

# Desert Dawg Sports Agility Trial Premium

**Saturday, January 6 & Sunday, January 7, 2018**  
**Dogs on Course in North America, LLC-Sanctioned**  
**Agility Trial Hosted by**



To be held at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park  
 3482 East River Road – Tucson, AZ 85718  
 Outside on Grass

One Ring Fenced – One Judge – Non-Slatted – Rubber Surface – 42” Contact Zone – 24” Weaves,  
 Practice Area Fenced

Judge: Bethany Skovan, Tucson, AZ

*The judging schedule is tentative and subject to change*

Saturday	Sunday
Tall to Small Dogs	Small to Tall Dogs
Specialist, Intern, Beginner	Specialist, Intern, Beginner
Traditional Gamblers	Trigility
Standard Agility (1)	Strategic Time Gamble
Standard Agility (2)	North America Challenge
Snakes 'N Ladders	Standard Agility (3)
Jumpers (1)	Jumpers (2)

### ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 350 RUNS PER DAY PER JUDGE

Entries open Oct 20, 2017 and will close 6 pm (PST) Jan 2, 2018 or when 350 runs are reached each day per ring. Priority for a limited number of available spots will be given to competitors who volunteer to work. Entries sent by overnight mail must be sent “no signature required” **Early Bird entries, received on or before December 22, 2017 will be eligible for a discount of \$2 per run (does not include North America Challenge)**  
 FEO (for exhibition only) runs are available on selected courses, for \$7 each; these are only offered at the Beginner level. Late and day-of-show entries will be accepted for \$15 per run, \$19 for North America Challenge.

**Mail signed entries to:** Peggy Owens

6632 E. Brooks Dr.  
 Tucson AZ 85730

**2018 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**

Additional copies of premiums and entry forms can be downloaded from  
[www.DesertDawgSports.org](http://www.DesertDawgSports.org) or  
 by e-mailing Peggy at [peggy6632@cox.net](mailto:peggy6632@cox.net) or  
 the DOCNA website at: [www.docna.com/Premiums.aspx](http://www.docna.com/Premiums.aspx)

## ENTRY QUALIFICATION TO 2018 NORTH AMERICA CHALLENGE

TO QUALIFY FOR THE 2018 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, 2017 AND AUGUST 1, 2018, AND IN ADDITION THEY MUST HAVE COMPETED IN A DOCNA SANCTIONED TRIAL BETWEEN JULY 29, 2017 AND AUGUST 1, 2018.

### RULES OF AGILITY ENTRY FOR THIS TRIAL

Entries open Oct 20, 2017 by postmark. Entries will be returned unopened if postmarked before this date. Please mail your entry with a postmark from a post office (no meters). Postmarked mail must be received within five (5) days of the postmark or they will be accepted as if mailed on date of receipt. Unreadable postmark accepted as if mailed on date received. Signature must be waived when using express or priority mail (Signature required items will not be accepted). No hand deliveries will be accepted.

Entries will be accepted on the basis of those received as postmarked for each day. On any given day that the trial would fill with the entries received for that day, the entries will be drawn at random to the point at which the trial is filled. If the trial is not able to accommodate all who wish to enter, a waiting list will be kept of those desiring to be on it in the order of postmark dates with random draw for the order within each date. Entries close not later than 6:00 p.m. Jan 2, 2018, after which a \$1 per run penalty will be assessed.

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.

Peggy Owens, the trial secretary, will provide electronic confirmations to all entrants who include their e-mail addresses with their entry. If you included an email address, your confirmation will be sent as an attachment (PDF) in an email. **It is your responsibility to make sure [peggy6632@cox.net](mailto:peggy6632@cox.net) is allowed by your spam blocker or to change options that strip attachment from e-mails.**

Confirmation of entry will be sent to the address provided on the entry form (e-mail or snail mail) after closing date. **If an exhibitor has not received a copy of the confirmation within 3 days of the closing date, contact the Trial Secretary – Peggy Owens – 520-419-2453**

<b>Organizing Committee</b>	Melanie Builder – 520-400-4467		
Show Chair			
<b>Show Secretary</b>	Peggy Owens – 520-419-2453 <a href="mailto:peggy6632@cox.net">peggy6632@cox.net</a>		
Chief Course Builder	Erica Sontz	Raffle	Karen Blohm-Mangone
Equipment Manager	Jodie Miller	Chief Ring Steward	TBA
Hospitality	Melanie Builder	Judge's Hospitality	Melanie Builder

### 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 (ages 7-18) 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.

*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 Canine performances are welcome to enter and compete.

#### **Entry Eligibility:**

Canine amputee owners 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 effects 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.

### **Disabled/Handicapped Handlers 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 & Measuring

Owners are responsible for entering the proper jump height division. Measuring will be from 7am to 7:30am on Saturday & Sunday. Dogs entered requiring measuring must be available for measurement **BEFORE 7:30 am**.

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 unless the owner/handler can show that they have completed the requirements of the measurement form or obtained a permanent height card from DOCNA.

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

**Handlers 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

**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.*

Saturday – January 6	Sunday – January 7
Tall to Small Dogs	Small to Tall Dogs
Specialist, Intern, Beginner	Specialist, Intern, Beginner
Traditional Gamblers	Trigility
Standard Agility (1)	Strategic Time Gamble
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Snakes 'N Ladders	Standard Agility (3)
Jumpers (1)	Jumpers (2)

### Time Schedule (tentative) – check your confirmation

Friday:	Noon	Setup and <b>Fun Run</b> (read more on page 9)
Saturday:	7:00 to 7:30 AM 7:30 to 7:45 AM 8:00 AM	Check-in and measuring of dogs. Briefing and first walk thru. First dog on the line.
Sunday:	7:00 to 7:30 AM 7:30 to 7:45 AM 8:00 AM	Check-in and measuring <b>ONLY</b> if you were not there on Saturday. Briefing and first walk thru. First dog on the line.

## Walk Throughs

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-throughs.

In Snakes 'N Ladders or Trigrility 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-throughs.

The judge may have all levels walk Specialist and Intern together for either Traditional Gamblers or Strategic Time Gamble 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-throughs.

### Description of Events being 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 and weaves. The weaves requirement at the beginner level includes 3 sets of 5- 6 weave poles. At the Intern and Specialist Level the competitor is required to perform 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. **All dogs must start at the Beginner level in Snakes 'N Ladders.**

Trigrility - Trigrility 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. Competitors may team up with any handler/dog team at their Level (Beginner, Intern or Specialist) regardless of Division. Placement jump height is determined by the Competition Division height of the tallest dog on the team.

**All dogs must start at the Beginner level in Trigrility.**

**When entering Trigrility, 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 is brand new to the sport of agility.**

North America Challenge Event – Championship Qualifiers - The North America Challenge event will be the standard for qualification into future championships. This is a special agility run that is scored under the same rules and SCT as Standard Agility with the exception that off courses are judged as elimination. North America Challenge Events will be more technically challenging courses. Each course will include 1 set of 10-12 weaves and may include an additional set of 5-6 weaves for all levels. In addition, courses may include the performance of 4 contact obstacles, multiple side changes, and additional discriminations.

The North American Challenge is a special event which gives the handler and dog team the opportunity to compete in the DOCNA championships in 2018.

**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 2018 championships is August 1, 2018. 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, trigrility), and national event NAC or pre-championship warm up if one is held.**

**All other competitors should enter at the Intern Level (this includes beginners).**

The handler will then *enter the Division they are choosing to run in Competition, Select, Veteran, Jr. Handler or Grand Veterans at the Intern level.*

## Directions to Brandi Fenton Memorial Park 3482 East River Road – Tucson, AZ 85730

**From Phoenix:** Take I-10 E to Orange Grove Exit 250 Frontage Road to light and make a left onto Orange Grove Road. Take a right at the next light (1,000 ft.) onto W River Road. You will stay on W River Road, which changes to E River Road for 9.1 miles, turn right at E River Road intersection into Brandi Fenton Memorial Park.

**From the East:** Take I-10 West to S Palo Verde Exit 264, make a left onto E Irvington Road and your first right onto S Palo Verde which will turn into S Alvernon Way which will turn into N Alvernon Way. The intersection of N Alvernon Way and E River Road meet, make a left into Brandi Fenton Memorial Park.

### Food, Restrooms, & Emergency Vet Information

**Food:** Boar's Head Sandwiches one day and Domino's Pizza the next. Water and soda available. Coffee and snacks throughout the day.

**Restrooms:** There are 3 sets of restrooms on the park grounds.

**Emergency Vets:** **Veterinary Specialty Center:** 4909 N La Canada Drive – 520-795-9955 – [www.vscot.com](http://www.vscot.com)  
**Ina Road Animal Hospital:** 7320 La Cholla Blvd., Suite 114 - 520-544-7700  
**Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty:** 141 E Fort Lowell – 520-888-3177 – [www.southernazvets.com](http://www.southernazvets.com)

**DIRECTIONS TO THE EMERGENCY CENTERS FROM THE TRIAL SITE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SIGN-UP BOARD TABLE**

### Hotels /Motels

**that accept dogs are becoming more and more difficult to find. Be responsible**

**Please call and make sure this is still correct & be nice & keep it clean so we can use these places again.**

For additional help in locating a hotel room, contact the Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau at 520-624-1817, or go to the website: [www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com) and search under Tucson AZ

**Extended Stay America:** 5050 E Grant Road, Tucson AZ 85712 – 520-795-9510 – No Pet Fee – (4 miles from trial site)

**La Quinta Inn & Suites** (Reid Park) – 102 N Alvernon Way, Tucson AZ 85711 – 520-795-0330 – (No pound limit & No pet fee) (4 miles from trial site)

**Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites:** 5151 E Grant Rd., Tucson AZ 85712 – 520-323-6262 – (No pound limit & No pet fee) (4 miles from trial site)

**Homewood Suites:** 4250 N Campbell Ave., Tucson AZ 85718 – 520-577-0007 – (Max of 2 dogs, \$75 pet fee) (2.4 miles from trial site)

### Parking & RV Information

**NO overnight parking / camping (of any sort or description) will be allowed at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park**

#### RV Parks

**Pima-Swan RV Park:** 4615 E Pima St., Tucson AZ 85712 – 520-881-4022 – (Up to 4 dogs depending on size) (3.9 miles from trial site)

**Fairview Manor RV Resort:** 3115 N Fairview Ave. #3, Tucson AZ 85705 – 520-888-1502 (6 miles from trial site)

#### WEATHER

Spring/Summer/Fall in Tucson can mean very hot weather. Although there are trees in the park we urge you to bring your own shelter. Desert Dawg Sports will provide a splash pool and hose for the dogs.

#### AWARDS

Dogs On Course in North America, LLC, 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.

Desert Dawg Sports offers titling ribbons for those who have earned a new title.

## CLUB RULES FOR THE TRIAL

Desert Dawg Sports reserves the right to refuse any entry. Every entrant must be in good standing with DOCNA. Please take responsibility for your dogs and children. Any exhibitor whose dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or engages in unsafe or disruptive behavior may be asked by the Trial Committee to leave the trial site

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

There shall be no refunds for entries in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from the competition, regardless of the reason for dismissal

There will be no refunds for entries withdrawn after the closing date unless one of the following exceptions apply: A withdrawal from the trial after closing date due to an injury and/or illness to the dog, or bitches that come into season after the closing date will be eligible for a refund up to 75% of the total entry fee

A Veterinarian's note will be required in order to receive the refund

This is an alcohol-free site. Please park in designated parking areas only. Please keep your dog on leash, at all times other than when preparing to run, running and if your dog is reliable, while using the designated warm-up area.

Read the rules regarding warm-up area use at [www.docna.com](http://www.docna.com)

### **WARNING!**

Please keep your dog on leash, at all times other than when preparing to run or using a designated area for dogs off leash. Please clean up after yourself and your dog(s).

**Keep your dogs out of the areas marked by "No Dogs" signs or designated as non-dog areas at the briefing.** This should generally include biking and riding paths around the facility, facility bathrooms, and landscaped areas, etc. Common sense should prevail.

Desert Dawg Sports insurance rules: In the event of incident at Brandi Fenton, DOCNA & Desert Dawg Sports requires that the owner of the dog report the incident to the show committee.

### NOTICE TO COMPETITORS/ EXHIBITORS

**Competitors by filling out the entry form, agree to compete using Dogs On Course in North America, LLC, rules and also agree to follow the rules of the Show Committee.**

All dogs competing must have a Dogs On Course in North America, LLC, Registration Number.

### RULES

The Dogs On Course in North America, LLC, rule book is available for you read or print online at <http://www.docna.com/RuleBook.aspx>.

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

*DOCNA has an extensive Event Image and Audio Media Policy which can be read on our website. Please make yourself familiar with it. Your attendance at a DOCNA, LLC, event constitutes your awareness and acceptance of the terms of this policy which is publically available at <http://www.docna.com/Photography.aspx>.*

### COLLARS IN THE RING

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**

### **COLLARS IN THE RING - Purpose of the rule**

**Allowing collars in the ring was designed to assist the handler should a dog escape or wander off from the agility trial. The dog would have identification to assist the handler in finding their dog.**

### Faults - Infractions

- At no time should this collar be used as a training device at the start line, nor should the dog be dragged to the line by the collar or from the course. - This is not allowed in DOCNA.**
- **At no time should this collar be purposely used to hold up the dog's front feet while entering or leaving the course**
- **The handler's hands should be free and clear of the collar prior to starting the run.**
- Competitors that use the collar as a holding device, bowling the dog to start by holding the collar, shall receive a minimum of a 5 fault penalty.**
- In Triggility, once the dog is finished, you are welcome to hold this collar in a positive manner.**

### TRAINING DEVICES

The following devices are not allowed at the trial site: shock collars, bark collars, pinch collars, electronic training/collar device

All courses are \$14 per run, with the exception of North America Challenge (see below) Junior Handlers, \$8 per run

Weekend (2 Day) Package: \$112.00 first dog, \$102.00 second and subsequent dogs, excluding NAC; Junior Handler Weekend Package \$62.00, excluding NAC

**North America Challenge - \$18/\$12 JH (separate from weekend package)**

**(The North America Challenge event will be the standard for qualification into future championships. This is a special agility run that is scored under the same rules as Standard Agility. North America Challenge events will be more technically challenging courses. Each course will include 1 set of 10-12 weaves and may include an additional set of 5-6 weaves for all levels. In addition, courses may include the performance of 4 contact obstacles, multiple side changes, and additional discriminations.)**

**PRE-CHECK- IN**

\*\*\* IF you include a readable photocopy of your dog's DOCNA measurement form that has been completed by a DOCNA Judge or a DOCNA permanent height card with your entry you **will** be automatically checked in as far as the measurement. You will need to still check in, so the trial can confirm your presence. This does **NOT** apply to dogs that need to be measured. \*\*\*

**MOVE UPS**

After submitting your entry form, we will accept move-ups or changes in writing only (or e-mail to [peggy6632@cox.net](mailto:peggy6632@cox.net)) through January 5, 2018. **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 January 5.

**Competition Division** - has double jumps and may contain a triple jump at specialist level, (fastest required time)

**Select Division** - No double jumps– 15% more time than competition - jumps lower than Competition.

**Veteran Division** - (dog over 7 or handler over 60) – NO double jumps – 20% more time than competition

**Jr. Handler** – (please visit [www.docna.com](http://www.docna.com) for age requirements) - NO double jumps – 20% more time than competition

**Grand Veteran** - (dog over 10) or (handler over 60 and dog over 7) - NO double jumps – 25% more time than competition - jumps lower than Veterans

**\*Snakes `N Ladders and Trigility:**

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



# FUN RUN

Friday after Set up!

Desert Dawg Sports Members may run two runs free, then \$5 each additional run.

Non-members run for \$5 per run.

Come help us set up at noon, then set your area and have FUN!

## Raffles:

“I Love My Dog” each day

Adopt-a-Poop each day

Volunteer each day

NQ each day

“Perfect Day” Raffle for getting Q’s in every class each day.

Club Raffle – Purchase tickets and place in the appropriate bag. . . winners will be drawn on Sunday

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – January 6-7, 2018**

**Dogs On Course in North America, LLC Sanctioned Trial**

**Send Entries to: Peggy Owens, January DOCNA Trial 2018 – 6632 E Brooks Drive – Tucson AZ 85730**

Use one entry form per dog. **Entries must be postmarked by Jan 2, or a late fee of \$1 per run will be assessed.**

**Entries received before Dec 22 will have an “Early Bird” discount of \$2 off per run, or \$15 off package per dog.**

<b>DOG</b>	Dog's Call Name		DOCNA # (To register, go to: <a href="http://www.docna.com">http://www.docna.com</a> )				
	Breed	Male / Female <i>(circle one)</i>	DOB	Height at withers:	Veteran Dog: Y or N		
<b>JUMP HEIGHT</b>	<b>Circle “Division” and “Jump” height entered below. See Page 4 for descriptions</b>						
	Competition <i>(circle height below)</i> 8 12 16 20 24		Select <i>(circle height below)</i> 4 8 12 16 20		Veteran <i>(circle height below)</i> 4 8 12 16 20		Grand Veteran <i>(circle height below)</i> 4 8 12 16
<b>OWNER</b>	Owner's Name			Owner's Address			
	City	State	Zip	Handler's Name (if different than owner)			
	Phone			e-mail			
	Veteran Handler: Y or N		<input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped/Handler with Disabilities		<input type="checkbox"/> Physically Challenged DOG		
<b>TRIGILITY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw partners for us <input type="checkbox"/> Do not pair me with: Handler/Dog _____ / _____						
	<b>Please pair me with the following team members. NOTE: All dogs must be at the same level: Spec, Intern or Beginner</b>						
	Team Member #1	DOCNA #	Jump Height:	Dog's Name	Handler's Name:		
	Team Member #2	DOCNA #	Jump Height:	Dog's Name	Handler's Name:		

Place an “X” in the appropriate class for each event entered, choose EITHER Cost OR FEO, not both

	CLASS	Specialist	Intern	Beginner	COST	FEO	TOTAL
<b>Saturday January 6</b>	Traditional Gamblers				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
	Standard Agility (Round 1)				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
	Standard Agility (Round 2)				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
	Snakes 'N' Ladders				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
	Jumpers (Round 1)				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
<b>Sunday January 7</b>	Trigility (complete section above)				\$14.00	N/A	\$
	Strategic Time Gamble				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
	<b>North America Challenge*</b>			* See note	\$18.00	N/A	*See below
	Standard Agility (Round 3)				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
	Jumpers (Round 2)				\$14.00	\$7.00	\$
<b>Package Rates &amp; JH rate</b>	** WEEKEND PACKAGE (9 runs) first dog is \$112.00 ( <b>savings of \$14.00</b> ), additional dogs are \$102.00 ( <b>savings of \$24.00</b> ) - **Does NOT include the North America Challenge run. See below Jr. Handler = \$62.00. **Does NOT include the North America Challenge run. See below						\$
<b>Individual Runs</b>	Individual runs – as above (please correctly add your runs)				Jr. Handlers	\$8/each	\$
<b>NAC</b>	<b>North America Challenge:</b> (not included in Weekend Package rate) <b>\$18 or \$12 for JH</b>						\$
<b>Additional Discount</b>	<b>Discount – (early bird or free run coupon)</b>						(\$ )
<b>Total</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL: (Make checks payable to <b>DESERT DAWG SPORTS</b>)</b>						\$

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand and acknowledge the DOCNA Official Rulebook, this Event Premium, have read and agree to the Entry Agreement and ASSUMPTION OF RISK, STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY & WAIVER OF LIABILITY and I agree to abide by all rules, regulations, policies and provisions referenced and/or stipulated by all.

**In addition, I have read the rules for height cards and measurement forms needed at the trial and North America Challenge 2018 requirements.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Exhibitor/Competitor/Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian if Minor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*Please include a copy of your permanent height card or bring it to the show at check in**

## 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 afore mentioned, 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 presence 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.

I (we) understand that DOCNA **leaves it to the discretion of the exhibitor as to whether or not they would like to leave a collar on their dog during competition. For the purposes of safety, DOCNA strongly recommends that dogs run WITHOUT a collar.** There have been documented cases of dogs getting collars stuck on jump stanchions, contact equipment hinges and/or other equipment or obstacles. If you choose to run with a collar, you do so at your sole risk.

I (we) understand that in choosing to run with a collar, a quick release collar is suggested. Acceptable collars may be flat or rolled collars with a buckle or plastic release clasp. It is acceptable to keep tag bags that contain license tags and owner information on a collar as long as it fits securely on the collar. Collars with dangling tags, martingale type loops, halti's, gentle leaders, harnesses, and any electronic training devices (shock, bark, pinch, citronella, etc) will not be allowed in the ring.

*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 publicly available at <http://www.docna.com/Photography.aspx>.

# Please Volunteer to Help Out With Our Trial! Earn a Raffle ticket for each class worked. . .

**DOCNA Measurement Instructions  
Dogs on Course in North America, LLC  
P.O Box 83238  
Phoenix, AZ, 85071-3238  
<http://www.docna.com>**

## **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**

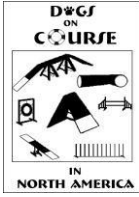
Once you have received all the required measurements for your dog as outlined above, turn in the completed form to the trial secretary at the trial for submission to DOCNA for a permanent height card. DOCNA will issue your permanent height card via e-mail.

- Please ensure your form has your e-mail address included and that it is legible.
  - If you do not have e-mail address, you may please include a self-address 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 – e-MAIL 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 e-mails.**



**DOCNA Measurement Form**  
**Dogs on Course in North America, LLC**  
**P.O Box 83238**  
**Phoenix, AZ, 85071-3238**  
<http://www.docna.com>

Dog's Call Name:		Birthdate:		Breed:		DOCNA Reg#:	
Owner Name:				E-mail:			
Owner Address:			City:		State/Prov:		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 Trial Secretary at Trial CHECK IN**