



Welcome to Canada, eh!

June 5th -10th 2024

Hosted by ***TLC Training and Consulting***

Trial location: Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society

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Events

Invitational and Showcase Judging Panel: Liz Carter (Head Judge), Grant Peters, Sheila Gibbons

Tournament Judges: Liz Carter, Grant Peters, Sheila Gibbons, Jessica Clough, TBD

Wednesday, June 5	Urban Challenge Tournament Lost Item Challenge Tournament Entries will be opened first to those competitors traveling from out of province / country. A second entry will then be opened for all NASDA registered dogs. Entries will be limited to 8 hours of judging per day
Thursday, June 6	Showcase Day 1 - open to BOB #1-5 invitees and #26-50 invitees
Friday, June 7	Showcase Day 2 - open to BOB #1-5 invitees and #26-50 invitees
Saturday, June 8	Invitational Day 1 - open to Invitational invitees and Showcase winners
Sunday, June 9	Invitational Day 2 - open to Invitational invitees and Showcase winners
Monday, June 10	Invitational Semi-Finals and Finals (all events)

Entries

All entries (tournament, showcase and invitational) will be completed, along with payment, at: <https://www.2024invitationalsyyc.com/category/all-products>

Please complete one dog's entries in one shopping cart. This is to allow the discounts to be properly applied. Discounts will be given for multiple classes entered in the showcase trial for an individual dog (so no discount if it is 2 dogs in a total of 2 events) Similarly, discounts will be given for multiple classes entered in the invitational trial for an individual dog (so no discount if it is 2 dogs in a total of 2 events)

All events (tournament, showcase and invitational) are run as blind hides, and all levels run the same course. Therefore, one handler may only compete with one dog in each class. If an owner has 2 dogs with invites to the same class, they will require a second handler to be named at time of entry.

Not sure what to enter? Please check the [2023 Dog Eligibility](#) document on the NASDA website.

Tournament Entries

Entries for the Tournaments will **open for all non-Alberta residents** on: Thursday, February 29th at 9pm MST. This is to allow competitors that have not competed with gerbils to have an opportunity to "meet" the quarry prior to Showcase and Invitationals.

Entries are open to all other NASDA registered dogs two weeks later on March 14, 2024 at 9pm MST.

Entries will close on May 1, 2024 or when the limit to 8 hours of judging is reached.

Showcase Entries

Showcase entries will open for all teams on Thursday, February 29th at 9pm MST. There is no limit on the showcase trial.

Please complete one dog's entries in one shopping cart. This is to allow the discounts to be properly applied. Discounts will be given for multiple classes entered in the showcase trial for an individual dog (so no discount if it is 2 dogs in a total of 2 events)

The showcase event runs differently than a regular event. Click [here](#) to read the Showcase and Invitational rules.

The order of events is subject to change due to regional weather conditions.

Entries will close on May 1, 2024

Invitational Entries

Invitational entries will open for all teams on Thursday, February 29th at 9pm MST. There is no limit on the invitational trial.

Please complete one dog's entries in one shopping cart. This is to allow the discounts to be properly applied. Discounts will be given for multiple classes entered in the invitational trial for an individual dog (so no discount if it is 2 dogs in a total of 2 events)

The invitational event runs differently than a regular event. Click [here](#) to read the Showcase and Invitational rules.

The order of events is subject to change due to regional weather conditions.

Entries will close on May 1, 2024.

Competitors that were successful in the Showcase event and are invited to enter the Invitational competition will have their entry fees to Invitationals waived.

Entry Fees

All prices are listed in Canadian (CAD) dollars.

To calculate an approximate exchange rate, check out: <https://g.co/kgs/fUCwi2p>

Showcase and Invitationals are 2 separate events. Discounts are based on a dog in multiple classes in the same event. Discounts will be given for multiple classes entered in the showcase trial for an individual dog (so no discount if it is 2 dogs in a total of 2 events) Similarly, discounts will be given for multiple classes entered in the invitational trial for an individual dog (so no discount if it is 2 dogs in a total of 2 events)

Lost Item Games Tournament 9 rounds of Lost Item Game 6 - Roll of the Dice Wednesday, June 5	\$125 CAD / dog
Urban Challenge Tournament 9 rounds of Urban Locate Game 6 - Roll of the Dice Wednesday, June 5	\$125 CAD / dog
Showcase Fees (2 rounds per class) 1 dog in 1 class 1 dog in 2 or 3 classes 1 dog in all 4 classes Thursday / Friday June 6/7	\$90 CAD \$80 CAD / class \$65 CAD / class
Invitational Fees (2 rounds per class) 1 dog in 1 class 1 dog in 2 or 3 classes 1 dog in all 4 classes Saturday / Sunday June 8/9	\$90 CAD \$80 CAD / class \$65 CAD / class

Urban Challenge and Lost Item Challenge Tournament

Open to all NASDA registered dogs, 6 months and older. Handlers may only handle one dog in each tournament, as all hides are blind. Teams will compete in 9 rounds of competition, each round being 'Roll the Dice' and featuring unique combinations of the games.

Rules will be the normal Games rules.

Scoring will be cumulative across all 9 rounds of competition. The winners will be the 4 top placing dogs based on highest cumulative score, then lowest cumulative time.

Round	Game Combination	Urban Challenge Combinations	Lost Item Challenge Combinations
Round 1	1 + 2	Distance + You Make the Call	Distance + You Make the Call
Round 2	1 + 3	Distance + Elusive Rats	Distance + Elusive Articles
Round 3	1 + 4	Distance + One or None	Distance + One or None
Round 4	1 + 5	Distance + Silence	Distance + Silence
Round 5	2 + 3	You Make the Call + Elusive Rats	You Make the Call + Elusive Articles
Round 6	2 + 4	You Make the Call + One or None	You Make the Call + One or None
Round 7	3 + 4	Elusive Rats + One or None	Elusive Articles + One or None
Round 8	3 + 5	Elusive Rats + Silence	Elusive Articles + Silence
Round 9	4 + 5	One or None + Silence	One or None + Silence

General Rules (including Rule Book Excerpts)

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:

Tournament trial held under NASDA rules and regulations. [Special rules](#) will be used for Showcase and Invitationals. For complete rules, visit 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 by dogs or people, towards dogs or people, and corrective equipment will not be tolerated. No refunds will be issued.

Quarry:

Gerbils will be used as a quarry in order to comply with Alberta laws. Care of the quarry is of the utmost importance 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 require dogs to compete with a muzzle in quarry events at the request of the hosting organization or judge. Failure by a handler to comply with a request to muzzle their dog will result in expulsion from the event with no refund.

Venue:

Millarville Racetrack

306097 192 St W, Millarville, AB T0L 1K0

No smoking or vaping is allowed on the grounds

Appropriate footwear is required - expect uneven ground. Footwear must be closed toe and heel with appropriate tread. No Crocs, flip flops, or open toed sandals are permitted.

Food will be available for purchase each day and a hospitality area for food in the morning.

Ample porta potties will be on site as well as one set of indoor bathrooms.

Ample parking will be available on site. Details on benching at the trial will be provided closer to the event.

Refunds:

No entries will be canceled 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 NASDA organization, Trial Host or judge(s).

10% will be deducted from refunded amounts for processing fees.

Volunteers:

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

General Notice to Exhibitors:

- 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 a case, no refund on any entry will be made.
- All dogs must be penned, crated or on leash when not competing in trailing and locating or shed dog. No retractable leashes are permitted on site. Leashes must be 6 feet in length or shorter; if the dog is on a long line, the long line must be held at a short length. All dogs must be under control at all times. Any dog engaging in aggressive or out of control behavior at any time will be disqualified and/or required to leave the trial site. NO REFUND of fees will be paid.
- Please be courteous and pick up after your dog. Failure to do so will result in a warning and then excusal from the trial.
- TLC Training and Consulting reserves the right to refuse any entry without cause or explanation.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Good sportsmanship both in and out of the ring is a primary objective of NASDA. Judges and trial hosts have the authority to expel any handler from a test or trial who displays unsportsmanlike conduct during the event. Repeated expulsions for unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for temporary or permanent dismissal from future NASDA events at the discretion of the organization.

The overt signs of good sportsmanship include showing respect for yourself, your competitors, officials, and judges. Good sports are gracious and generous winners. They acknowledge a win without humiliating their competitors. They are humbly proud of their success and still find ways to compliment others in their class. When it comes to losing, people who are good sports immediately and willingly congratulate the winner. They accept the outcome of the class without complaint and without excuses. Good sports know how to play fair and have fun while doing it. Good sports lead by example.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Striking, kicking or otherwise roughly handling any dog

- Causing physical or emotional distress to a dog
- Harassing or abusing any event official or competitor
- Discussing with other competitors the location of a hide or cleared areas in courses where hide isn't known.
- Repeatedly disagreeing with or challenging judge decisions
- Participating in internet bashing of judges, trial hosts, events, or competitors
- Discouraging other competitors
- Repeatedly not following the directions of judges or trial hosts
- Overt gloating about wins, overt complaining about losses
- Tolerating or engaging in poor sportsmanship with others

Additionally, all persons must exercise care and control of any dog in their care (not just competing animals) while attending a NASDA event.

Poor Sportsmanship:

If a handler is accused of poor sportsmanship, they are not permitted to perform until a hearing between themselves, the judge, and complainant has been held. In order to maintain timeliness of the event, a different handler may exhibit the dogs the handler has entered until a decision has been reached by the judge and chair. Depending on the severity of the event, if it is decided that the handler will be barred from future competition at the event(s) in question, their qualifying scores from that event may be disqualified.

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 and pant 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.

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.