



You're invited to the ...

FOLLOW THE LEDA

— *3rd annual* —

**WINTER
AGILITY
CUP**

December

11 & 12, 2021

What is the WINTER CUP?

The WINTER CUP is a unique training and competition experience. That's right, **training AND competition** are snowballed into one fabulously frosty agility opportunity. Teams can choose to 'run competitively', to train, or even both! Regardless, all teams will run in a REAL trial setting (judge, scribe, leash runner, ring crew, etc.), enjoy the chance to win terrific prizes, a spot on the podium, and all while being allowed to use food and/ or toy reinforcers while in the ring! For many novice teams this is a key "stepping-stone" experience that they are missing. Too often teams leap directly from the classroom into an actual competition - without ever having rehearsed and rewarded desired behaviors within the distracting trial setting. For experienced teams, many master-level dogs have become "ring-wise" and clearly understand the difference between a classroom training drill verses the "real deal". Some dogs may run slower, some much faster, and often precious criteria on start-lines, contacts or other obstacles have been lost along the way. Don't let this opportunity to REWARD in the ring (+WIN FANCY AWARDS) pass your team by!





CHOOSE YOUR CUP



Eligibility: open to dogs who have not yet shown in any venue / organization OR who are still competing at the beginning levels of the following agility organizations
CPE Levels 1,2&3, AKC Novice, UKI Beginner/ Novice, USDAA Starters.
Dogs training at the Master Level should enter the Master CUP

NOVICE
CUP
Saturday,
December 11

MASTER
CUP
Sunday,
December 12

Eligibility: open to dogs who are showing (or training!) at the higher levels of competition and have already achieved one or more agility titles. Open to dogs competing in: CPE Levels 4,5 & C, AKC Excellent/ Masters, UKI Senior/ Champion, USDAA Advanced/Master

**2 CUP
CATEGORIES!**
That means 4
runs for \$65.
Including all
day snacks &
drinks.

your team
could win
**OVERALL
CUP
CHAMPION,
RESERVE
CHAMPION OR
TRAINING
CHAMPION**

**6 height
classes to
choose
from!**

**SPEED
Challenge
CUP**

**AGILITY
Challenge
CUP**

**That's THREE
championships
awarded each day!**

RULES

FOLLOW THE LEDA WINTER CUP - General Rules

*This event is open first to dogs and handlers who are current students at Follow the Leda. In the event the WINTER CUP does not fill with FTL students by 11-15-2021, spots will be opened up to the general agility community.

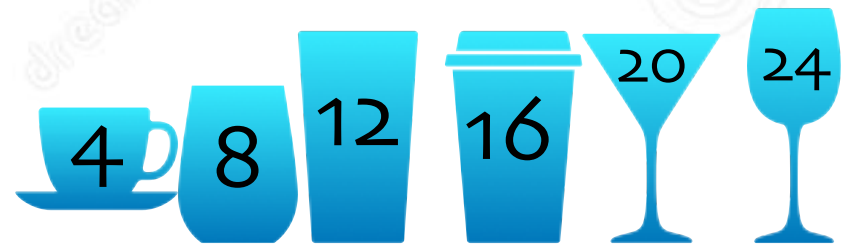
*There is no pre-qualification necessary to enter.

*There is a separate competition for each jump height and level. Novice teams will compete on Saturday in the NOVICE CUP, and experienced teams on Sunday in the MASTER CUP.

* **Use of Reinforcement.** Rewarding with food and toys IS allowed in the competition. Time spent rewarding will use up the limited allotted course time, so exhibitors should carefully strategize the use of their reinforcement. Food must be LIGHT in color (example: Charlie Bears) so it will clearly show up on the turf if dropped. Food should not be sticky or messy. DROPPED FOOD on the turf will result in a 3 second course time penalty per dropped treat. Treats must be delivered directly to the dog from your hand. If you need to throw a treat it must be delivered from a Lotus Ball (or similar treat-holding aid). A toy may always be thrown without penalty. Food that does not meet the above criteria will not be allowed in the ring and the use of said food will result in an instant elimination from that run. Handlers may run wearing a bait bag or with food in their pockets or hands.

* **Repeating Obstacles.** At any point in your run you may train or repeat obstacles. Repeating obstacles will use up limited course time. EX: Teeter criteria is not met and handler puts dog back on and rewards. **Judge will explain, provide examples and answer specific questions during the general briefing.**

Dogs may only compete in one height throughout the whole event. The following jump heights will be offered 4", 8", 12", 16", 20" and 24".



WIN A SPOT ON THE PODIUM!



❖ **THE WINTER CUP Scoring:** Any off course = an elimination. Dropped bars and missed contacts will each add a 3 second penalty to the dog's time. Dropped food will add a 3 second penalty to the dog's time. There are no refusals called in THE NOVICE CUP, but refusals will be called in THE MASTER CUP at a 3 second penalty each. Rewarding desired behaviors is strongly encouraged and will only use up allotted course time. Handlers should carefully strategize the use of their reinforcement in addition to their course handling plans. **NEW THIS YEAR:** there will be a special 'OVERALL CUP TRAINING CHAMPION' awarded each day!

