

# Let's Speak Dog

WCRL Licensed: **Event # 8050 - 804348** 

Date(s) of Event: SEPT 30, 2023



This is a titling event under being held under license of World Cynosport Rally Limited (WCRL).

Current WCRL Official Rules & Regulations apply

Open to all dogs of any breed and any ability – including mixed breeds and disabled dogs.

Go to www.rallydogs.com to view the Official Rules & Regulations.

# **Host and Location Let's Speak Dog**

# 616 Youngs Hill Road, Easton PA. 18040

Contact/Trial Secretary: Karen Nelson. Email: karen@letsspeakdog.com Phone. 610 462 2727

# Entries Open June 19, 2023

Entries submitted via FedEx or Express Mail will be accepted only if the signature waiver is signed. No telephone, email, or fax entries will be accepted.

## Closing Date April 28, 2023, 6 PM

Entries must be received no later than April 21, 2023 unless the trial is not full. Day of show entries will not be accepted.

This is an Indoor trial on matted surface. Move-overs from A to B class are mandatory and will be made day-of-trial by Show Secretary.

# **Trial Schedule**

Classes will be running in the order shown below (back to back)

Saturday, SEPT 9, 2023								
TRIAL	CLASS	JUDGE						
Trial 1	FLASH Level 1	Gail Vendetti						
Trial 2	FLASH Level 1	Renee Hall						
Trial 1	FLASH Level 2	Gail Vendetti						
Trial 2	FLASH Level 2	Renee Hall						
Trial 1	INTRO	Gail Vendetti						
Trial 2	INTRO	Renee Hall						
Trial 1	Level 1	Gail Vendetti						
Trial 2	Level 1	Renee Hall						
Trial 1	Level 2	Gail Vendetti						
Trial 2	Level 2	Renee Hall						
Trial 1	Level 3	Gail Vendetti						
Trial 2	Level 3	Renee Hall						



#### **Trial Committee**

Renee Hall, Chair/ Hospitality 616 Youngs Hill Road, Easton PA. 18040

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610-570 8720

Karen Nelson, Trial Secretary 351 Crestmont Street, Pen Argyl PA 18072

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## Facility, Check-In, Crating, and Food

**Let's Speak Dog's** Doors Open at 8:00 AM. Please do not arrive prior to this time. General briefing, Judge's briefing, and walk-throughs will begin at 9:00 AM each day. Indoor crating available.

Entries limited to 90 runs per day or per trial. Move-ups in class will be allowed between trials. Move-overs from A to B class are mandatory and will be made day-of-trial by Show Secretary.

#### Pot Luck Lunch: VOLUNTEER TO BRING A DISH FOR OUR LUNCH/SNACK BAR!

(There is a grocery store, pizza place not far from the trial location)

Dogs may be crated in the building. Be sure to bring water for your dog. Please make sure you clean up after your dogs.

**PARKING**: Please park (head on) in front and behind the evergreen trees in the front of the building. . **PLEASE** be mindful of the septic hill and do not park too close to it.

#### **Directions to Trial:**

**From NJ and East:** Take Rt 22 to Rt 33 North to the Tatamy exit. Bear right off the ramp and then stay in the left lane. Go straight thru 3 traffic lights and at the 4<sup>th</sup> light (Kesslerville), make that left turn. (toward Kesslerville). Go approximately 2.5 miles and the building will be on your right when you come up the hill - make the right onto Youngs Hill Road and pull into the parking lot. You can park (head on) in front and behind the evergreen trees – please be mindful of the septic hill and do not park on that.

**From West:** via US 22 East, take the 33 North ramp towards Stroudsburg. Follow the directions "From NJ and East" above.

From South: Take 78 E to Route 33 N and then follow directions "From NJ and East" above.

From North: Route 33 South – Take Ramp for PA 191 (Stockertown / Nazareth). Turn Left onto Rt 191 N / Industrial Blvd. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn left onto Lefevre Road (please note – Lefevre Road has some curves!) Follow to top and at stop sign, proceed straight across to Youngs Hill Road and the building is on your right. Travel time from when you get off Rt 33 is less than 5 minutes but just watch Lefevre's curves! (Note: if you rather not take Lefevre Road, you can stay on Rt 33 South to the next exit (Tatamy) and make the left off that exit, then you can follow the directions above "From NJ and East" above.

