

Sanctioned  
**Teacup Dogs Agility Association**  
Agility Trial



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023**  
**3 STANDARD CLASSES AND 3 GAMES**  
Saturday: Near & Far, Penny Arcade, Power & Speed



**LITTLETON, MA**  
**JUDGE: SARAH POWER**

**ENTRY METHOD ~ FIRST RECEIVED ~ NO OPENING DATE ~ \$14 PER CLASS**  
Entries may be mailed/received at any time  
once the premium has been published.

**FINAL CLOSING DATE:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023  
No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date  
Checks will be cashed as they are received.

**\*\*If your check is cashed, your entry has been accepted!\*\***

**FINAL MOVE-UP DATE:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 10:00pm EST

**DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES:** Accepted all day - \$16 per class  
**FEO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR \$10 PER CLASS.**

**TRIAL SITE:** Indoors on 3/4-inch Great Mats (EVA Foam) Agility Matting

<b>TRIAL CHAIRPERSON</b> Michelle Doucette 53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460 training@geminidogs.com (978) 431-0655	<b>TRIAL SECRETARY</b> Michelle Allen 53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460 michelle@geminidogs.com (978) 387-3663
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b> Penny Allen	<b>JUDGE</b> Sarah Power

**CERTIFICATION:** Permission has been granted by the Teacup Dogs Agility Association for the holding of this event under TDAA Rules and Regulations.

<p>The following order is the scheduled order for the trial to be run.  If the order needs to be changed for the trial due to extreme pre-trial circumstances, it will be posted in the confirmation letter on our website at least 7 days before the first trial day.  The order will only be changed at the trial in the case of an extreme reason and must be agreed upon by the host club and judge.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Near &amp; Far  Standard  Standard  Penny Arcade  Standard  Power &amp; Speed</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Trial Site opens at 8:30am.</p>

**RUNNING ORDER:** We will run in height order of Small to Tall and in class order of Superior, Intermediate, Beginner, while Games will run 3, 2, 1.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This trial is open to all dogs 20 inches and under at the withers that are over the age of 12 months, except bitches in season, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect a dog's physical or mental performance. Your dog must be registered with TDAA to participate in TDAA Trials. There is a registration form included in this premium, or you can register the first day of the trial. TDAA rules can be obtained online at [www.k9tdaa.com](http://www.k9tdaa.com).

**DISABLED HANDLERS:** Accommodations are made for disabled handlers. A time exemption will be granted to disabled handlers amounting to 4 seconds in standard course times and in qualifying course times for games classes. The proof of disability shall be the handler's issued disability parking tag.

**MEASURING:** Measuring will take place between 9:00am-9:30am each day.

**OWNER:** A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a show closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of the new owner in any entries which close after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in their name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been made to TDAA.

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Trials run smoother with your help! ☺  
We can be flexible at the trial if you need some extra time for your dog(s) and are in need of a replacement for one of your assigned jobs.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TDAA #:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Available Saturday     Available Sunday     I have a special request:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Please check off any jobs you are interested in performing:

- REGISTRATION:** Provide an envelope to entrants as they check-in (you would need to be at the trial site prior to 9:00am to perform this job).
- BUILDING COURSES:** You will be setting the course via a map provided.
- STEWARDED THE GATE:** Very important to the speed of the trial. You are responsible for getting the dogs ready to go into the ring by announcing the names of the dogs that are coming up in the running order. You will also yell, "Going up to x-inches!" before the first dog at the new height enters the ring.
- RUNNING LEASHES:** You will retrieve the currently-running-dog's collar and leash soon after he leaves the start line, and take it to the exit area. Easy!
- SETTING BARS:** You will sit in the ring during a class and re-set any bars that are knocked over. You will also change the jump heights on equipment as they are announced by the gate steward.
- TIMING:** Important job! Either start and stop the clock as a dog crosses the start/finish line, or blow a whistle when a certain amount of time has passed.
- ASSISTING THE SCRIBE:** You will load a clipboard with next dog's scribe sheet, and hand it over to the scribe. You'll also pass the sheets to the sheet runner.
- SCRIBING:** Watch the judge and record points/faults. We have highlighted the areas where you will make your marks; you will NOT add up points, or convert times, or write anything outside of the highlighted area. That is the job of the scoring table. Remember, your job is to watch the judge, not the dog. Your job is extremely important to the competitors, for obvious reasons!
- SCORING TABLE:** If you like math, this job is for you! You will have a printout with specific scoring instructions for the class. Experienced? Let us know!
- RUNNING SHEETS:** This is a VERY important job! You determine how fast we can post our results! It is critical that you bring the scribe sheets immediately to the scoring table each time a dog finishes a run. We like to post results FAST!
- AWARDS TABLE:** You will assist entrants who are retrieving their placement rosettes and Q ribbons by locating the competitor's award stickers for them.

