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HOW TO HAVE A GREAT TRIAL EXPERIENCE AS A NOVICE

CHECKLIST FOR NOVICE EXHIBITORS THAT WILL MAKE THEIR TRIAL EXPERIENCE THE BEST

Novice Exhibitor Trial Checklist

Pre-Trial

- Search the AKC event search to find trials you want to attend. Talk to your instructor or classmates about locations, judges, host clubs- gather lots of information!
- Find the premium for the trial you want to enter, review run orders, rewards & read through it entirely
- Fill out the entry form, use oaklines.com to populate the PDF if an online option is not available. Document what you entered, how you paid etc.
- Check your email for a receipt, then a week from the show for a confirmation
- Consider visiting the trial site prior to the trial & volunteering

Trial

- Plan to arrive with enough time to get setup & check in. Usually not more than an hour before your first run, check the run order, generally 40 dogs an hr for STD, 50 for JWW
- Leave your dog safely in the car to find where you will crate, where gate sheet check-ins are & get your bearings
- Don't be afraid to ask for help!
- Bring your dog in to get acclimated, do walk them around the ring only when NO OTHER dogs are running, so during walk throughs or builds
- Talk with the trial secretary & judge if you need to get measured

HAVE FUN!!!!!!