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WILD CARD CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

WILD CARD NOVICE:

The Wild Card Novice class is for any dog that is capable of performing the Novice exercises and that is eligible under the Obedience Regulations to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter, and handlers may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person, and may be entered in another class or classes. The Novice exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Novice class, except that verbal praise during the exercises is to be encouraged and not penalized. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Handlers may give additional commands, but they will be penalized accordingly. Each handler may choose to skip one exercise and receive full credit for that exercise. When checking in, the handler must inform the steward or judge which exercise will be skipped. If an exercise is skipped, it cannot be performed. If the handler chooses to perform all of the exercises, all will be scored. The exercises will be performed in the same order as the regular Novice class. The point values for the exercises, scoring, and maximum total points are the same as the regular Novice class.

WILD CARD OPEN:

The Wild Card Open class is for any dog capable of performing the Open exercises and that is eligible under the Obedience Regulations to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter, and handlers may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person, and may be entered in another class or classes. The Open exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Open A class, except that verbal praise during the exercises is to be encouraged and not penalized. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Handlers may give additional commands, but they will be penalized accordingly. Each handler may choose to skip one exercise and receive full credit for that exercise. When checking in, the handler must inform the steward or judge which exercise will be skipped. If an exercise is skipped, it cannot be performed. If the handler chooses to perform all of the exercises, all will be scored. The exercises will be performed in the same order as in the regular Open A class. The point values for the exercises, scoring, and maximum total points are the same as in the regular Open class.

WILD CARD UTILITY:

The Wild Card Utility class is for any dog that is capable of performing the Utility exercises and that is eligible under the Obedience Regulations to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter, and handlers may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the



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owner or any other person, and may be entered in another class or classes. The Utility exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Utility A class, except that verbal praise during the exercises is to be encouraged and not penalized. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Handlers may give additional commands, but they will be penalized accordingly. Each handler may choose to skip one exercise and receive full credit for that exercise. When checking in, the handler must inform the steward or judge which exercise will be skipped. If an exercise is skipped, it cannot be performed. If the handler chooses to perform all of the exercises, all will be scored. The exercises will be performed in the same order as in the regular Utility A class. The point values for the exercises, scoring, and maximum total points are the same as in the regular Utility class. Handlers are allowed to praise their dogs during the performance of all Utility exercises except the signal exercise.