**CHECKLIST:**

- Completed Entry Form(s) for EACH dog entered.  
Please write clearly to ensure accuracy of the information.
- Completed Agreement Form(s) for EACH dog entered.
- Completed TDAA Dog Registration Form(s) if registering your dog(s).
- Completed Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet. We will make sure you get adequate time to warm up your dog and do your walk-throughs!
- Review your information before submitting these forms.
- Sign the Entry Form(s), Agreement Form(s), and TDAA Dog Registration Form(s).

**TRIAL GAMES DESCRIPTION:** The Judge's briefing on the day of the trial takes precedence over the information provided here.

**NEAR AND FAR:** Near and Far is a simple sequencing game with two modest distance challenges. For the most part the handler can run along with his dog (Near); but in the distance challenges the dog must work away (Far). Near and Far is scored Time, Plus Faults. ER5

**PENNY ARCADE:** Penny Arcade is a dog's choice point accumulation game. The course contains one or more "arcade games" which grant performance point multipliers allowing for high scores for the skillful and intrepid. Penny Arcade is scored Points, Then Time. ER2

**POWER AND SPEED:** Power and Speed is a two part game. In the first part [Power] the dog will run an un-timed sequence of mostly technical obstacles; and in the second part [Speed] the dog will run a timed jumpers course. Power and Speed is scored Time, Plus Faults. ER5

OFFICIAL TDAA ENTRY FORM – GEMINI DOGS, INC.				
Trial: Saturday, December 2, 2023		Closing Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023		
ENTRY METHOD – FIRST RECEIVED: NO OPENING DATE.				
Make entry fees payable in US funds to: Gemini Dogs				
Mail Entries to: Gemini Dogs, 53-B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460				
Dog's TDAA ID#:		Call Name:		
Breed:		Date of Birth:	Sex:	
Circle Entry Category: Regular  Jump height exemptions: E1 ~ Long Back E2 ~ Weight to Length Provision E3 ~ Dwarfish Legs E4 ~ Veteran Dog  FEO		Circle Dog's Measured Height: 4 8 12 16  Circle Dog's Actual Jump Height: 2 4 8 12 16 <i>Handlers may choose to jump their dog at any height desired. Please indicate above the height your dog will actually be jumping.</i>  TDOG/TGDOG? _____		
Owner:				
<b>Handler:</b> _____ Indicate here if you are a <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Handler Please include documentation with this entry (disabled parking tag is permissible.)				
Address:				
City/State/Zip:				
Phone:				
Email Address:				
<b>Sat, December 2</b> circle level for each class				
Near & Far	III	II	I	\$14
Standard	Sup	Int	Beg	\$14
Standard	Sup	Int	Beg	\$14
Penny Arcade	III	II	I	\$14
Standard	Sup	Int	Beg	\$14
Power & Speed	III	II	I	\$14
<i>A package price of \$75 is available if you sign up for all six classes. FEO Entries are \$10 per class.</i>				
<i>Additional Optional Fees: TDAA Dog Registration \$12</i>				
Total Enclosed in US Funds: \$ _____				

**TDAA NUMBER:** If this is your first time entering a TDAA trial and you have not received a TDAA number, please write "pending" on the entry form in place of the TDAA number, and include your TDAA registration form with this entry.

**HEIGHT CARD:** A copy of your dog's TDAA height card must accompany your trial entry or be presented at check-in. If you do not have or present a TDAA height card, your dog must be measured prior to running.

**DISCLAIMER ~ MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY**

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

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

**MUST BE SIGNED AND INCLUDED FOR A VALID ENTRY**

I (we) agree to abide by the rules of TDAA currently in effect at the time of the trial date. I (we) testify that the dog entered is healthy and vaccinated or titered. I (we) certify that the dog entered is not dangerous to any person or other dog. By signing below, I (we) agree to the disclaimer on this entry form.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors must verify their entry information from the club's confirmation and report any entry discrepancies to the show secretary before the closing date; and move up discrepancies before the move up date for the trial. The show secretary is not obligated to make changes at the trial if it is the exhibitor's error. No changes to results (except a club's scoring error) will be made once the trial has been completed when the handler did not report an entry or move up error.