❖ **The Winter Cup Overall Champion Awards** – Each day will produce ONE Overall CUP Champion (winner overall), ONE Overall Reserve Champion (2nd place overall) and ONE Overall CUP TRAINING CHAMPION. The first two titles will be awarded to the highest scoring dogs -combined across every jump height- from the cumulative results of the following events: "The Speed Challenge" and "The Agility Challenge" (see next page for details).

❖ A no-show in any class will result in disqualification from that competition, including awards and entry into the CUP Overall Winners result.

❖ Double Eliminations for each competition will not be placed in that event and will score 0 for the CUP Overall Winners tabulation, but not impact consideration for the Overall Training Champion award.

❖ In the event of a tie for the CUP Overall Winner, the "Agility Challenge" overall placement will be the deciding factor.

❖ The 'OVERALL CUP TRAINING CHAMPION' will be awarded to the team who best utilizes 'training in the ring' as deemed by the judge. Eliminations and faults do not influence the judges' consideration. The judge will only appraise your training decisions as they effect your canine teammate.

NOVICE CUP CATAGORIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Speed Challenge

- *Consists of 2 Speed Jumping rounds, with the results combined.
- *Cumulative scoring; least faults wins with time as tie breaker only.
- *In the event of a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off.
- * Eliminations on Round 1 will still progress to Round 2.
- * Eliminations will score 100 faults.
- * No refusals are called in THE NOVICE CUP.
- * Only jumps and tunnels will be used in the Speed Challenge Courses.
- * Faults: any off course = an elimination. Dropped bars and dropped food will add 3 seconds to the dogs time.

The Agility Challenge

- *Consists of 2 Standard Agility rounds, with the results combined.
- *Cumulative scoring; least faults wins with time as the tie breaker only.
- *In the event of a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off.
- * Eliminations on Round 1 will still progress to Round 2.
- * Eliminations will score 100 faults.
- * No refusals are called in THE NOVICE CUP.
- * Jumps, Tunnels, the A Frame and Dog Walk will be used - no Teeter or Weave Poles will be used.
- Faults: any off course = an elimination. Dropped bars, missed contacts and dropped food will add 3 seconds to the dogs time.

MASTER CUP CATAGORIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Speed Challenge

- *Consists of 2 Speed Jumping rounds, with the results combined.
- *Cumulative scoring; least faults wins with time as tie breaker only.
- *In the event of a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off.
- * Eliminations on Round 1 will still progress to Round 2.
- * Eliminations will score 100 faults.
- * Only jumps and tunnels will be used in the Speed Challenge Courses.
- * Faults: any off course = an elimination. Dropped bars, dropped food and refusals will add 3 seconds to the dogs time.

The Agility Challenge

- *Consists of 2 Standard Agility rounds, with the results combined.
- *Cumulative scoring; least faults wins with time as the tie breaker only.
- *In the event of a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off.
- * Eliminations on Round 1 will still progress to Round 2.
- * Eliminations will score 100 faults.
- * Jumps, Tunnels, 6 or 12 Weave Poles, the A Frame, Teeter and Dog Walk will be used.
- * Faults: any off course = an elimination. Dropped bars, dropped food and refusals will add 3 seconds to the dogs time.





AWARDS



- * **NEW THIS YEAR! THE OVERALL TRAINING CHAMPION AWARD.** Each day the judge will select one team who best demonstrates exemplary 'training in the ring' throughout the 4 CUP rounds. The prize includes a spot on the podium, festive rosette, CUP trophy, sparkling medal and a Winter Cup tote bag filled with goodies.
- * **The OVERALL CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION** from each day will earn a spot on the podium, large rosette, sparkling medal, CUP trophy, as well as a Winter CUP tote bag filled with goodies. In addition: the **OVERALL CHAMPION, RESERVE CHAMPION & TRAINING CHAMPION** will earn permanent recognition at the FTL training center with their achievements noted and on display upon the wall.
- * **Winter Medals** will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all of the individual rounds (Rounds 1 and 2 of The Speed Challenge and The Agility Challenge), for each day and for each height class.
- * The combined 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall winners, in each height class, of The Speed Challenge and The Agility Challenge will earn a spot on the podium as well as a festive rosette. In addition, all 1st place winners will receive a CUP trophy.
- * **The "Spirit of Hermes" Award.** Each day there will be a special award presented to the participant demonstrating the most excellent sportsmanship. The recipient will receive a beautiful rosette, unique medal and CUP trophy. This award is given to commemorate Tara's first agility dog, Hermes, without whom FTL would not exist. So . . . show of your wonderful sportsmanship!

Show Site

The show site is indoors, heated and on artificial turf footing. Please bring your own clean up supplies & water for your dog. Dogs must be kept on leash when not in the ring. A warm up jump will be provided outdoors IF the ground is not frozen or snowy.

