

Official Premium for
Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association CARO Trial

To be held on November 23 and 24, 2024

Hosted by: Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association

Judges: Sandra Clow and Lily Jackson

Venue: Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association

Address: 10 Pearl Place, St. John's, NL A1E 4P3

Trial Numbers: T24-122 and T24-123

Trial Chairperson and Secretary: Lois Hammond

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Entries open: Sunday, November 3, 2024

Entries close: Monday, November 18, 2024

Registration Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14GgT3RfBXvtQIbTilauw0UPpAxVDO1fuPif4X4jEnxM/edit?pli=1&pli=1>

This event is held under the Canadian Association of Rally Obedience rules, please consult the handbooks for the rules: www.canadianrallyo.ca. This trial has been approved by CARO.

Judging Panel:

Sandra Clow	Charlottetown, PE	NAE
Lily Jackson	Halifax, NS	NAE, VX and Working

Competing in CARO:

Rally Obedience titles are obtained after the team (handler and dog) has received 3 qualifying scores, under two different judges. The team can then move to the next level. If your dog has not competed in CARO before, you will start in Novice, and in Working Class you will start at Rookie.

This is a limited entry trial. Moves ups will be permitted during the trial. Day of Entries accepted on both days if the entry limit is not reached.

For this trial we will have Rally Obedience events on Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24 and Working Class events on Sunday, November 24, 2024. Participants may opt to enter individual events as competitors of For Exhibition Only (FEO).



Saturday November 23, 2024 (in order) - Rally Obedience

- 2 Novice Team courses
- 3 Novice courses
- 3 Advanced courses
- 3 Excellent courses

Sunday, November 24, 2024 - Workshop, Working Class and Rally Obedience

Workshop: On Sunday morning prior to the start of the trial, Lily Jackson will offer a 1.5 hour workshop to introduce the Working class exercises. Lily will provide training strategies for these exercises. The cost will be \$50 per working team; there will be space for 6 working teams. There will also be an opportunity for people to audit the workshop; the fee for auditing will be \$15. Registration for the workshop as a working participant or an auditor will include registration for one working class event during the trial. You may register for this event on the registration form; space is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

- 4 rounds of working (Rookie, Elite, Expert, nested)
 - Rounds one and two will include exercises 1-5, rounds three and four will include exercises 6-10. Competitors can choose between 1 and 5 exercises per round.
- 2 Novice Team courses
- 1 Novice course
- 1 Advanced course
- 1 Excellent course

The 10 Working Class Exercises are:

1. Drop on Recall
2. Retrieve on Flat
3. Barrel Racing
4. Directed Jumping
5. Designated Retrieve
6. Back Away
7. Round the Clock
8. Distance Signals
9. Retrieve over Jump
10. Scent Discrimination (Handler Scent)



How do Working Class rounds work?

Competitors may choose between 1 and 5 exercises for each round. Everyone starts at the Rookie level and must complete 3 passes of an individual exercise at that level before they can move up to the next level in that exercise.

The working exercises in a single round are judged individually. You can “Not Yet” some exercises in a round and you will keep any Qs for the exercises you passed. You may mix the levels of the exercises you are doing in a round.

FEO is an option in Working Class, but you cannot mix FEO and competing exercises in one round. If you wish to do some exercises as FEO, the whole round must be FEO.

In order to earn titles in CARO Working, you must achieve 3 passes (under at least two different judges) at a given level (i.e., Rookie) in 5 of the exercises for the first title in Working: CARO Working Rookie I. If you achieve 3 passes in all 10 exercises at Rookie, you earn the CARO working Rookie II title, and so on.

For more information on these exercises, please refer to the CARO Master Working Handbook:

<https://www.canadianrallyo.ca/kcfinder/upload/files/MWH2023.1%20%202023%2008%2012.pdf>

Please scroll to the bottom of the premium to see who is judging each run. This will help you ensure that you compete under at least two different judges, so that your 3 Qualifying scores for a title count.

Please ensure your dog’s jump height (and spread for Excellent) is indicated on the entry form. The heights can be found in the handbook and will also be specified in the entry form. Please enter your dog’s jump height even if you are in Novice, this way if you move up to Advanced at the trial, we already have your jump height recorded.

Reminder: The only classes in CARO that are ON LEASH are Novice and Novice Team. Food rewards are allowed in Novice, Advanced, and Novice and Advanced Team, and Working Class. However, your dog must enter and exit the ring on leash in all classes

Dogs must have a CARO Registration number to enter in the trial:

CARO dog registration numbers are valid for the dog’s lifetime. Get your dog’s CARO Registration number here <https://www.canadianrallyo.ca/page/registerdog> (The website is best accessed on a desktop computer,)



Handler Membership:

Handlers do not need to be a member to compete. There are benefits to being a member such as lower rates for dog registration and Qualifying score/Title tracking, and you get to attend the annual general meeting. There is a yearly membership fee to be a member. Becoming a member ultimately helps CARO. CARO members will receive a \$5 discount on their total fees.

Ribbons and Prizes!

- Ribbons for qualifying runs for all levels of Rally Obedience.
- Rosettes for competitors who earn a new title.
- Prizes will be awarded to High in Class in each of the regular streams of Novice A/B, Advanced A/B and Excellent A/B Rally.
- There will be fun prizes awarded including Screw the Q draws and Judge’s Pick awarded each day.