**OBSTACLE FAMILIARIZATION:** Obstacle familiarization will be held Saturday and Sunday mornings 15 minutes prior to the first judge's briefing for dogs and handlers who have never been on TDAA-sized equipment. The trial site also offers ring rentals, which are available daily until the trial date by emailing the Trial Chairperson at [training@geminidogs.com](mailto:training@geminidogs.com).

**WARM-UPS:** A warm-up area, consisting of a regulation agility jump, shall be provided for all exhibitors. Only dogs entered in the trial may use warm-up area. This should be on lead unless dog is under complete control of the handler. TDAA uses scaled-down equipment on a proportionally set course. Some obstacles may be on small-dog scale. See [www.k9tdaa.com](http://www.k9tdaa.com) for details.

**SHOW SITE:** Site is indoors on ¾-inch Great Mats EVO foam matting with a total ring measurement of 100'x50' for the trial. We ask that you potty your dog(s) outside the building in the designated area. Please bring a crate(s) to kennel your dog(s).

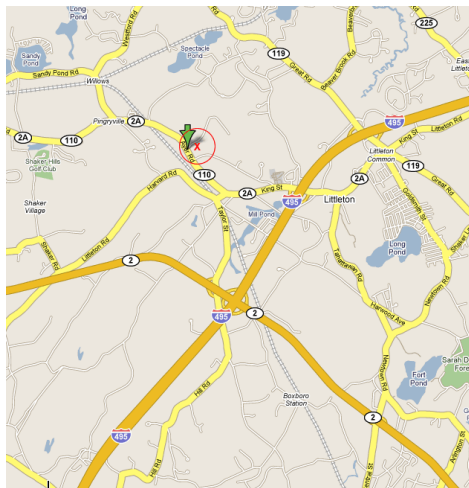
**FOOD:** Refreshments will be available at the trial site for all volunteers, and there are several fast food and dine-in restaurants nearby.

**VETERINARY CLINIC ON CALL:** Westford Emergency Veterinary Center is located at 11 Cornerstone Square, Westford, MA and can be reached by calling (978) 577-6525.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotels that accommodate pets and are 20 minutes from trial site:

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

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



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

**JUMP HEIGHT EXEMPTIONS:** These provisions are only applicable for national competitions such as the Petit Prix, where dogs are required to jump at their measured height, as adjusted for any jump height exemptions to which they are entitled. Jump height exemptions are provided for dogs that are long-backed, have a weight-to-height exemption, or who have dwarfish legs (see [k9tdaa.com](http://k9tdaa.com), TDAA Rules and Regulations, Sec. 3.5.3 for descriptions of jump height exemptions). A jump height exemption (next lower height) will also be granted to veteran dogs (dogs at least 7 years of age) and a second exemption (two jump heights) will be granted to "double digit" veterans (dogs at least 10 years of age). You may subtract one height for veteran status, one for double digit veteran status, and one for body exemption from Measured Jump Height.

**PERMANENT JUMP HEIGHT CARD:** A copy of the dog's jump height card must accompany your trial application or be presented at check-in. Dogs without a permanent TDAA jump height card must be measured prior to running in this trial.

**STANDARD CLASS:** The following classes are available for Standard runs.

- **BEGINNER AGILITY** ~ All dogs shall be eligible for participation in this class. There shall be no grandfathering of titles from other organizations.
- **INTERMEDIATE AGILITY** ~ Dogs that have earned the Teacup Beginner Agility Dog (TBAD) shall be eligible for participation in this class.
- **SUPERIOR AGILITY** ~ Dogs that have earned the Teacup Intermediate Agility Dog (TIAD) or that have earned the Teacup Superior Agility Dog (TSAD) shall be eligible for participation in this class.

**GAMES CLASS:** The following classes are available for games runs.

- **GAMES I** ~ All dogs shall be eligible for participation in this class. There shall be no grandfathering of titles from other organizations.
- **GAMES II** ~ Only dogs that have earned the Teacup Games I (TG1) shall be eligible for participation in this class.
- **GAMES III** ~ Only dogs that have earned the Teacup Games II (TG2) or Teacup Games III (TG3) shall be eligible for participation in this class.

