

THE ALL STAR TOURNAMENT

When dog fanciers speak of obedience, agility or rally competition, most are referring to trials sanctioned by the various registries such as the American Kennel Club (AKC), the United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA), the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), the United Kennel Club (UKC) and other, individual registries. However, there is also a long tradition of tournaments, events where handlers and their dogs, who compete in different registries and in different countries, can compete against one another.

The All Star Performance Dog Association (ASPDA) will be hosting its 7th All Star Obedience, Agility and Rally Championships on August 6, 7 and 8, 2010, in York, PA. This competition follows in the tradition of the Gaines obedience tournaments, which set the standard for over 20 years, but now includes agility and rally, too!

A tournament was then, and All Star remains now, a fabulous event, where competitors are treated like the fine sportswomen and men they are. After all, just qualifying for All Star means a team has demonstrated a high level of ability! All Star's entry fee includes a bag or small duffel, filled with goodies and a certificate of achievement and small medallion on a ribbon. All Star wants to make each and every competitor feel welcome. No titles are awarded, but those who have attended are justifiably proud of that achievement.

So, come out and try a tournament! The tournament tradition of offering high-level competition for all levels, from many different registries, continues. Remember, you do not have to only compete in AKC events to qualify. For more information, go to www.allstardogs.org See you there!