**Ring Configuration:** 100'x100', fully fenced

**Grounds Map:** [View Grounds Map](#)

### Directions to the Site:

#### ***From the North:***

From Hoosick Falls, take Rt 22 South. Go through the Town of Berlin. Approx. 3 miles South of Berlin Jr/Sr High School, turn left onto Giles Rd/CR 33. The road is sharp and takes a sharp right at a horse farm on your right. After crossing a little bridge you'll see farm buildings on both sides and straight ahead on the right you'll see a yellow sign for Sugar Bush Farm. Follow the driveway out to the agility fields.

#### ***From the South:***

From the 22/43 Intersection; go North on Rt 22. Rt. 22 becomes 2 lanes and back to one before passing a mobile home park on your right. Then come to a gray house w/a small satellite dish. First road past this house is Giles Rd/CR 33. Turn right. Road is sharp and takes a sharp right at horse farm on your right. Go over a little bridge after which you'll see farm buildings and straight ahead on the right you'll see a yellow sign for Sugar Bush Farm. Follow the driveway out to the agility fields.

#### ***From the East:***

Take the Mass Pike through the toll booths to the end. Exit at B-3 in Canaan, NY. Go right on 22 North. In New Lebanon, Routes 20/22 run together a short distance. Turn right at the blinking red light to stay on 20/22 North. Stay on Route 22 by bearing left just before the abandoned gas station on left. Continue to traffic light in Stephenstown where Routes 22 and 43 intersect. Go straight to continue on 22 North. Rt. 22 becomes 2 lanes and back to one after hilltop. Pass a mobile home park on your right. Just after that is a gray house with a small satellite dish. The first road past this house is Giles Rd/CR 33. Turn right. This road is sharp and takes a sharp right at a horse farm on your right. Go over a little bridge after which you'll see farm buildings on both sides of the road and straight ahead on the right you'll see a yellow sign for Sugar Bush Farm. Follow the driveway straight out to the agility fields.

#### ***From the West:***

Take I-90 East to Exit 11E-Route 20 East. Continue until it joins Route 22 North. Head North on Route 22. Go up a hill where Rt. 22 becomes 2 lanes and back down to one lane after the top. Pass a mobile home park on your right. Just after that is a gray house with a small satellite dish. The first road past this house is Giles Rd/CR 33. Turn right. This road is sharp and takes a sharp right at a horse farm on your right. Go over a little bridge after which you'll see farm buildings on both sides of the road and straight ahead on the right you'll see a yellow sign for Sugar Bush Farm. Follow the driveway straight out to the agility fields.

## Entries & Acceptance

### Express & Overnight Entries

Entries sent by Fedex, Express Mail or other courier service will only be accepted if the waiver allowing delivery **without signature** is signed. The club will not be responsible for deliveries delayed if a signature is required.

### No Entry For Exhibition Only

No entry "For Exhibition Only" shall be accepted, except as provided for in Chapter 10 when Intro Program classes are offered. See additional note for club policy regarding dogs that measure up.

### General Rule on Eligibility

This event is sanctioned by the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. ("USDAA").

This test is open to all persons with dogs being at least 18 months of age (14 months of age pursuant to Chapter 10 for Intro Program when offered), 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, a copy of which may be viewed and printed online at [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com).

### **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.

### **Refund Policy**

There shall be NO REFUNDS for entries withdrawn after the closing date for acceptance of entries, for absentee, dismissal from the event as a result of disciplinary action, dismissal from a class, or for any other reason. Also, no entry fees will be refunded if the event cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, acts of terrorism, fire, "act of God", public emergency, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the host organization.

## **General Entry Conditions**

### **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.

### **Statement of Responsibility**

Competitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs, children or 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.

### **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.

### **Spam Blocker**

Confirmations will be sent via email using the secretary's address. If you have a spam blocker on your email account, please configure it to allow email from the secretary's address since confirmations will be sent from this account.

## **Class Descriptions**

### **Intro Program**

The Intro Program is designed to help new competitors measure their progress in training and to acclimate to the fundamental elements in dog agility competition. Competitors with dogs that are at least fourteen (14) months of age and have not earned a title in the Championship, Performance or Veterans programs are eligible unless entered in the same class on the same day at the event in the Championship, Performance or Veterans programs when Intro Classes are offered at a regular event.

Obstacle standards shall be the same as in the Starters Class with exceptions noted in Chapter 10 of the regulations. Six (6) jump heights may be offered: 4", 8", 12" & 16" with the A-frame set at approximately 5'0" and 22" & 26" with the A-frame set at approximately 5'6".

Performance standards for the Intro Program Classes are the same as in the Starters level except as modified by special rules for each class as detailed in Chapter 10. Qualifications earned are accumulated toward title certification in each class - Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers and Snooker - and overall for a versatility title.

A competitor who is otherwise not eligible under the regulations for entry to the Intro Program for titling purposes may enter the Intro Classes for exhibition only ("FEO") at the clubs option, provided they are not also entered in the same class type in another program (i.e., Championship, Performance or Veterans). An FEO round is ineligible for qualification, prizes and awards. Non-audible toys held in hand may be utilized in an FEO round.

The FEO competitor may opt to run the course utilizing regulation A-frame heights as provided in Chapter 10 of the regulations for the Intro Program, or alternatively the competitor may elect at time of entry to utilize an A-frame set at 104° (app. 5'6") if jumping 4", 8", 12" or 16", or an A-frame set at 98° (app. 5'11") if jumping 22" or 26".

**See entry form for details regarding jump / A-frame heights offered and FEO availability.**

## Prizes & Awards

### Prizes and Awards, intro program

**Intro Classes** – Ribbons will be awarded to dog/handler teams placing 1st through 4th in all classes in their respective jump height. Maroon qualifying rosettes will be awarded to all dogs earning a qualifying score in any intro class. Special rosettes will be awarded to those finishing a title.

## Tentative Schedule

### Check in and Schedule

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE / RUNNING ORDER (Subject to change after closing date)

**Friday:** Check in and measuring 2:00-2:30 pm; Judge's briefing 2:45 pm

Running Order:

- Jumpers
- Snooker
- Standard
- Gamblers

## Check-in & Measuring

### Dog Measurements & Certification

All dogs not jumping 26" in the Championship Program or 22" in the Performance Program must be measured unless they have a permanent USDAA or World Cynosport Dog Registration card or a temporary card with 3 signatures as required by the regulations, making the dog eligible for their jump height (prior to 3 years of age). When not enrolling electronically, please send a copy of one the following items to facilitate the check-in process:

- photocopy of permanent dog registration card,
- printout of the dog-information page from your USDAA® competitor web account, or
- copy of your check-in letter from USDAA indicating your temporary card has been accepted by the USDAA office and your permanent registration card is in process.

## Hotel Information

<b><a href="#">Microtel Inn &amp; Suites</a></b> 7 Rensselaer Ave Latham, NY (888) 771-7171 (518) 782-9161 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Shaker Meadows Bed and Breakfast</a></b> 14209 Route 22 New Lebanon, NY (518) 794-9385 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Berkshire Mountain House</a></b> 150 Berkshire Way Stephentown, NY (800) 497-0176 (518) 733-6923 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>
<b><a href="#">The Inn at Shaker Mill Farm</a></b> 40 Cherry Lane Canaan, NY (518) 794-9345 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Jericho Valley Inn</a></b> 2541 Hancock Rd (Route 43) Williamstown, MA (800) 537-4246 (413) 458-9511 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Hancock Inn</a></b> State Route 43 Hancock, MA (413) 738-5873 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>
<b><a href="#">Cozy Corner Motel</a></b> 284 Sand Springs Rd Rte 77 Williamstown, MA (413) 458-8006 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Chatham Travel Lodge</a></b> 598 New York 295 Chatham, NY (518) 392-4066 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Spencerhouse B&amp;B</a></b> 466 Route 20 New Lebanon, NY (518) 794-6500 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>
<b><a href="#">Crowne Plaza Hotel</a></b> Route 7 & West St at Park Square Pittsfield, MA (877) 227-6963 (413) 499-2000 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Pleasant Valley Motel</a></b> 42 Stockbridge Rd (Route 102) West Stockbridge, MA (413) 232-8511 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">The Villager Motel</a></b> 953 Simonds Rd Williamstown, MA (877) 986-6835 (413) 458-4046 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>
<b><a href="#">Mill House Inn</a></b> Route 43 Stephentown, NY (518) 733-5606 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	<b><a href="#">Berkshire Travel Lodge</a></b> 12703 Route 22 Canaan, NY (518) 781-4432 <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a>	

## 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.

**RV Information**



**Camping Reservation**

**USDA Trial – October 12-14, 2012**

MAIL this to:

Sugar Bush Farm, 760 East Road, Stephentown, NY 12168

Please make checks payable to **Sugar Bush Farm**

A limited number of spaces are available. Cost is \$10 per night. All camping must be reserved and paid by 10/10/12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of nights: \_\_\_\_\_ We will be arriving on FRI SAT (prior to 9pm please)

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteer Information Volunteer Form

*Any help you can offer at our event is greatly appreciated. Many hands will make the workload much easier for everyone; we can't put on these trials without you. Thanks in advance for your support!*

*Fill out this form and return it with your entry.*

**Yes, I can help!** I can do the following:

- |   |  |                                       |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Builder | <input type="checkbox"/> Scorer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Scribe       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asst Scribe    | <input type="checkbox"/> Timer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Gate Steward |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leash Runner   | <input type="checkbox"/> Score Runner    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar Setter   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Setup Friday   | <input type="checkbox"/> Takedown Sunday |                                       |



## General Agreement

### 1.1 - Consideration & Waiver 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 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
- Property Owners of the premises upon which the event is held

I FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS the Event Organizers from any claim for loss or injury of the dog listed on my entry form for the Event as a result of disappearance, theft, death or other act, whether such loss or injury is caused or alleged to be caused for any reason, including negligence. I ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIMS REFERENCED IN THIS "GENERAL AGREEMENT", INCLUDING LEGAL FEES.

### 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 Intro Program Entry Form - Agile Dogs Agility Training - Stephentown, NY

October 12 - 12, 2012 - Closing Date: Monday, October 1, 2012  
 Return to: Trisha Stall, P. O. Box 321 New Lebanon, NY 12125 - Make check payable to: AgileDogs

## Dog and Handler Information

Dog's Call Name:	USDAA#:	Breed:	Height:	Birthdate:
Address:			City, St/Pr/Region:	
Postal Code:	Day Phone:	Night Phone:		
Handler:		Email:		

## Class Entry Information

Jump Height: Intro: 4" 8" 12" 16" 22" 26"

**Friday, Oct 12, 2012**

	Class	FEO	If entering FEO, please select an A-Frame height below.			
\$10.00	Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4" 8" 12" and 16"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$10.00	Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22" and 26"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$10.00	Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
\$10.00	Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						
\$20.00	<b>Dog Registration (if not previously registered) - ATTACH SEPARATE FORM or Register Online</b>					
Discount (see footnote below for terms, if any discount is offered)						
Add my voluntary contribution of \$1.00 or more to support the USA/IFCS World Team.						
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>						

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE:** *Through my signature, I declare that I have read USDAA Official Rules & Regulations and the General Agreement and Test Schedule provisions set forth for entry to this event, and I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all such rules, regulations, policies and provisions stipulated therein, including any provisions incorporated by reference.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or

Legal Guardian, if a Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# USDAA® Official Dog and Junior Handler Registration form

**DOG REGISTRATION - \$20.00**

**JUNIOR HANDLER REGISTRATION - \$20.00**

FOR USDAA USE ONLY	
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.

Junior handlers (those 18 years of age and younger) and their dogs must be separately registered for participation in the USDAA's Junior Handler Program (UJHP). A registration number with a "J" prefix will be assigned for use in entering UJHP events. A dog competing in both programs (regular classes and UJHP) must be registered separately for each program, for which the total fee is \$40.00.

**You must complete ALL information for a valid registration:**

## **OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:**

Primary Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DOG INFORMATION:**

Formal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(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")