



**SINGAPORE KENNEL CLUB**

Dear Trialler,

Welcome to the 110<sup>th</sup> Agility & 35<sup>th</sup> Jumpers and 111<sup>th</sup> Agility & 36<sup>th</sup> Jumpers trials! The trials are held on **4<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Saturday) at West Coast Park Dog Run from approximately 9.00am to 5.00pm.**

Judge is Ms. Dawn Howard from Australia. Please find the judge's introduction in Appendix 2.

**Please arrive at the trial venue according to the schedule below – if you are trialling for the first time, please ensure you arrive early, as your dog will be measured before the trial.** The arrival times are set early so that in case of changes to the schedule, nobody will miss their class. Please note that it is the responsibility of the trialler to be present early at the trial venue.

<b>101<sup>th</sup> Agility, all classes</b>	<b>Arrive by 8:30 am</b>
<b>111<sup>th</sup> Agility, all classes:</b>	<b>Arrive by 10:00 am</b>
<b>35<sup>th</sup> Jumpers, all classes:</b>	<b>Arrive by 12:30 pm</b>
<b>36<sup>th</sup> Jumpers, all classes</b>	<b>Arrive by 14:00 pm</b>

The classes will be conducted **in the following order during each trial.** NB! SKC reserves the right for changes.

Novice Mini  
Novice Midi  
Novice Maxi  
Open Maxi  
Open Midi  
Master Midi  
Master Maxi

**Registering at the venue and participants number tags**

Each participant must register at the Judge's tent upon arrival at the trial venue. Participants are to present the SKC Dog Sports Trialler's Booklet for each participating dog (unless the booklet is already with SKC) and to collect their number tags. Participants are responsible for clearly displaying their correct number tags during the trials. No participant can enter the trial ring without displaying their correct number tag.

**List of participants**

There will be no programme booklets distributed at the trials. Lists of participants will be available on the SKC website few days prior to the trial day. At the venue, the list of participants, in the running order of each class, will be displayed at the judge's tent.

**SKC rules**

These trials are conducted according to the SKC Agility and Jumpers Trial Rules (effective of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012). The rulebook is available for purchase at the SKC office. The trial also follows the Trial Regulations (appendix 1).

**Trial venue**

West Coast Park Dog Run is next to the Pasir Panjang Wholesale centre, along the West Coast Highway. Parking is available at the park's Car Park 1 and at the wholesale centre.

The trial ring will be set up inside the dog run. There will be one designated, covered holding area. In addition, triallers are free to use the tables, benches and covers in the dog run. Triallers are advised to provide their own crates, etc for the comfort of their dog and themselves while for waiting for their turn during trial.

Closest public toilets and washing area is at Car Park 1. A toilet will be provided by the organiser, but no running water can be arranged. Therefore triallers are advised to bring enough water to drink and cool off their dogs during the day. Closest lunch areas are at Car Park 3 (MacDonald's) and wholesale centre (hawker centre).

Please note that triallers are to clean up after their dogs in the trial venue precinct and to dispose of the rubbish appropriately.

**Sportsmanship**

The trials are held at a public dog run. This means there is likely to be members of the public in the dog run during the trial. All triallers are expected to show good sportsmanship and polite manners when engaging with the public.

**Preparation**

Triallers are also strongly advised in their own interest and in the interest of others to have their dogs immunised against canine viral gastroenteritis which is a highly contagious disease.

Please prepare according to the weather and ensure the safety of yourself and your dog with proper shoes, clothing, food and drink. SKC recommends that short leashes and easy to remove collars to be used with dogs, and would like to encourage handlers to take care of proper warming up and stretching of the dog before entering the ring to compete.

**Lunch break**

The trials will break for lunch approximately at 12 noon. The lunch break is maximum one hour. No lunch is provided for the triallers.

**Cancellation**

In the event of cancellation, triallers are reminded to inform SKC as soon as possible.

I wish you all the best of luck!

Yours sincerely

Swetha.  
For SKC Dog Sports Committee

## APPENDIX 1

### **Trial Regulations**

1. It is the responsibility of all trailers to be familiar with the SKC Agility and Jumpers Trial Rules.
2. The SKC will not be held responsible for the loss and/or injuries to any dog during trials and triallers are therefore advised to ensure that there is someone is looking after their dog at all times.
3. Dogs are prohibited to wear spiked and electronic collars in the entire trial venue precinct.
4. Triallers are not allowed to approach the Judge directly in the ring when there is a dispute. Any protest shall be lodged in writing to the Trial Manager within the next working day. Such matters shall be brought to the SKC Dog Sports Committee for their deliberation and their decision shall be final.
5. Bitches in season shall not be permitted to compete in or remain in the precincts of the trials. There will be no refund for bitches in season, but trial fees can be transferred to be used at the next trial by the same dog.
6. In case of dog or handler being ill or injured, there will be no refund, but trial fees can be transferred to be used at the next trial by the same dog or handler, if a veterinary or medical certificate is presented to SKC by the next working day.
7. Please ensure that your dogs are adequately licensed and bring along your dog's licence as a spot check may be carried out by the Agri-food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore.
8. To prevent any unfortunate events from happening, the Singapore Kennel Club would prefer those pregnant or handicapped not to trial. Any inconvenience caused is regretted.
9. Use of personal practice sets of more than one (1) jump is prohibited. SKC will provide a practice set consisting of a few jumps and an contact obstacle for warm-up purposes.

## Judge: Dawn Howard



From my earliest memories, I have been educated by my doggy friends.. I have been trained by at least ten German Shepherd Dogs, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, a Standard Poodle and several Collie Roughs. My family and I have trialled and showed for obedience, tracking, agility, jumping, endurance and conformation. Between us we have managed a few titles here and there. Most importantly we have had lots of fun on the way. I am an Obedience, Agility, Jumping, Tracking, Endurance and Rally-Obedience Judge. I have been privileged to judge extensively around Australia and in Asia.

I am an active competitor and have recently been trialling in UDX with my old German Shepherd girl Vixen, who is now well over 12 years old (she is an Obedience Champion and Masters in Agility and Jumpers. She has titles in 8 disciplines including Herding and Tracking and Search work. Until recently she worked in a paid position for the Government, teaching primary school children how to live safely with dogs) and also recently with my young German Shepherd called Baby Rain who is Vixen's granddaughter, now starting in Open obedience. Rain is a second generation Dual Champion, and has done really well in conformation shows. We also have two other German Shepherds and a Golden retriever who have competed to Champion titles.

It is a privilege to be asked to judge by the Singapore Kennel Club, this is the third time that I have been here to judge, plus I have visited on many other occasions and feel privileged to have made friends in your country.

**Good luck to all competitors.** May there be many qualifiers and personal (doggy) bests.

Remember in Agility/Jumping, every dog can potentially qualify and that is what matters.

Regards,  
Dawn Howard