**TDOG/TGDOG:** Please indicate if you wish to enter TDOG/TGDOG. If so, you will run Beginner and Games I courses.

**MOVE UPS:** Move Ups between classes are allowed at any time during the trial. This includes move ups between games levels and standard levels on the same day. If a dog moves up in a class (due to another trial's result), after the registration form has been mailed to the trial secretary, move ups are still allowed if notification is given to the Trial Secretary prior to the start of the trial via a written form provided at the trial or available on our website.

**EXERCISE AREAS:** Please exercise your dog responsibly, and pick up after your dog at the show site and hotels. All dogs must be on leash unless they are in the show ring or warm-up area. There is a leash law in the trial site's state.

**OBSTACLES:** The following obstacles shall be used. Obstacle specifications shall meet the current TDAA obstacle requirements for preferred sizes.

- ¾" PVC Bar Jumps
- ¾" PVC Winged Jumps
- 15" diameter Tire
- 36"x36" Table
- 22" Weave Poles
- 16" diameter Pipe Tunnel
- 6' 8" A-frame with slats
- 8' Dogwalk with slats
- 8' Teeter without slats

**PRIZES AND AWARDS:** Placement rosettes or ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place for Qualifying and non-qualifying scores for all classes. Dogs with an NT (no time) are not eligible for any ribbons. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score.

**NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:**

- The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.
- All dogs must be on leash (or crated) at all times except when in the ring or when in designated areas.
- Exhibitors are responsible for being present and checked in at the ring gate when it is their turn to run.
- Exhibitors may wear shirts or insignia of their training group if they wish.
- At the handler's option, the dog may wear a flat (buckle or quick release) collar (with or without tags) or wear adornments, clothing, ties, or other attachments. Choke collars, pinch collars, electric, and dummy electric collars are prohibited by both TDAA and the host/venue.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including rough handling or misconduct of any kind, will result in an excusal from the ring. Teacup Dogs Agility Association Rules & Regulations can be obtained online at [www.k9tdaa.com](http://www.k9tdaa.com).
- Entries will not be accepted without fees. No entries will be accepted which require a signature for delivery. All entries must be submitted on official TDAA Agility Entry Forms, one dog per entry form.
- Photocopied entries without the accompanying TDAA agreement are NOT acceptable. Unsigned, incomplete, or illegible entries are NOT acceptable and cannot be entered in the trial. Faxed entries and/or credit cards cannot be accepted. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee.
- The Trial Secretary will add a \$25 service charge for any returned checks. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitor may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY basis.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee.
- No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, and act of God, public emergency, and act of public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- Bitches in season are not permitted at the trial. The club will refund all but \$5 of the total entry fee for bitches unable to compete for that reason. The Trial Secretary must receive written notification from a Veterinarian of such claim for refund, by letter (not email), by the closing date.
- It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dog(s) 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 that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate, and legible information on the entry forms. Illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered in the show.



**TDAA Dog Registration Form**

**Return with \$12.00 payment to:**

Teacup Dogs Agility Association  
 W6485 County Road H  
 New Glarus, WI 53574  
 via PayPal or Zelle at:  
[teacupagility@gmail.com](mailto:teacupagility@gmail.com)



**TDAA Membership Application**

**Return with \$25 payment to:**

Teacup Dogs Agility Association  
 W6485 County Road H  
 New Glarus, WI 53574  
 Via PayPal or Zelle at:  
[teacupagility@gmail.com](mailto:teacupagility@gmail.com)

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (The name used on titling certificates)

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you registered a dog with TDAA previously? Yes:  No:

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (The name used on titling certificates)

Mailing Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Your dog's TDAA number will be emailed to you at this address. Provide updated email when applicable.

There is no refund of this dog registration fee for any reason.

If you pay using PayPal or Zelle, please indicate what you are paying for with the payment.

Effective January 2022

<b>Office Use</b>	Date _____
Pymt _____	Amt _____
Dog # _____	
Person # _____	
___ Create PDF	___ Height Cert
___ Temp Height Form	
___ Email PDF	___ Enter AUD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether this an:  
 Initial Membership Application \_\_\_\_\_  
 or a Membership Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

*Terms of Membership* ~ Memberships are \$25.00 for five years; payable upon membership initiation or the subsequent fifth anniversary date. TDAA memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable.

**Note:** Dog registration is not included with membership.

<b>Office Use</b>	Date _____
___ Member # _____	
___ Add to Members database (Excel)	
___ Email Member # and instructions	
___ Invite to Google list	
___ Update online database	
___ Payment _____	

Effective June 2023