

Sanctioned  
**American Kennel Club**  
Agility Course Test (ACT)



**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025**  
**2 ROUNDS OF ACT 1**  
**2 ROUNDS OF ACT 1J**  
**2 ROUNDS OF ACT 2J**  
**2 ROUNDS OF ACT 2**



**LITTLETON, MA**

**EVALUATOR:** Bill Chiarchiaro, AG00497

**ENTRY METHOD ~ FIRST RECEIVED ~ NO OPENING DATE ~ \$20 PER RUN**

Entries may be mailed/received at any time  
once the premium has been published.

**FINAL CLOSING DATE:** N/A ~ Day of Show Entries Accepted  
Checks will be cashed as they are received.

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

**DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES:** Accepted anytime for a one-time \$5 fee

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

<b>TRIAL CHAIRPERSON</b> Michelle Doucette 53B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460 training@gemindogs.com (978) 219-4346	<b>TRIAL SECRETARY</b> Michelle Allen 53B Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460 michelle@gemindogs.com (978) 387-3663
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b> Penny Allen	<b>EVALUATOR</b> Bill Chiarriaro, AG00497

**CERTIFICATION:** Permission has been granted by the AKC for the holding of this event under AKC© Agility Course Test Rules and Regulations.

The following order is the scheduled order for the trial to be run. 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.
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025</b>
ACT 1 Standard ACT 1 Standard ACT 1 Jumpers ACT 1 Jumpers ACT 2 Jumpers ACT 2 Jumpers ACT 2 Standard ACT 2 Standard
Trial Site opens at 3:30pm Evaluator's Briefing at 4:00pm Testing begins at 4:15pm ~ Indoor crating space available.

**RUNNING ORDER:** We will run in height order of Small to Tall.

### ENTRY INFORMATION:

**ENTRY:** \$20 per run per dog, maximum of 8 runs per dog (1 run in each round). This entry fee includes the \$5 AKC recording fee per run. Confirmations will be emailed to those with legible email addresses. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

### MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:

Gemini Dogs  
Attn: Michelle Allen (ACT ENTRY)  
53B Ayer Road Littleton, MA 01460  
Email questions to: [training@gemindogs.com](mailto:training@gemindogs.com)  
Text questions to: (978) 219-4346

Checks are accepted;  
make out to "Gemini Dogs"  
Online payments can be made [here](#).

We must receive an accompanying entry form.  
Entries are not considered accepted until the form has been received  
(as well as the payment).

### 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog Call Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I am available and interested in learning these jobs so I can Volunteer at Trials

### 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 the 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 Q ribbons by locating the competitor's award stickers for them.

The Agility Course Test (ACT) is an entry level agility event designed to introduce and welcome beginning dogs and their handlers to the AKC sport of agility.

There are two types of ACT courses:

1. ACT Standard – which are the beginning level standard courses.
2. ACT Jumpers – These are entry level Jumpers courses (no Aframe, Dogwalk, Teeter or Table on courses).

ACT1 and ACT1J are designed for the beginning dog to show basic sequencing and performance skills.

ACT2 and ACT2J (not offered at this event) require an increased skill level shown by the additional number and types of obstacles to be performed.

In addition to showing their dog's entry level skills, exhibitors will learn to:

- fill out an AKC entry form
- check-in at the ring
- take their dog in and out of ring
- handle their dog while being judged
- ...and other information that will help them when they move on to AKC agility trials with their dog.

ACT1 Performance Standards:

- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85
- Performance will be judged as set forth in Chapter 5, Sections 4, 5 and 6 with the following exceptions: – Run-outs and Refusals will not be judged – More than 3 attempts at the next correct obstacle (ascent side of contacts) will result in a Mandatory Elimination and will be signaled with an "F" by the judge/evaluator.

ACT1 Standard Course Time: The time for all jump heights is 60 seconds. This is also the maximum course time. The course must be completed in less than 60 seconds.

ACT1 Minimum Obstacles Requirements:

- Quantity = 10-12 obstacles
- Obstacles required are the A-frame, pause table, bar jump, and open tunnels and may use the panel and/or tire jump

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Dogs must be 15 months old to enter these events. *They do not need to be AKC registered at the time of entry.*

- Dogs must be physically sound as described in Chapter 1, Section 3, Paragraph 7 of the Regulations for Agility Trials.
- In order to acquire the title certificate and have the title added to a dog's record, the dog must be registered/listed with the AKC.
- Canine Partner applications may be accepted at the test by the judge/evaluator and submitted with test results.
- Dogs that are not AKC registered/listed may participate and their performance will be recorded by the AKC under a temporary recording number. This temporary recording number will be e-mailed to the owner and must be used when entering subsequent ACT events and when the owner registers/lists the dog. *Note: Temporary recording numbers may only be used to enter ACT events.*

**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).

**NEARBY EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN:** Westford Emergency Veterinary Center is located at 11 Cornerstone Square, Westford, MA and can be reached by calling (978) 577-6525.

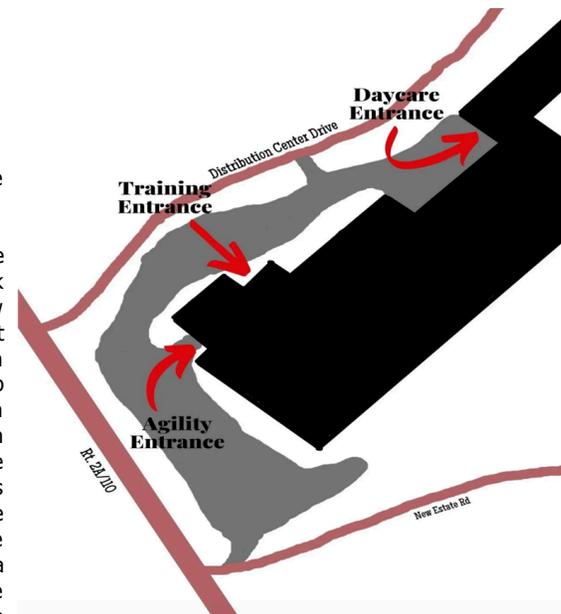
**DIRECTIONS:** Take Interstate 495 to Route 2A/110 exit. Turn left and travel just over a mile on Route 2A/110 West. Go through a stoplight located at the gas station. As you crest the hill, you will notice a gravel company on your right. Please note that GPS devices cannot find our main door. They 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!



**TRIAL LOCATION:** Check-In and crating for this event will be through our "Agility Entrance" in our Training & Event Center.

See the map to the right for the location of the entrance.

**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. You can potty your dog in the grass/mulch/gravel areas outside the Obedience Entrance. You can also take your dog to the grassy area across the parking lot. Please do not allow dogs to potty in front of the (Human) Gym Entrance.



**WIFI:** Our wifi password is ClickTreat.