Entry Fees

Regular Rally Entry Fees	\$17.50	Rally Team Entry	\$8.75
Day of Entries	\$17.50	Team Bye dog	\$0
For Exhibition Only*	\$15	Working Class	\$17.50

***For Exhibition Only:**

Dogs can enter For Exhibition Only and compete FEO in any class. FEO runs are like Fun Match runs, where you can feed cookies whenever on the course, but you cannot throw food on the ground. You can wear a treat pouch in FEO. FEO runs do not count towards Qs or Titles. If you have a Rally Novice title in any venue, you can compete in FEO in any level of CARO. If you do not have a Rally Novice title yet, you can only compete in Novice FEO

Team Bye dogs:

Bye dogs do not compete for a Q, but they still are being judged and must follow the rally rules. A dog with a Novice or Advanced Title (but not higher) can be a bye dog for Novice Team. Bye dogs do not have to pay to enter because they will not be competing for a qualifying score, even though their teammate will be.

If you are competing in Rally Team but do not have a partner yet, please note “need a partner” on the entry form and we will pair you either with a competing team or a Bye dog. If you want to offer your dog as a Bye dog in case there is a team who needs a partner, please sign your dog up as a Bye dog. We will organize teammates once all of the entries are in. You are also allowed to specify who you want as your



teammate, whether they are a Bye dog or a competing team. Team is a great way to warm up your dog at the start of the day!

Payment: Once you complete the trial registration form and your form is processed, you will receive a confirmation email that will explain payment methods. Please do not send payment before you have received your confirmation.

Refunds: There will be no refund for entries withdrawn after the closing date (November 18) or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal.

Ring Size: 40 X 50 ft

Crating:

There is limited space for crating dogs inside; every effort will be made to accommodate all teams who wish to crate inside. Dogs can be crated in your car as long as this is done safely, considering November weather. Dogs who are kept inside the building should be kept in crates until their name is called by the gate steward. When not in their crate, all dogs must be kept on leash and under control at all times, unless in the ring. Please remember that dogs must enter and exit the ring on leash.

Sensitive Dog Accommodations:

If you have a sensitive dog, please indicate that on the entry form and we will do our best to work with you to find a way for your dog to play CARO. You are welcome to contact the trial chair directly (lois@mun.ca) to discuss the options that might be available to you to help you get involved.

Miscellaneous Notes:

Please pick up after your dog and do not let them urinate on or near the building.

Handlers must remove outside shoes once they enter the foyer of the building. Handlers may wear inside shoes in the building.



Judging Schedule

Saturday, November 23			Sunday, November 24		
1	Novice Team 1	Saundra	1	Working 1	Lily
2	Novice Team 2	Saundra	2	Working 2	Lily
3	Novice 1	Saundra	3	Working 3	Lily
4	Novice 2	Lily	4	Working 4	Lily
5	Novice 3	Lily	5	Novice Team 3	Lily
6	Advanced 1	Lily	6	Novice Team 4	Lily
7	Advanced 2	Saundra	7	Novice 4	Saundra
8	Advanced 3	Saundra	8	Advanced 4	Lily
9	Excellent 1	Saundra	9	Excellent 4	Saundra
10	Excellent 2	Lily			
11	Excellent 3	Lily			

The following information is from the CARO Master General Handbook 2022:

Eligibility to Participate

Dogs

- Must be at least six months of age.
- May be of any breed or mix of breeds.
- Dogs that are physically challenged are welcome, providing they do not show evidence of being in pain or discomfort.
 - The Judge shall excuse any dog that appears to be in pain or discomfort.
 - A Judge's decision is final.
 - Please refer to the section modifications section to learn how courses can be modified to accommodate dogs with challenges.
- Dogs over 7 years of age may compete as a Veteran.
- Female dogs in estrus (heat) may not compete at in person trials.
- A dog must have an individual dog registration number from CARO.
- Please note: Dogs exhibiting signs of aggression that threaten the safety of other dogs or people shall be excused from competition at the discretion of either the Judge or the Trial Chairperson.
 - Handlers may be requested to either confine the dog or remove them from the venue.



- Refusal to do so by the dog's handler shall result in permanent removal of both that dog and that handler's eligibility for future events.

Handlers

- All handlers are welcome!
- Handlers who are physically challenged are encouraged to compete.
 - Where needed, modifications shall be made to a course layout to accommodate the challenge.
- Please note: Trials Hosts have the right to refuse entry to handlers who have violated the CARO Code of Ethics.
- Handlers do not have to be members of CARO to participate in trials.

Dog Equipment

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses

- A flat buckle, snap collar or a fixed harness and a leash are approved equipment.
- Leashes - should be long enough to provide adequate slack. Hands free leashes are acceptable.
- When a fixed harness is used, the leash must be attached to the back.
- Prohibited Equipment –
 - Muzzles, martingale collars, choke collars, prong collars, shock collars, martingale leads, head halters, moving harnesses or any harnesses that are designed to be correctional are not permitted in the ring.
 - Extendable leashes, slip leashes, prong, shock, and choke collars are not permitted on trial grounds.