#### **Accommodations:**

- \*Grand Eastonian Hotel: 140 Northampton Street, Easton PA 18042 610-258-6350
- \*Candlewood Suites: 1630 Spillman Drive, Bethlehem PA 18015 610-849-4100
- \*Red Roof Inn: 1846 Catasauqua Road, Allentown PA
- \*Confirmed dog friendly. Since many hotel policies change on dogs being allowed in their rooms, please check at time of booking your room for their policy. Please have your canine companions on their best behavior, so these hotels will want our business again. We recommend dogs be crated in your room when you are not there. And, as always, pick-up after your dog! For additional hotels, please check www.bringfido.com

#### **Awards**

Awards may consist of placement rosette/strip ribbon/overlay strip ribbon, qualifying ribbon, and additional awards

## **Rally Class Description**

For a complete description of the Rally rules & regulations, rules of performance, scoring standards, explanation of exercises (including Primary and Secondary Elements), course design, etc., go to <a href="https://www.rallydogs.com">www.rallydogs.com</a> and click on Official Regulations. To learn more and get new ideas, you can connect with other World Cynosport Rally Limited enthusiasts by subscribing to our Facebook page WCRL Rally.

You must be familiar with all the Rally exercise signs, as well as the Official Rules & Regulations prior to the event. Go to <a href="https://www.rallydogs.com">www.rallydogs.com</a> for an explanation of each of the exercise signs and have fun practicing them with your dog.

#### A and B Classes

"A" classes are for dogs that have NOT earned the base title for that level (i.e., RL1, RL2, RL3, RLV).

"B" classes are for dogs that have completed that base title for that level.

#### **Intro Class**

Intro class is open to dogs 6 months or older, but dogs who have earned the RLI or RL1 or higher are not eligible for placement awards, if offered, in this class. There is no separation of Intro class into A and B classes. An Intro course has 10 exercise signs, including the bonus. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for more details on Intro class, including when rewards may be given.

#### **Veteran Class**

Veteran class is open to all dogs over the age of 8; dogs 50 pounds and less than 90 pounds may enter Veteran at age 7 years, and dogs 90 pounds or more may enter at age 6 years. A Veteran course will consist of 12-13 exercise signs from any level, which includes a bonus exercise. Veteran is an off-leash class. In Veteran class, one Additional Cue per exercise may be given without penalty. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for more details.

#### **Flash Program Classes**

The program has been designed to feature continual motion by either handler, dog, or both. Courses are intended to reinforce continuity and vitality in the relationship between dog and handler. Flash classes are offered in three levels—Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. There is no distinction between A & B classes. Additional information, rules & regulations are found on rallydogs.com.

## **Food and Touch Rewards**

Rewards of food and touch may be given in all Regular Levels 1-3, Intro, and Veterans classes following the conclusion of any stationary exercise, except when performing shared stations, in which the reward may only be given at the conclusion of the final stationary exercise of a shared station.

- Handler's delivery of the reward must be completed before the team moves forward on the course to the next exercise
- Use of the reward to induce a desired behavior is considered luring and is prohibited. Rewards may be given in the ring before beginning and after completion of the course performance.
- A handler shall not otherwise feed or touch their dog during the course performance. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for more details on the rules for rewards.

Please note that Food and Touch rewards are not permitted during course performance in the Flash classes as there are no stationary exercises. The class was designed to promote and test continual motion of dog and/or handler.

#### **Bonus Exercise**

A Bonus is an exercise through which additional points may be earned. A bonus exercise is offered on all courses in the Regular classes, levels 1 - 3, and it shall be clearly marked with a "Bonus" placard. The bonus exercise shall be in course sequence, at judge's discretion, and shall be performed in the normal flow of the timed course at handler's option. There is no penalty for bypassing the bonus. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for additional details on the bonus exercise, including the list of exercises from which the bonus is selected for each class.



#### **Jump Heights**

Dogs are not required to be measured the day of the trial or prior to judging. However, judges have the option to measure any dog prior to his/her performance if the dog appears to be entered in a group lower than might be indicated by his/her registered shoulder height. Jump heights may also be modified or the jump exercise excused entirely based on physical challenges (e.g. age, disability such as blindness, or use of a mobility device) that a particular dog may face

The following table shows the recommended and minimum allowable jump heights based upon the dog's height at the withers. The selected jump height shall be indicated on the Entry Form. The "minimum allowable jump height" for each height category is the minimum height permitted without a Request for Modification being made. A handler may select a higher height at their sole discretion but must have designated the height on the entry form.

Height at Withers	Minimum Allowable Jump Height	Recommended Jump Height		
12" or less	4"	4"		
16" or less	4"	8"		
20" or less	8"	12"		
Over 20"	12"	16"		

#### **Time Standards**

Each course in all classes has a Maximum Course Time or "MCT". Should this limitation be reached, the course per-formance is over and the team's score will be marked zero. The following table sets forth the MCT for each class:

	Intro	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Veteran	
Regular Classes	180 seconds	180 seconds	210 seconds	240 seconds	240 seconds	
Flash Classes		120 seconds	150 seconds	180 seconds		

All time is to be reported in Seconds, to 1/100th of a second.

(E.g., 1:42.56, being one minute, 42.56 seconds, shall be notated as 102.56 seconds.)

# Notice to Competitors – Conditions of Entry

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of WCRL Official Rules & Regulations (see <a href="https://www.rallydogs.com">www.rallydogs.com</a>), including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

- This trial is open to dogs at least six months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season (unless specifically allowed by trial host by announcement in this premium) or dogs with disabilities, injuries, or illnesses which may cause the dog pain or great discomfort, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression that threaten the safety of other dogs or humans.
- In the event a dog's or competitor's disabilities prevent the team from performing a course or exercise as described, the competitor shall obtain a Request for Modification form ("RFM") from the Trial Host, completing the form with a written description of how the competitor intends to perform the course or its exercises that must be modified to accommodate the dog's or competitor's particular disability. The form must be submitted to the judge prior to the start of the class, and the modified performance shall approximate as closely as possible the original course and its exercises.
- All dogs shall be shown in a flat buckle or snap collar, plain harness, or properly fitted limited slip (Martingale) collar. No choke
  collars, prong collars, shock collars, slip collars, one-piece collar/leash (e.g., Martingale leash) or slip leashes, all metal leashes or
  collars, no-pull harnesses, or head collars are allowed.
- All dogs must be registered with World Cynosport Rally Limited or United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. on the day of
  competition. See <a href="https://www.rallydogs.com">www.rallydogs.com</a> to register online or complete the "Dog Registration" form included in this premium list or
  available on rallydogs.com. The manual form must be submitted to the WCRL office as indicated at the bottom of the form. Online
  registration is encouraged and is available at a lower cost.

- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by competitors at all times. Competitors, through entry at this event, accept full responsibility for themselves and the actions of their dogs.
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry for any reason.
- THERE SHALL BE NO REFUND for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or competitor are dismissed from competition, regardless of reason for such dismissal. A dog or competitor who suffers an injury and/or illness or bitches that come into season after the closing date may be eligible for a partial refund of their entry fee. Written request for refund must be made to the Trial Secretary BEFORE the end of the event. Please provide documentation from your veterinarian/physician.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$40.00 service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees
  and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 10 days of postmark of notice of returned check where
  notification is received after event date. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is
  cancelled without recourse by owner/competitor.
- No entry fees will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, Act of God, public
  emergency, act of a public enemy or governmental entity or agency, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the
  organizers.
- All competitors through entry at this event grant to World Cynosport Rally Limited and its affiliated companies, their respective
  agents, and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph,
  voice, performing persona, or other indicia or identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission, or distribution in any format
  or media now known or hereafter to become known and waive any and all rights relative thereto.
- All competitors through entry at this event hereby release WCRL and affiliates, the hosting club, sponsors, and each of their
  directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of
  privacy, right of personality, or any similar right.
- Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes without the express written consent of World Cynosport Rally Limited.
- Dogs must remain under control at all times whether on or off leash while on trial site grounds. Day kenneling only is permitted. Please pick up after your dog and yourself.

Event Date: SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 ● Entries Close: AUGUST 28, 2023

Return with payment to: Karen Nelson, 351 Crestmont Street, Pen Argyl PA. 18072

Entry forms are per dog/handler team; please submit a complete, signed entry form for each team to be entered

# **Dog Information**

Call Name:			Height at wit	hers:	W	WCRL # or USDAA #*			
Breed:			Dog's Date of	Birth:	Circle Jum	p Height (Levels  8" 12"	2 & 3 only) 16"		
	to WCRL Dog Regist to assure your results			e.com) For a dog th	nat has both a WCF	RL and USDAA num	ber, enter the		
	dler Information								
Owner's Nan	ne:			Handler's Na	ame:				
				(if different from	Owner; must be an i	mmediate family mer	nber)		
Address:				City:	Sta	ate: Zip:			
Phone Day:		Evening:		E-Mail:	E-Mail:				
F	Please indicate "F	A" or "B" for each	Trial Entry Ir		See regulations	s for definitions			
		So	aturday, SEPTE	MBER 9. 2023					
		Trial 1	<u> </u>						
		Regular (Circle A or B)	Flash (Check LeveL)		Regular (Circle A or B)	Flash (Check LeveL)			
	FLASH Level 1			FLASH Level					
	FLASH Level 2			FLASH Level 2					
	Level 1	A or B		Level 1	A or B				
	Level 2	A or B		Level 2	A or B				
	Level 3	A or B		Level 3	A or B				
	Intro*			Intro*					
*If enterin	ng Intro: a) Has	the Intro title be	een earned? 🗆	∕es □No b) Ir	ndicate highest	title earned:			
			Entry	Fees					
	er of Classes Ente	ered:	@	\$28 pe	r class.	Entry Fees	Submitted		

**New Title Information.** 

Please indicate the appropriate title(s) you anticipate earning at this trial.

RL1	RL2	RL3	RL1X	RL2X	RL3X	RLI	RL V	RLVX	ARCH	ARCH X	ARCHEX	ARCHMX
FL1	FL2	FL3	FL1X	FL2X	FL3X							

#### **GENERAL AGREEMENT**

I (we) agree that *Let's Speak Dog* 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) agree to hold the organizing committee, the hosting club, World Cynosport Rally Limited and its affiliated companies, collectively referred to herein as "WCRL and affiliates", sponsors of the event, and their respective directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and assigns of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their directors, officers, and 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, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. 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.

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 damages because of illness, bodily injuries, including death resulting at any time therefrom, 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.

I (we) further acknowledge that I (we) have read, understand, and will abide by the Official Rally Rules and Regulations of World Cynosport Rally Limited and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Rally Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I (we) acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me (us) herein is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my (our) entry, such finding shall render my (our) entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I (we) represent that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the dog listed hereon, or that I (we) am (are) a family member of the dog's owner as stated and allowed in the WCRL Rules & Regulations, and that I (we) shall hold the hosting club and WCRL and affiliates, sponsors, facility owners, including each of their respective directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and assigns harmless from any liability or claim made by dog's owner.

Further, I (we) hereby grant to WCRL and affiliates, *Let's Speak Dog*, and each their respective representatives, agents, and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia or identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission, or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I (we) hereby release WCRL and affiliates, the hosting club, sponsors, and their respective representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality, or any similar right.

Signature:	Date:
Parent or Legal Guardian signature for junior or minor entries:	
Signature:	Date:

This signed and dated Agreement must accompany your entry form. Entries must also be received with correct fees by the closing date at the address provided. Entries will be accepted by overnight mail only if the signature requirement has been waived