

2006 WLAOTC Show 'n Assist Protocol

The monthly Show 'n Go will henceforth be called the Show 'n Assist in celebration of the reciprocity of our WLAOTC members' mutually sustaining relationships. To clarify expectations, duty assignments will be specific.

The order of classes will rotate from month to month as they have in the past, i.e. the last class of the prior month will become the first class of the current month. The first class running on the day will be responsible for helping to set up the ring, baby gates, jumps, etc. Anyone not in the first class who would like to help set up is welcome. If a timely start is important to you then, by all means, come and help set up! Participants in the first class of the day are responsible for arriving early in order to begin setting up at 8:30 a.m. (please allow extra time if you are also setting up personal equipment such as crates and x-pens). The judge will begin after the ring is set up. Those in the last class of the day or the last five participants according to the sign-up list (whichever group is larger) will be responsible for tearing down the equipment and returning it to the lockers. Again, any one not in this group who would like to help is welcome.

Every participant, regardless of class, will be required to steward once for each time they run a dog. The limit is two runs total per day so you can run two dogs once or one dog twice if you choose. The sign-up sheet will now include a column for steward sign-ups and participation will be matched against this list. Helping change jump heights, acting as a post for figure eights, and in Utility, laying out gloves, articles and go-out targets, are all responsibilities of the steward. **All dogs not being actively handled are to be contained in crates (close the door, please!), ex-pens or vehicles, including the time during which you are responsible for stewarding another participant. If the participant for whom you are stewarding is warming up for their run, you should be getting ready by securing your dog.**

Some consequences for non-compliance:

Those wishing to be in the first class who do not arrive early enough to be listed in the set up crew (i.e. before the poles go into the ground) will not run dogs in the first class of the day. Those shirking stewarding duties or those responsible for tear down who do not participate in returning the equipment to the lockers will have their names noted on the sign up list and lose the privilege of running any dogs at the following Show 'n Assist. In order to run a dog at the next Show 'n Assist they may attend, they must be present for set-up, even if they are not showing in the first class of the day. [Please announce your intent to the co-chairs so that we may note your participation.]