

# NASDA Working Dog Trials



## Hosted by

TLC Training and Consulting

Open to All Breeds and Mixed Breeds

## Sit Happens!

2180 Pegasus Way NE #4, Calgary, AB T2E 8M5

Trial is held indoors. Washrooms are accessible but some trial rounds may be upstairs and require participants to climb one flight of stairs.

Plan on benching outdoors / out of vehicles

**February 20, 2023**

**3 Trials, 1 day**


Limited Entries

Day of Entry available if capacity not reached

Move ups and lateral moves are allowed

Judge: Sarah-Jane Petti, supervised and shadow judges Monika Hoyer and Dian Stafford-Gilmour

Classes Offered	<p>All levels are offered for all events, including Puppy Aptitude</p> <p><b>3 x Lost Item</b> <b>3 x Urban Locate</b> <b>Urban Games – Distance [#1], Elusive Rats [#3], Silence [#5], Roll the Dice [#6]</b></p> <p><i>NOTE: In Urban Games and all Level III and higher events, a handler may run only one dog. If you have multiple dogs you wish to compete with, you must list a different handler for them.</i></p>
Entries	<p><b>Entries open: Thursday February 2, 2023 6 pm MT</b></p> <p><b>Pre-entries close February 17, 2023 midnight or when limit is reached</b> Entries accepted by email, mail or courier</p> <p>Entry Limits: 8 hours of judging Friday</p> <p>All entries to be completed online: <a href="https://forms.gle/3MT8rahqaQABP4KG8">https://forms.gle/3MT8rahqaQABP4KG8</a></p>

	<p><b>Entries received prior to the opening date/time will NOT be accepted. Once your entry has been received by the secretary you will receive a confirmation email. You must send payment within 48 hours of that email or your position may be given to someone else.</b></p> <p><b><i>Please be patient – it may take up to 48 hours to process the initial flood of entries!</i></b></p>
<p>Entry Fee</p>	<p>Pre-entry: \$25 per trial entry / \$15 per puppy aptitude test  After closing / day of (if available): \$30 per trial entry / \$20 per puppy aptitude test</p> <p>All prices listed are Canadian dollars.</p> <p>Etransfers in Canadian funds may be made to: <a href="mailto:sarahjane@tlc-training.com">sarahjane@tlc-training.com</a></p> <p>Various methods may be used to make payment in other currencies, but please be aware of transaction fees, exchange rate fees, and exchange rate values.</p> <p>PayPal may be used and may be the most convenient option. Since the transaction is not within the US, there is a fee to send money even if you use the Friends and Family option. From Paypal:</p> <p>If you are sending money internationally, you may be charged a transaction fee equal to 5% of the send amount (up to \$4.99 USD).</p> <p>When you pay with a debit or credit card, you'll be charged a small processing fee—for both domestic and international transactions. Currently the rate is 2.9% + a fixed fee (<a href="#">varies by currency</a>; \$0.30 in the U.S.).</p> <p>If you have another method for doing the payment, please contact <a href="mailto:sarahjane@chemies.com">sarahjane@chemies.com</a> to discuss prior to sending any monies.</p>
	<p>Permission has been granted by the North American Sport Dog Association for the holding of these working dog trials under the NASDA rules.</p>

**Club Contact Information**

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### **Dog Eligibility:**

- Dogs of any breed or mixed breed, 6 months of age or older on the date of the test may compete in Level 1 and above
- Dogs may enter concurrently in multiple levels in which they are eligible to compete. For example, a dog that has their Level I title of an event may run Level I and Level II in the same trial for that event.
- Dogs of any breed or mixed breed, older than 4 months of age but younger than 9 months of age may compete in Puppy Aptitude Test
- All dogs must be registered with NASDA to compete
- Deaf and/or blind dogs may compete in any event classes that are on leash
- Dogs with missing limbs or in wheelchairs are eligible to compete provided they have a veterinary or physiotherapist note and do not appear to be in pain.
- Veterinary or physiotherapist notes may be accepted by the judge as proof of soundness providing the dog does not appear to be visibly in pain.

### **Dogs of any Dog Registration:**

Dogs must be registered with the North American Sport Dog Association. Registration is a one-time fee of \$25.00 USD. You may register your dog online at <http://nasda.dog/registration/>. Registration may also be included with the entry form for the dog.

### **Bitches in Season:**

Bitches in Season will be permitted to compete. Bitches in season must compete at the end of the class and wear britches. Please let the trial chair know a week prior to the trial if this occurs.

### **Rules:**

Trial held under NASDA rules and regulations. For complete rules, visit [nasda.dog](http://nasda.dog)

**TLC Training and Consulting** reserves the right to remove any individual for any reason from the premises. Corrections, harsh training methods, abusive behavior towards dogs or people, and corrective equipment will not be tolerated. No refunds will be issued.

### **Quarry:**

Gerbils will be used as quarry in order to comply with Alberta laws. Care of the quarry is of the utmost important to the judge, the host and the organization. Please follow all rules and judge's directions regarding the quarry. Refusing to do this may result in you being removed from the trial with no refunds.

**TLC Training and Consulting** reserves the right to not allow dogs to compete in quarry events without a muzzle if the team has been advised at a prior event that they must wear a muzzle due to how hard the dog hits / works the quarry box.

### **Awards:**

Awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the trial. Ribbons are awarded for qualifying score, Best of Breed and High in Class. New title ribbons will be awarded.

### **Venue:**

Exhibitors will be crating in their vehicles.

Sit Happens! is an indoor facility in Calgary. There are washrooms and water onsite.

Bring your own lunch or visit the numerous restaurants/grocery stores nearby. Please park on the street or in the parking spots marked for Sit Happens!. Handlers risk being towed at their own expense if they choose to park in any other parking spot that is not marked specifically as Sit Happens!

There are outdoor areas where the dogs may potty directly in front of the building. Dogs in season may be asked to walk their dogs behind the building. Please pick up after your dogs.

No smoking or vaping is allowed on the grounds.

### **Refunds:**

No entries will be cancelled or refunded without a veterinarian's certificate. No refunds will be made for cancellations after the closing date or entries which are absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by decision of the Trial Host or judge(s).

### **Volunteers:**

Volunteer assistance will be required gate stewarding, and general assistance.

### **General Notice to Exhibitors:**

- Information about COVID protocols will be sent with information on run orders approximately a week before the trial.
- Refunds will be mailed 7 days after the event.
- No refunds will be made for dogs that are dismissed on the day of the trial for having sutures, open wounds or are visibly lame. Judge's decision is final in these cases, even if a veterinary or physiotherapy note is presented.
- No refunds will be made for cancellations after the closing date or entries which are absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by decision of the Trial Host.
- Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on their entry forms.
- It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for behavior of their dogs, children and/or guests. Any exhibitor whose dogs, children and/or guests repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund on any entry will be made.
- All dogs must be penned, crated or on leash when not in the ring. All dogs must be under control when they leave the ring after their run. Any dog engaging in aggressive or out of control behavior when leaving the ring will be disqualified and/or required to leave the trial site. NO REFUND of fees will be paid.
- Exhibitors are responsible for being in the staging area when it is their turn to run.
- Please be courteous and pick up after your dog.
- There will be a \$50 fee for any returned check or payment. Checks must be made payable to **TLC Training and Consulting**.
- **TLC Training and Consulting** reserves the right to refuse any entry without cause or explanation.

## General Rules (excerpts from rulebook):

### Equipment:

If competing on lead, dogs must wear a flat buckle or snap collar. Harnesses that are fixed – for example tracking or body harnesses are also permitted. Leashes should be long enough to provide adequate slack.

**Martingale and slip collars may be used on the grounds but may not be utilized during an on-lead search.** Head halters, prong collars, moving harnesses (such as “no-pull” harnesses) and any harnesses that are designed to be correctional are not allowed. Electronic collars which provide vibration, shock, sound, or spray/chemical corrections are not permitted on trial grounds, however, GPS and location collars are permitted on course. Judges may request proof or to examine the collar should questions arise.

### Special Equipment

The dog should be comfortable with all special equipment and said equipment should not interfere with their ability to work. Note that there is a deduction for the dog “excessively fussing” with their equipment. Equipment should not interfere with the dogs' movement or the Judge's ability to evaluate the team's performance. If the handler must touch the dog to adjust the equipment then an additional deduction for touching the dog will be incurred.

The following dog equipment is permitted on grounds and while working:

- Boots / footwear
- Coats / jackets / sweaters
- Cooling coats
- Field guard / head net
- Goggles
- Locator collars (NO SHOCK, SPRAY or BUZZ)

Muzzles are permitted provided they meet the following requirements:

- Must be basket style
- Made of steel wire, plastic-coated steel wire, plastic, leather or biothane
- Must be properly fitted for the dog
- Must allow the dog to breathe freely.

The presence of a muzzle does not excuse a dog from any deductions or reprimands for misconduct or aggression.

### Leash Requirements:

Lines and leashes up to 30 feet in length of any material are permitted. Slip leashes are permitted to walk to the line but dogs must run on fixed equipment if running on lead. Flex-leashes are not permitted. All dogs must be leashed at the conclusion of the run to avoid deductions.

- Trail and locate / Shed Dog – leashes are optional at level I and II
- Urban Locating / Lost Item Recovery – leashes are required at all levels
- Brace Trailing – must be off leash at all levels

**Rewards:**

Dogs may be rewarded at all levels in the quarry area AFTER the judge verifies their success except where noted in the rules for each class. Rewards may include touch, praise, food and/or toys. These rewards must be presented without unduly disturbing or contaminating the search area.

Handlers are allowed to give verbal encouragement during the course without deduction providing it does not interfere with the search pattern of the dog. Handlers may provide a reward on course before completing their search for confidence or redirection purposes, but a food lure deduction of 5 points will be applied to their final score.