

River Valley Rally-O Club

presents a **CARO Sanctioned Rally Obedience Trial (T20-022)**

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Dynamo Dogsport Training Hall
8419 24 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6P 1K3
Indoors, Limited Entry

Classes offered:

- Three **Novice** runs
- Three **Advanced** runs
- Three **Excellent** runs
- Three **Novice Team** runs

Judge: Sarah-Jane Brenner-Petti

Closing date: **Friday, February 21, 2020**

Chairperson: Peggy McCallum

Secretary: Jessica Cohen
mosaicdogs@gmail.com

How to enter:

Please send your registration form and entry fee to	Via mail: Jessica Cohen 50476 Range Road 223 Leduc County, Alberta T0B 3M2	Via email: mosaicdogs@gmail.com
Methods of payment	Cash, cheque (payable to Jessica Cohen) or eTransfer sent to mosaicdogs@gmail.com	
NOTE: Payment must be received at time of entry, no later than 24 hours before the closing date of February 21, 2020 , or when entries limits are met.		

Entries will be accepted post closing date as long as limit has not been reached.

Move ups to the next level during the trial will be allowed, entries in additional classes also, if space available. The request for move up or additional class entry must be made to the Trial Secretary no less than 30 minutes before that class starts.

Notice to Competitors – General Information

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of and will abide by CARO Rally Obedience rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the following rules regarding entry:

- An officiating Judge, and/or the Chairperson of the trial, may dismiss from the trial site any person subjecting the Judge or members or the organizing committee to abuse, whether that person is competing in the trial or not.
- Trial organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry and if an exhibitor must be asked to leave the show grounds for any reason, they will not be issued a refund.
- There will be no refunds for entries withdrawn after the closing date, or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal. Refunds will be issued for bitches that come into season provided a veterinarian's certificate is received by the Trial Secretary on or before the date of the Trial.
- This is a titling event under CARO rules and regulations. CARO is open to all dogs being at least six (6) months of age, including purebred and mixed breeds, except bitches in season or dogs with injuries or illnesses, which may cause the dog pain or great discomfort, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression that threaten the safety of other dogs or humans. See the CARO website for a full description and the CARO official rules and regulations at <https://www.canadianrallyo.ca/page/Publication>
- All dogs must be registered with CARO Rally to compete. A registration form is available at <https://www.canadianrallyo.ca/page/registerdog>
- Handlers may submit the Individual Dog Registration form filled out and accompanied by a cheque to CARO for the amount required to the Trial secretary. The Trial secretary will then submit the registration with the Trial Results.
- CARO members receive discounted entry fees. Membership application is available at <https://www.canadianrallyo.ca/page/membershipapplication>. The

application may be completed, with payment to CARO, with your registration form. Membership number must be included on the trial entry form for discount.

- The trial will be run in accordance with CARO rules and regulations – the judge will explain the rules for the event during the Judge’s briefing held immediately before the first walk through of the day.
- Dogs with disabilities are allowed and encouraged to compete. Please let the trial secretary know of modifications that may be needed. The dogs must not show evidence of being in pain or discomfort. The judge shall excuse any dog that does so.
- Physically challenged handlers are encouraged to participate. Handlers shall provide the judge with a written description of how they intend to perform any of the course exercises that must be modified. The modification must be approximate to the best of the handler’s ability. The judge must approve and initial the modifications and attach the written description to the score sheet.
- Handlers, through entry at this event, accept full responsibility for themselves, and the actions of their dogs and/or children. Any competitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behaviour may be asked to leave with NO REFUND of fees.
- All children must be supervised by a parent who is not competing in the trial.
- Anyone observed disciplining their dog in a manner that offends a judge’s sensibilities will be excused and will forfeit entry fees.
- All dogs must be penned, crated or on leash when not in the ring. All dogs must be under control when they leave the ring after their run. Any dog engaging in aggressive or out of control behaviour when leaving the ring will be disqualified and/or required to leave the trial site with NO REFUND of fees.
- Dogs can be shown on a flat buckle or snap collar or plain harness. No choke, martingale, prong or shock collars, head halters or no-pull harnesses are allowed. Leashes should be made of fabric or leather and be long enough to provide adequate slack. Dogs at the advanced or excellent level are not required to compete with a collar.
- Upon successful completion of an exercise, the owner may choose to briefly pet or touch the dog as a reward. Food as a reward is allowed at the Novice and Advanced level only, but cannot be used as a lure to help the dog complete an

exercise. Food must be carried in the handler's right-hand pocket and only be present in the handler's hand in between exercises. Any petting, touching, or feeding that significantly interrupts the flow of performance shall be scored accordingly.

- A qualifying ribbon will be awarded to each dog/handler team who achieves a score of 170 or better, for individual dog classes; a score of 180 or better for brace & team events; a score of 190 or better for C stream. Handlers will also receive their dog's scorecard for each run performed.
- There shall be no refunds for entries withdrawn after the closing date, or when entry limits are met, or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal. However, refunds will be issued for dogs that come into heat or are injured & provide a veterinarian's certificate to the Trial Secretary.

Facilities:

- The event will be held indoors in a fully matted, gated ring. Limited indoor benching is available. Please bring your own lunch or visit our on-site concession for lunch, snacks, and drinks.
- All dogs must be crated, in an ex-pen, or on leash when not in the ring. Any dog engaging in aggressive behaviour at any time will be required to leave the trial grounds. Only dogs entered in the trial are allowed in the building.
- Please pick up after your dog, waste receptacles & bags will be provided.
- Exhibitors must keep crate and exercise areas clean. Please pick up after yourself and your dogs. We need to keep this venue available for future dog events!

Confirmations

Confirmations will be emailed after the closing deadline. You must provide an email address for confirmation. Schedule of events will be included with confirmation.

Rules and Class Descriptions

Stream Definitions:

- The "A" stream is for handlers who are beginners and have never titled a dog in any sport. They have not instructed or assisted with dog training classes in any sport.

- The “B” stream is for handlers who have worked a dog towards, and achieved, a title in any dog sport before, or have instructed or assisted in dog training classes.
- The “C” stream is the Championship stream for a handler at the Excellent level or higher that would like to go back and achieve a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Masters title.

You must be familiar the Rally-O exercise signs prior to the event. For a complete description of the Rally rules, regulations, performance guidelines, explanation of exercises and a detailed description of all classes, as well as C Stream, and Working Levels, go to: <http://www.canadianrallyo.ca>

For Exhibition Only (FEO) runs are done for experience and are not generally scored. At the judge’s discretion, a score sheet may be filled out for an FEO run in order to provide feedback to the handler. However, FEO runs are not eligible for placements, ribbons or prizes, and FEO runs do not count towards a title at any level. FEO runs will be offered at a reduced rate to encourage handlers to try new levels.