Trial Site Rules

No correction collars (eCollars, prong, choke or other devices classified as aversive) are allowed. Follow the Leda grounds. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Trial Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Please NO SPIKE SHOES on the turf. Please wear clean footwear to preserve the flooring! If your dog soils the turf / you track in poo on your shoe, you must pay a \$10 clean up fee.

Food Services

Individually wrapped snacks & hot and cold beverages will be provided for all participants. **For safety reasons we can not offer lunch.** There is no food service on site, however we are only a few miles away from several restaurants and grocery stores. You may bring your own lunch and use our fridge/freezer and microwave. DoorDash delivery is also available from many local eateries.

Questions? Please contact the event manager: Tara Baggerman:
followtheledabc@gmail.com

Helpers

We depend on volunteers to make this a great event! All workers must check in with the show help coordinator at the show site to receive their work assignment; and must have a qualifying assigned job in order to be eligible for the fabulous worker raffle.

Crating

No indoor crating will be permitted. All participants must work out of their vehicles. We have plenty of parking spaces available.

COVID19 Safety: All participants must read and agree to FTL's COVID19 Safety policy. Current students have already done so. Visitors will be required to do so in order to participate. Contact Tara or Barb for the link to our policy & agreement. Regardless of vaccine status, **MASKS ARE REQUIRED BY ALL** when not running.



Trial
&
Site
Information



**Approximate
Event Time Table for Saturday
and Sunday**

Doors open at 8:30AM
Briefing at 9:15AM, Walk-
Through to follow.
First dog on the line at 9:40AM

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
THE NOVICE CUP**

To begin with the AGILITY
CHALLENGE, the SPEED
CHALLENGE to follow.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
THE MASTER CUP**

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Follow the Leda, LLC WINTER CUP ENTRY FORM

****ENTRIES ARE LIMITED** ENTER NOW! OPEN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 2021 for FTL students.**

Open to the rest of the agility community on November 15

**MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO: Follow the Leda C/O Barbara Fribourg, Trial Secretary
390 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

OR DROP OFF IN THE FTL CLASSROOM MAILBOX (fees payable to FOLLOW THE LEDA)

Name:

Phone:

Email address:

Name of Dog:

Breed:

Jump Height: 4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"

I am entering the above dog in (please circle your selection)

*****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

***THE NOVICE CUP — (includes both the SPEED Challenge and the AGILITY Challenge, 4 rounds total) \$65**

*****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

***THE MASTER CUP — (includes both the SPEED Challenge and the AGILITY Challenge, 4 rounds total) \$65**

TOTAL FEES: \$65 payable to FOLLOW THE LEDA

MUST SIGN WAIVER + INCLUDE WITH ENTRY

OPEN TO FTL STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 and OPEN TO THE REST OF THE AGILITY COMMUNITY ON NOVEMBER 15. Initial limit of 2 dogs per handler until November 15. Same handler may enter 2 dogs in the same CUP or one in each CUP. Contact Barb with questions.

FOLLOW THE LEDA WINTER CUP 2021

LIABILITY WAIVER / RELEASE: Owner agrees to release FOLLOW THE LEDA, LLC from all liability for any loss, damage or injury to persons, animals or property arising from or related to Owner's pet. Owner agrees that FOLLOW THE LEDA, LLC shall not be liable for loss or damage to animal for any reason. Payment in full will be made prior to each lesson via cash, check or money order unless other arrangements have been made with FOLLOW THE LEDA, LLC. Checks are cashed upon receipt. The person who signs this agreement represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both the exhibitor and the owner of the participating dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry: Exhibitor/owner certifies that any and every dog they bring to this facility, whether participation or not, is not a hazard to persons, dogs, or property and assume all responsibility, liability and expenses resulting from damages caused by their dog(s). Exhibitor/owner releases **FOLLOW THE LEDA, LLC** and their agents, officers & members and will defend them and hold them harmless from all present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving your dog, and or others equipment. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing hold harmless provisions, exhibitor/owner hereby specifically assume sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damages because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time in consequence of my (our) participation in the event or training, howsoever such injury or death may be caused and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons. Exhibitor/owner acknowledge all hazards presented by the training facility, event and the event premises, including but not limited to, the condition of grounds, lighting, security, measures or lack of, electrical appliances, fittings, parking areas, fences or the ability for a dog to escape from the training area, the presence of unfamiliar animals and people, the possibility of another ill animal or your own getting ill, and agility equipment; exhibitor and owner assume the risk of any harm arising from and any and all of these including allowing their dogs to run wearing collars, stop pad protectors, bitch in season pants, or any similar items. Everyone must be very careful to watch their dogs on the property, clean up after yourselves and your dogs. We reserve the right to excuse any person for what we deem excessive harshness, or any dog we feel cannot safely perform the obstacles. We reserve the right to excuse any person for what we deem as aggressive or abusive towards another person or dog.

All participants must read and agree to FOLLOW THE LEDA, LLC's COVID SAFTEY AGREEMENT.

Signature of Owner (over 18 years of age):

Owner's Name (Please Print):

Date Signed: