

DALMATIAN ROAD TRIAL HOST CLUB DOCUMENTS

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DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA
APPLICATION TO HOST A DCA SANCTIONED ROAD TRIAL

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*For any individual, club, or organization that would like to Host a DCA Road Trial: Please fill out the following form & submit via email (preferred) or USPS mail to the DCA Road Trial Committee **at least 5 months before the planned date** of your trial. The DCA RT Committee will consider your application and then hold a vote. If approved by the Committee, your application will then be sent to the DCA Board for approval/disapproval at a quarterly Board meeting. You will be notified of the decision as soon as the Board vote has been completed. **You must also submit your Premium List for approval to the DCA Road Trial Committee at least 1 month before publication of the Premium List.***

NAME OF HOST CLUB/ORGANIZATION:

NAME OF HOST CHAIR:

CONTACT INFORMATION (email or other address, phone #s):

PROPOSED DATE(S):

IS THIS A PROPOSED CLUSTER? Will the entry be limited? Please provide more information:

PROPOSED LOCATION (include a description):

CERTIFIED JUDGE (if your preferred judge is not yet certified, please list qualifications & timeline for certification):

CLASSES to be offered (a full RT must offer CC, RD, & RDX. A CC Only Trial may offer the CC/CCC only. All other classes are at the discretion of the Host Club):

NON-REGULAR CLASSES TO BE OFFERED (if any):

OTHER EVENTS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS TRIAL (if any):

RENTAL HORSE INFORMATION (list source of rental horses, if offered, & proposed prices. List whether or not you will provide a rental horse & carriage for the CCC):

CARRIAGE SUITABILITY INFORMATION (describe whether or not the distance portion of the RD & RDX will be suitable for a horse & carriage (CCNC, CCIC, RDC & RDXC). If your trail is not cart/carriage suitable, will you offer a different trail for carriage competitors or will you notify exhibitors in the Premium List that the trail is not suitable for carriages?):

NAMES OF EVENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS & their assigned responsibilities: (at least 5 names; at least 4 active volunteers plus one member of the current DCA Board who has agreed to be on your Committee):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

5. DCA BOARD MEMBER:

PROPOSED BUDGET (include planned expenses & source of funding):

PREMIUM LIST: *(must be submitted to the DCA Road Trial Committee for approval before you publish/post/send out your Premium List)*. Please attach your proposed Premium List or note the date you will submit your PL to the RT Committee: (date) _____

Information regarding certification of judges, requirements for the Host Club, etc. may be found in the Road Trial Regulations (www.dalmatianclubofamerica.org/road-trial/). Additional support information may be obtained from the DCA RT Committee Chair Peggy Ann Strupp pstrupp@gmail.com or the DCA RT Committee Judge's Education chair, Lori McCrone jmccrone@stny.rr.com submit to: DCA RT Comm. Chair: pstrupp@gmail.com

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOST CLUB

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA ROAD TRIALS

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BEFORE THE TRIAL:

HOST CLUB & EVENT COMMITTEE:

HOST CHAIR: appoint a responsible, dedicated chairperson. This person must be a DCA member in good standing. The Host Chair may own/co-own or exhibit a dog at the trial.

EVENT COMMITTEE: appoint a committee of at least 5 responsible persons: 4 may be from the Host Club and at least 1 person must be on the DCA Board of Governors. At least 3 of the Event committee must be present on site on the day of the Trial. (Ch. 1, Section 8).

SECRETARY: a show secretary must be appointed to accept entries. If the Host Club allows it, the Secretary may own/co-own or exhibit a dog at the trial (Ch. 1, Sec. 7a; Ch. 1, Sec. 20).

APPLICATION TO HOST:

SANCTIONING: request permission to host a DCA Road Trial by sending in a proposal to the DCA Road Trial Committee chairman. The Committee will then review the proposal and approve or disapprove the proposal. If the proposal is approved by the Committee, it will then be sent to the DCA Board for approval or disapproval at one of their quarterly meetings. The proposal **MUST** be submitted enough in advance to be reviewed at a quarterly Board meeting at least 3 months before the proposed Road Trial. The proposal should include date, location, budget, chairman, committee names, secretary, the name of the certified judge, on-call veterinarian, sources for rental horses, name of the person/committee responsible for preparing the site, the division of responsibilities within the committee, etc. (Road Trial Regulations Chapter 1, Section 5-9).

BUDGET: develop and approve a budget through the Host Club; include this budget in your proposal. The budget must include the source of income; i.e.: entry fees, fundraising, trophy donations, corporate sponsorships, etc.

SITE: select, secure, and prepare an appropriate site (see "Site Selection for a Dalmatian Road Trial," and "Site Preparation for a Dalmatian Road Trial"). This should include any necessary permits and written agreements with the landowner(s). All attempts should be made to secure a site that is appropriate for carts (Ch. 3, Sec. 3). A back-up site should also be selected (Ch. 3). The site must include an outdoor area of sufficient size where the Judged Exercises will be held (Ch. 3 Sec.3).

RENTAL HORSES & JUDGE'S HORSE: It is the responsibility of the Host Club to attempt to locate one or more rental horse suppliers to enable exhibitors without horses to make arrangements for a rental horse. *If rental horses are not going to be available for a particular trial, it should be so stated in the Premium List, and announced to the general membership of the DCA at least 3 months before the trial. The same rule applies if the rental horses are limited.* The Host must obtain a written estimate from supplier for a minimum number of horses on the specified date at a guaranteed price for a specified amount of time. Rental horses should be available the day before the trial for a match-up with exhibitors, a test ride, and the pre-trial course review. On the day of the trial, rental horses should remain available until after the awards have been given out in case of a run-off. *Remember, you will need to keep one horse available for the judge and at least one horse available for exhibitors in case of a run-off.* Notify exhibitors of rental horse arrangements. Final arrangements for exhibitor rental horses are the responsibility of the exhibitor, and should be between the exhibitor and the supplier (Ch. 2, Sec. 8). Written estimate and contract required by DCA. Supplier may require a deposit and a liability release from exhibitors.

CONTRACTS: Contract required for judge. A written agreement is required for the landowner(s). A written estimate and contract is required from the rental horse supplier (see above). A liability release & USEA medical card (or similar) is required from all exhibitors. The Host may also require a liability release from all spectators.

INSURANCE: The Host Club should consider getting liability insurance for the event. At the DCA Nationals, the liability for the Road Trial will be arranged for by the Dalmatian Club of America as part of the National event. All other Road Trials should secure their own insurance for their event.

PREMIUM LIST & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PREMIUM LIST: Premium list must include liability release form and statement of risk; date; location; sponsoring organization; show secretary; Chairman; Committee; classes offered; judge; veterinarian on call; directions to the veterinary clinic taking call; trophies, ribbons, limitation of entries (see Ch. 1, Sec. 15); entry form, availability of rental horses and contact information for rental horse supplier (or information stating no rental horses will be

available); whether or not the course is appropriate for carts (Ch. 3, Sec. 3); hotel information, time of judge's briefing; liability release; and any other pertinent information.

VETERINARIAN: The Host must arrange *in advance* for a licensed veterinarian to be on call. The name & location of the veterinarian, along with emergency contact information and directions from the Road Trial site to the veterinary clinic, must be printed in the Premium List & displayed prominently at the Road Trial site.

STABLING OF EXHIBITOR HORSES: Locate stables to board horses that may be brought in by exhibitors. The Host should make any pertinent information available to exhibitors, such as required vaccinations, directions to the rental stable, cost of stabling, etc. Actual arrangements will be the responsibility of each exhibitor bringing in a horse.

PRE-SHOW MAILING: prepare information to be included in a pre-show mailing or social media announcement, to potential exhibitors.

HOTELS: locate hotels in the area that will accept dogs.

LIMITATIONS OF ENTRIES: The Premium List must state any limitation of entries, as determined by daylight hours on the day of the trial and/or any other limits. The Premium List must also define how limits will be reached.

CATALOG OR PAMPHLET & ORDER OF RUNNING:

RANDOM DRAW OF "ORDER OF RUNNING": (within 4 days of the closing date). The order in which the teams shall be run shall be drawn according to Ch. 1, Sec. 17. "Start" times should be assigned, and exhibitors must be notified of their start time (most exhibitors can be notified via email).

ASSIGN NUMBERS AND COLORS: After drawing the order of running, each team shall be assigned a team number. That number will be worn on the back of the exhibitor and must correspond with the number in the catalog. In teams of 2 or 3 dogs, each dog shall also be assigned a color. The color of the dog must correspond with a wide collar or jacket the dog will wear. Such numbers and colors must be listed in the catalog or the Road Trial Pamphlet/Catalog.

NOTIFY EXHIBITORS: The Host shall notify exhibitors of their start time, directions to the site, final rental horse information, date and time of review of course, etc.

PRINT CATALOG OR ROAD TRIAL PAMPHLET: (Ch. 1, Sec. 5). The Host must print a pamphlet for distribution on the day of the trial that lists exhibitors, dogs, teams, numbers, colors, and order of running (start times). This can be just one sheet of paper, or it can be a "catalog", including advertisements and other information, as determined by the Host. After the trial, a marked catalog or pamphlet must be sent to the DCA Corresponding Secretary and to the DCA Road Trial Committee Chairman.

PROVIDE NUMBERS FOR EXHIBITORS TO WEAR: Each exhibitor should wear a number that corresponds with the number printed in the catalog or RT Pamphlet. The team number must be worn on the back of the exhibitor.

COLLARS OR JACKETS FOR MULTIPLE DOGS ON A TEAM: When multiple dogs are on a team, each dog must wear a color-coded wide collar or jacket. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide different colored collars or jackets for each dog on a team. The Host Chair should contact exhibitors that are running more than one dog on their team & ask them what color of wide collar or what color of jacket each dog on the team will wear. In the catalog, each dog on a team must be assigned a color that corresponds with the color the dog will wear. For example: if Team 101 is running 2 dogs and one dog will wear blue & the other will wear red, the dogs would be listed by name and identified as 101 Blue and 101 Red. When there is only one dog on a team, the catalog will not list a color.

PREPARATION OF SITE:

MEASURE THE DISTANCE: For classes with a distance requirement, you will need to choose an area where the required mileage can be completed, and correctly measure that mileage. For RD/RDC & RDX/RDXC, a 6 mile to 6 ¼ mile loop is the easiest configuration for Rest Stops, etc. If trails are limited, a 4 (+) mile loop can also be successful. Carriage exhibitors & mounted exhibitors must perform the Judged Exercises on the same course, but carriages may complete their *distance* on a different course/trail than the mounted exhibitors if necessary. If you offer the 3 & 6 mile classes, you will also need to measure & mark those distances.

VERIFICATION OF DISTANCE: Ch 3, Sec. 7: The Event Committee must verify the distance completed by each exhibitor competing in a class with required distance. Method of verification is determined by the Host Event Committee. Verification may include having exhibitors take a selfie in front of a sign or marker at a specific place on the trail (& show the selfie to the judge at the rest stop) or having a steward placed at the furthest point on the trail or having

a trail camera on the furthest point on the trail or having a sign-in sheet at the furthest point on the trail; etc. (see also: "Site Preparation for a Dalmatian Road Trial"). Verification evidence is presented to the judge after each loop or at the completion of the mileage and the judge must mark it on the score sheets. The DCA Board and/or the DCA Road Trial Committee may ask to review the verification evidence.

MARK THE TRAIL: The Regulations require the Host to make certain preparations to the site such as: measuring the trail, providing water on the trail, mile markers, directional markers, specific markers for the judged exercises, check points on the trail, Rest Stop, etc. The distance portion of the trail should be well marked & easy to follow, including markers at every crossroad & fork in the trail. Course Layout is at the discretion of the Host Club (both the Judged Exercises & the distance). See Ch 3. See also: the RT document "Site Preparation".

FOR THE JUDGE:

JUDGE(S): (Chapter 6.) The Host must arrange for a mounted judge that has been certified by the Dalmatian Club of America Judge's Certification Committee. If the judge is to be paid, this must be in the budget. At a minimum, transportation and meals are usually provided. A contract is required.

PREPARE OFFICIAL JUDGES BOOK: Ch. 1, Sec. 29; Ch. 6, Sec. 11. The Host must prepare an official judge's book which includes score sheets & aggregate score sheets for the mounted judge. This can be a 3-ring binder with the official score sheets enclosed. The judge may have separate score sheets to use during the trial. They then transfer their scores to the official aggregate score sheets in the official judge's book at the end of the trial. The Official Judge's Book should also include blank "incident" forms (in case of dog aggression), & a copy of the RT Regulations for reference if internet is not available on site. After the trial is completed, the Host sends the official judge's book to the DCA Corresponding Secretary, with copies of the score sheets & marked catalog to the DCA Road Trial Committee.

AGGREGATE SCORE SHEETS: The Host may provide an aggregate score sheet to each exhibitor listing the score each dog received in each scored exercise, the total time on course, and all pass/fail ratings. This exhibitor copy of the official aggregate score sheet must be marked "UNOFFICIAL COPY". If the Host wishes, the Host may hand-copy comments from the judge(s) onto the aggregate score sheets, but the original score sheets are not to be given to exhibitors. A copy of the aggregate score sheet is included in the Host packet.

CONTRACT: Contract required for judge.

JUDGE'S HORSE: The judge must be mounted. The Host must provide a stable, quiet horse for the mounted judge to ride during the judged exercises. This horse must remain available for use until after the awards have been given out.

STEWARDS: The Regulations require a minimum of one judge's steward; a Start/Finish steward, and a handler for the Distraction dog. One or more stewards may be placed at the farthest point(s) on the trail to verify completion of the required distance (see "Verification of Distance.") The Start/finish steward must also record the time in/time out at the mid-point rest stop(s) & will need a form to record these & then report them to the judge. Other stewards may also be advisable.

SCORE SHEETS: Print out the correct score sheets for each class that has entries. Print out aggregate score sheets for the judge & for the exhibitors.

PREPARE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF A CHAMPIONSHIP LEG, & CERTIFICATES OF

PARTICIPATION: It is the responsibility of the Host to obtain official DCA title certificates, fill them out for the dogs that qualify, have the certificates signed by the DCA president and the judges, and present these certificates to the qualifying exhibitors (Ch. 4, Sec. 1). The preparation of the certificates may be completed in advance and awarded only to the dogs that earn them on the day of the trial. Title certificates must be signed by the judge(s) and the DCA president. "Leg" & participation certificates are signed by the judge and the Host Chair. If a title certificate has been prepared in advance for a dog that does not qualify, the certificate is then destroyed. The Regulations require the Host provide Certificates of Participation for all exhibitors, regardless of qualifying status. Non-DCA certificates may be prepared & awarded by the Host Club in non-Regular classes. A digital file of the official DCA certificates of title is available from the DCA Road Trial Chair.

TRY-OUT RIDE & JUDGE'S BRIEFING:

ARRANGE FOR JUDGE'S BRIEFING/COURSE REVIEW WITH EXHIBITORS: The exhibitors should be encouraged to attend a judge's briefing where they can ask questions of the judge. This is usually held in the afternoon or evening of the day before the trial, in conjunction with a course review. The scheduled time for the judge's briefing should be printed in the Premium List.

CONDUCT JUDGE'S BRIEFING & "TRY-OUT" RIDE: The Regulations suggest that exhibitors ride their horses in the judged exercise area before the trial without dogs (Ch. 3, Sec. 8). *Dogs are not allowed on the Judged Exercise Area before judging begins.* Exhibitors should also be encouraged to try out their rental horses *with dogs in an area that is not part of the Judged Exercise Area.* CC entrants who will use a rental carriage & driver must be given a time to practice with the carriage & driver before the trial in an area away from the Judged Exercise Area. The judge will hold a question and answer session with the exhibitors before the trial, explaining the order and location of the judged exercises. At some point, the Host is responsible for gathering the exhibitors to explain the mileage portion of the course including any check points, sign-in sheets, verification requirements, rest stops, repeated loops, spectator areas, etc. If possible, the Host is encouraged to ride the course or a portion of the course with exhibitors, either in vehicles or on horseback. The Host Chair should provide exhibitors with a map of the course. The scheduled time for the pre-trial course review and judge's briefing should be printed in the Premium List.

OTHER:

USEA MEDICAL CARD: Each exhibitor is required to carry personal emergency medical information on their person. This information should be in the form of a USEA medical card that has been filled out by the exhibitor. Host clubs should print out blank cards & give them to exhibitors.

DISTRACTION DOG: The Host must provide a dog and handler for the Distraction Exercise (Ch. 9, Sec. 5). It is suggested that the dog be of medium to large size, well-behaved, and handled by a competent handler.

TROPHIES & AWARDS: See Road Trial Regulations Ch. 4.

RIBBONS: 1st through 4th place ribbons and qualifying ribbons are required. Most clubs offer rosette ribbons. The regular colors (blue, red, yellow, white) are suggested.

HORSE FOR POSSIBLE TIE/RUNOFF: In the case of a tie, there will be a run-off. At least one horse besides the judge's horse must be available for use until after the awards have been given out.

DAY OF TRIAL:

BRING NECESSARY SUPPLIES: (see document "Road Trial Checklist: Items Needed for Trial"). Score sheets, copy of the Regulations, liability forms, Official Judge's book, copies of blank incident forms, leashes for rest stops, certificates of title/leg/participation; ribbons, awards, exhibitor numbers, copies of the catalog or RT pamphlet, map of course, water containers for dogs & horses, hospitality items, etc.

DISTRACTION DOG AND HANDLER

JUDGE

LICENSED VETERINARIAN ON CALL LISTED IN PREMIUM LIST

STEWARDS

RENTAL HORSES

at least 3 COMMITTEE MEMBERS/EVENT COMMITTEE ON SITE

DCA BOARD MEMBER "on-call" (as part of the Event Committee)

START/FINISH STEWARD checks the Judge's math on the score sheets

JUDGE SIGNS SCORE SHEETS

AWARDS CEREMONY

HAND OUT SIGNED TITLE/LEG/PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES; destroy any prepared certificates that were not earned.

HANDLE ANY INCIDENTS ON SITE on the DAY OF THE TRIAL: as described in the Regulations (incident forms available online). Aggression incidents must be handled on the day of the trial; forms must be signed by the judge & by the exhibitor.

JUDGE GETS A COPY of the completed, signed score sheets. The Judge may take a picture of the score sheets to fulfill this requirement.

AFTER THE TRIAL:

RETURN TO DCA ROAD TRIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Copy of Score sheets

Copy of Official Aggregate Score Sheets

Copy of Marked catalog or marked RT Pamphlet

COPY of FINAL REPORT: send a copy to the DCA RT Chairman.

RETURN TO DCA CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Original Score sheets

Official Aggregate Score Sheets

Marked catalog or marked RT Pamphlet

Official Judge's Book

Any incident/dog attack forms

FINAL REPORT: Write up a final report of the trial, including final costs, what has been sent to the RT Committee, and detailing any incidents. (Send a copy to the DCA RT Chairman). *The DCA will assess a fine to the Host Club if the proper paperwork is not sent within 7 days: see Ch. 1 Sec. 29 & 29a.*

SITE SELECTION FOR A DALMATIAN ROAD TRIAL

Dalmatian Club of America

(Last updated 12/30/25)

When selecting a site for a Road Trial, look for an area that is accessible and appropriate. Keep in mind the following requirements:

1) **TRAILS:** Are there sufficient trails available? Do you have trails that are cart-friendly (not required). The suggested trail length for RD/RDC/RDX/RDXC is 6 to 6¼ miles. This course design allows the mid-point rest period and start/finish to be at the start of the course. It also saves labor on marking the course. Successful trials have also been run on 4 mile, 6 mile, and 12 ½ mile courses. The easiest configuration is a 6 ¼ mile loop with a rest stop at the starting point. The trail could also be two 6-1/4 mile loops that meet at the starting point (RD/RDC does each once; RDX/RDXC does each twice; rest period at start); or three 4- mile loops with a rest stop at 8 miles. Who will mark the trails? There must be a mile marker sign at each mile, and there must be directional markers and “on-course” markers along the trail. Is the trail cart-friendly? If carts will have a separate trail, both trails must be measured & marked. Will you offer the lower mileage classes (CCN/CCNC/CCI/CCIC)? If so, where will they finish? Is your trail functional for 3 & 6 mile exhibitors? You are not required to offer the 3 & 6 mile classes.

2) **JUDGED EXERCISES:** All teams (carriage, mounted, & CC/CCC) must compete in the Judged Exercises on the same field. Before the Judged Exercises, all teams (all classes) must traverse at least ¼ mile of distance before meeting with the mounted Judge (this is part of the entire recorded distance). The five Judged Exercises (Hock, Hock with Distraction, Stay, Recall, Speed/Change of Pace) should be conducted on a mostly flat surface without too many distractions. The Judged Exercises may not be held in an arena & must be held in an outdoor, open area such as a field, pasture, or trail. If a fenced area is used, the fenced area must be approximately 100 yards by 100 yards or larger (300' x 300'; or approximately 10,000 square yards), with side fencing at least 150 feet apart. . The RD/RDC hock exercise requires two hundred yards, in an approximately straight line. The RDX/RDXC hock exercise requires a figure 8 with markers 100 yards apart for a total of 200 yards. The speed exercise must be level or slightly uphill, with no rocks, potholes, or overhanging obstacles for 100 yards. The same length of trail may be used for more than one exercise. Does the proposed site offer an area that would meet these minimum requirements? Is the judged exercise area accessible to spectators without causing a distraction to the dogs (no cars moving in & out; limited movement of spectators; no un-entered dogs within sight; no other entered teams within sight of judging area; etc.)?

3) **PERMISSION/PERMITS:** How difficult will it be to secure the required permits or permission from landowners? Will exhibitors be allowed to ride the trails with their dogs the day before the Road Trial? Will dogs that do not pass the exercises be allowed to go out on a trail ride on the day of the Road Trial? Conditional-use permits can be applied for on federal or state lands, but usually require a year or more for approval. Private landowners must give written permission and may require proof of insurance and/or liability releases. Some cities require permits for any organized activity. Written permission and/or permits should be applied for/requested at least 1 year in advance

4) **AVAILABILITY OF RENTAL HORSES:** Although the Host is not required to provide rental horses, many exhibitors will not be able to bring their own horse or horse & carriage. How difficult will it be to bring rental horses to the site? Will you help rental carriage exhibitors find rental carriages, or will that be left up to the individual exhibitors? The ideal situation is to host a Trial on the trails attached to a commercial rental horse operation. If such a location cannot be secured, how will the rental horses be brought in? Is there trailer parking? Are you able to secure a rental horse provider who is willing to haul horses? Will “wranglers” be available as escort riders? Are the horses “barn-sour” or “buddy-sour”? If so, will a wrangler/escort rider be required/offered/suggested? Would there be an extra charge for an escort rider, or is this part of the rental price? How much will the horse supplier charge for an RDX horse (25 miles)? An exhibitor may ride more than one horse to complete the mileage, so an exhibitor completing 25 miles could rent 2 horses & change horses in the middle of her ride. What would be the charge for this? Exhibitors who choose to rent a carriage & driver must find their own carriage/driver, but are you able to help them connect with a local driving club?

5) **CARRIAGE ACCESSIBILITY:** Is the proposed trail cart accessible? The Host should make every effort to find a trail that is carriage-accessible, but it is not required. If the trail chosen is not carriage-accessible, this must be stated in the Premium list. If carriages are to be allowed, both carriage exhibitors and mounted exhibitors must complete the judged exercises on the same course. For the endurance portion of the Trial: if the main trail is not carriage-accessible, the Host

may designate a separate trail/course for carriages. All teams must complete the required distance for their respective distance classes.

6) **CARRIAGE AVAILABILITY & RENTALS:** For a full Road Trial, the host must offer all 3 classes: CC/CCC (no distance); RD (12 ½ mile distance); & RDX (25 mile distance). For the carriage classes, if offered, an exhibitor may rent a carriage & driver if available. Will there be a rental carriage/driver available for the CCC entries? The Host is not required to secure rental carriages for exhibitors, but the Host may help put exhibitors in contact with local carriage driving clubs or possible rental opportunities. Are there carriages & driver available for the CCNC, CCIC, RDC, RDXC, if offered? This should be stated in the Premium List. An exhibitor who competes in the Judged Exercises as a mounted exhibitor must remain mounted (may not switch to carriage), & an exhibitor who competes in a carriage must remain in the carriage for the entire distance (may not switch to horse under saddle).

7) **WATER:** Is water readily available to horses and dogs? Water must be provided for dogs every three miles along the trail. Water should be available for horses at least every 6 miles. Each horse will require a minimum of 20 gallons of water for the day. If water is not available in the form of accessible creeks, you may need to provide buckets and troughs. Will you need to haul water out on the trail? Is the trail accessible to vehicles?

8) **SAFETY:** Horses are easily spooked, especially in an unfamiliar environment. Is the trail “horse-friendly?” Are there road crossings? You will need to provide at least 1 horse-wise steward for every road crossing or bridge. The trail should avoid running alongside a busy road. Keep in mind the safety of the dogs, also.

9) **REST STOP(S):** The rest stop will need water for horses & dogs and some shade. Are these available or will you need to haul them? Is the course designed to make the mid-point rest stop accessible? Is it located where the judge can observe the dogs/horses?

10) **OTHER PROVISIONS:** Where will spectators be located? Are there restroom facilities? Where will un-entered dogs be kenneled? (Un-entered dogs are not allowed on or near any part of the course or the judged exercises.) Is there shade for exhibitors, horses, the judge, the distraction dog? Can you put a sign-in sheet or other verification method at the furthest point on the trail? Can the trail be clearly marked at every fork or cross-path? Is there a “warm-up” area for exhibitors/teams? Teams are not allowed to warm up or practice with dogs at any time in the Judged Exercise area.

11) **LOCATION:** If this Road Trial is held in conjunction with a specialty show, is the site located within an hour or so of the specialty show? Is the site easily accessible for stewards, spectators, exhibitors, and horse trailers? Is there sufficient horse trailer parking? Exhibitor, spectator, and steward parking? If you are expecting exhibitors to travel a great distance, have you located the nearest hotels, grocery stores, etc.? How far is the site from other amenities?

SITE PREPARATION FOR A DALMATIAN ROAD TRIAL

(updated 12/30/25)

The Host must provide score sheets for the recording of scores and/or observations for the judge. The host must also provide an official judge's book (as described in the Regulations) in which the judge may record the scores. After the trial is completed, the official judge's book is sent to the DCA Road Trial Committee chairman.

For more details on the responsibilities of the Host Club, please request a copy of the document "Responsibilities of the Host Club".

"Markers" are cones, posts, or natural features (such as a tree) that are used to indicate locations/start/finish of the Exercises. Some dogs that have been trained to an electric fence will shy from wire ground flags, so cones or natural features are preferred.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

STARTING LINE:

A "starting line" should be designated at the start of the "course", ¼ mile before the judged exercises. The required ¼ mile warm-up may be conducted in a circular or repeat format, if necessary. The starting line may be indicated in any one of several ways, such as: flags, posts, cones, a line on the ground made with white flour, etc. (WARNING: wire flags are not suggested, as they will "repel" dogs that have been trained to electric fencing.)

JUDGED EXERCISES:

The Judged Exercises may not be held in an arena. They must be held in an open area, pasture, or trail. If a fenced area is used, the fenced area must be approximately 100 yards by 100 yards (300' x 300'; or approximately 10,000 square yards) or larger, with side fencing at least 150 feet apart.

All classes require at least ¼ mile of "warm-up" distance before each team is judged. This ¼ mile is to be counted as part of the total distance in the classes with a distance requirement.

The same area may be used for more than one exercise.

All entered dogs (CC/CCC, RD/RDC, RDX/RDXC & Optional classes) must perform the exercises on the same course.

The CC/CCC entries will be judged after the completion of the judging of RDX and RD teams. Alternately, at the discretion of the Host Club, the CC/CCC class could be held on the previous day.

Optional Classes (when offered) will be judged after RDX/RDXC and RD/RDC.

Judge's steward must be provided.

Method of recording scores must be provided (clipboard and score sheets, pencil, cell phone for recording comments, etc.)

Timepiece (watch, cell phone, etc.) for judge to record "time out on course" of each exhibitor.

HOCK (CC/CCC and RD/RDC & Optional Classes): *(color of markers is optional, but must be highly visible from horseback & from a distance).*

Length: 200 yards, preferably in a straight line. (CCN/CCNC: 50 yds; CCI/CCIC: 100 yds)

Visible markers set about 10 yards before start.

Visible markers for start of yardage

Visible markers for end of yardage

The 200 yards used for the Hock should be mostly level, straight, and without holes.

Grass or weeds should be cut low for a width of about 20 feet, if possible.

HOCK (RDX/RDXC): *(color of markers is optional, but must be highly visible from horseback & from a distance).*

Length: 200 yards in a figure 8 shape around 2 markers set approximately 100 yards apart.

2 posts, markers, obstacles, or natural landmarks set approximately 100 yards apart

Visible markers for start

Visible markers for finish

HOCK WITH DISTRACTION:

Distraction dog and handler

Distraction dog should be non-aggressive, medium or large sized.

Distraction dog & handler should have a waiting area (preferably out of sight) away from the judging so that they are not a distraction during the other exercises.

Length: approximately 20 yards.

Distraction dog approaches on horse's right, at least 15 feet away.

If possible, set this exercise up near a tree to provide shade & near a hiding place for distraction dog/handler between exercises.

It is *NOT* advisable to provide shade in the form of a canopy (frightens the horses).

If a chair is provided, it should be dark in color, set well off the course, and blend well with the surrounding terrain.

After the exercise, hiker and distraction dog must remain on the down-side of course until after the Judge has completed judging the remaining exercises.

LONG SIT OR DOWN:

If a shade tree is available, this exercise can be performed under the shade of a tree.

Can be performed at any location on the course.

All dogs should perform the stay at the same location on the course

Distractions should be kept to a minimum.

Grass/weeds should be cut/cleared.

Should be conducted in an area AWAY from any unnatural, "spooky" objects.

Distraction dog must be a distance away and/or out of sight from the Stay exercise.

RECALL:

Should be conducted in an open area where the judge can view the dogs and handler moving forward for at least 30 yards.

Distractions should be kept at a minimum.

SPEED/CHANGE OF PACE: (*color of markers is optional, but must be highly visible from horseback & from a distance*). Some dogs that have been trained to an electric fence will shy from flags, so cones are preferred. Should be free of obstacles (on the ground AND overhanging), distractions, holes, rocks, "spooky" objects, etc.

Length: 100 yards

Visible "warning" markers 10 yards from start.

Visible markers for start.

Visible markers for finish.

Steward must be present.

CC/CCC & Optional classes: The Optional class of CCN/CCNC has no "Change of Pace." For the CC/CCC and the Optional class of CCI/CCIC, the team must perform the "Change of Pace" Exercise while traversing 100 yards. (see RT Regulations). The Change of Pace Exercise should be held on the same 100 yards as the RD/RDX Speed.

START OF ENDURANCE/DISTANCE PORTION for classes with distance:

The timing of the endurance portion begins immediately after the completion of the judged exercises unless directed otherwise by the judge. The judge and the start/finish steward record the "start time". The judge will transfer the start time to the score sheets.

An exhibitor may not request that his judging time be "bumped up".

For safety, an exhibitor's time may be "held" so that s/he may ride with another exhibitor

In the case of an emergency (as determined by the judge and/or Event Committee, the endurance timing may be paused.

DISTANCE PORTION OF the COURSE (the TRAIL):

Carriage teams may be designated a separate course, but it should be at least 4 miles long. If carriage & mounted courses are different, both courses must be marked as noted in the Regulations.

May be a repeated "loop" or series of loops.

Must include a rest stop area or areas.

Must be measured. RD/RDC trail must add up to 12.5 miles, including judged exercises and ¼ mile warm-up. RDX/RDXC trail must add up to 25 miles, including judged exercises and ¼ mile warm-up. Most trails can be measured with an accurate GPS device. Cell phone GPS apps are not reliably accurate. GPS devices made for trail measurement are preferred. Additional suggestions for measuring include using a four-wheeler with odometer, car or pickup, using known trails which have been measured and recorded previously (by local horsemen, forest service, etc.), or measuring the trail on horseback using rate of travel and common sense. Whichever method of measurement is used, it is suggested that a representative of the Host club ride the trail in advance, while being timed, to verify the trail length.

Suggested length: 6 mile to 6 ¼ mile loop. This allows the mid-point rest to be located near the start/finish, and allows the mid-point rest for the RD dogs to be located at the same point as the mid-point rest for the RDX dogs. NOTE: with a ¼ mile warm-up, and a Judged Exercise course distance covered of about ¼ mile, the remaining distance required for the RD would be 12 miles. With a 6 mile loop, another ½ mile would have to be added for the RDX course.

Two separate 6 to 6 ¼ mile loops, which meet at the starting point (i.e., a figure 8), have also been successful.

Course must be marked (Chap. 3, Sec. 3).

Markers must be bright, legible, and tamper resistant.

Minimum of one directional marker per mile, 2 directional markers per every crossroad, fork, or path.

Must include distance markers (Mile 2, Mile 4, etc.) a minimum of every 2 miles.

Water must be available for dogs at a minimum of every 2-3 miles

Avoid busy roads and parking areas. Stewards must be provided at road crossings.

The Host Club must set up a method on the trail to verify that each team has completed the required distance. Method of verification is at the discretion of the Host Club. Suggested methods include having each exhibitor take a “selfie” next to the furthest mile marker; or a sign-in sheet; or steward; or trail camera posted at the furthest point on the trail to record the passing of each exhibitor.

Water must remain available on the trail until after the last exhibitor has passed for the final time.

REST STOPS:

RD/RDC Rest stop should be at the approximate mid-point. RDX/RDXC Rest Stops should be at the approximate 6, 12, & 18 mile markers. If the course is a 6 mile loop, the Rest Stops can all be at the starting line. If the course is a 4 mile loop, the rest stops can be at 4 miles or 8 miles, etc. Rest Stops may not be “split up”.

The judge may choose to observe or examine dogs/horses at the rest stop for soundness.

Dogs/handlers that refuse to stop at a required Rest Stop will not receive a qualifying score.

Leashes should be available if needed.

Should be conducted in an area with enough room for the judge to view gaiting of dogs and horses if the judge chooses to examine the animals.

Stewards (1 is acceptable; 2 are preferred). The Start/Finish steward or the Rest Stop steward must record time in/time out at the rest stops.

Lead ropes

Hoof pick

Water for dogs (buckets, pans, and/or kiddie pool)

Water for horses (trough and/or 5 gallon buckets)

Water for exhibitors

Hand washing items

Shade and seating for judge and stewards

Snacks/lunch for judge(s), and stewards

Score sheets (plus clipboards, pencils, etc.)

Clock/watch/stopwatch (for timing and recording of time in & out)

Emergency care kit (human and animal)

Rest room nearby

OPTIONAL SEPARATE TRAIL FOR CARRIAGES (Chap. 3, Sec. 3):

Carriages/carts must perform the Judged Exercises on the same field or location as the mounted exhibitors. The CC/CCC test must be conducted on the same field.

If possible, the carriages should use the same trail for the “endurance” portion as the mounted exhibitors.

If the chosen mounted trail is not suitable for carriages, another trail may be designated for carriages. This trail may consist of a shorter, carriage-appropriate loop. Carriage exhibitors will still be required to complete the required distance.

IF THE HOST CHAIR CHOOSES TO PROVIDE A SEPARATE, ALTERNATE TRAIL FOR CARRIAGES, THE HOST CHAIR MUST MARK, MEASURE, MAP, & SUPPLY WATER ON BOTH TRAILS.

Exhibitors MAY NOT “choose” which trail to ride. Mounted exhibitors will ride the Mounted trail. Carriage exhibitors will drive the same mounted trail if it is carriage-appropriate. If the mounted trail is not carriage-appropriate & the Host Chair wishes to mark, measure, & map a separate trail for carriages, it will be for only carriages, not mounted.

Remember, both carriage & mounted teams must complete the Judged Exercises on the same field/location.

Verification of distance is required (see previous section).

FINISH LINE:

The finish line is usually at the same location as the start. It should include the required distance for both the RD/RDC and RDX/RDXC.

The location of finish line for the Optional classes will be at the completion of the required distance for that class, with the location to be determined by the Host Club.

It is the responsibility of the Start/finish steward to record the time each team crosses the Finish Line

SPECTATOR AREA:

Should be well marked.

A steward should be assigned to direct spectators.

Spectators must be kept out of judging areas and away from horses.

Cars/vehicles should not be allowed into the spectator area.

Cars/vehicles should not be near the judged exercises if possible.

Spectators should be reminded often to keep quiet & limit movement during a judging.

STEWARDS: some jobs may be combined, but it is suggested that the following areas be covered by volunteer stewards:

Start/finish steward

Rest Stop steward/Timer

Judge’s steward

Distraction dog handler

Spectator area steward

Distance verification steward (not required if a different method of verification is used)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STEWARDS

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START/FINISH TIMER

& REST STOP STEWARD(S) RESPONSIBILITIES (*last updated 12/30/25*)

- Notify the judge/Host Chair if you see a dog wearing any type of e-collar or electronic device (including FI collars, Apple Air Tags, Halo collars, etc. No e-device is allowed on the collar/dog during the Judged Exercises nor when the dog is “hanging out” on leash on the property. Approved & inspected GPS devices are allowed only after the Judged Exercises have been completed & only when the dog is completing the distance portion.)
- After judging, record start time of each team on time in/time out sheet (verify with judge; some teams may be “held” so that they can go out in pairs; the time starts when the judge tells the team to begin)
- Record time in for each team at rest stops
- Notify exhibitor when it is almost time to leave rest stop (5 min. before max time)
- Record time out for each team at rest stop (they do not have to wait for the max time)
- Record time across finish line for each team
- Calculate the “time spent at Rest Stop” for each stop & record it
- Present the times (your recorded time sheet) to the judge for her to record on the score sheets

JUDGE’S STEWARD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- See that exhibitors are checked in
- Make sure no one rides with dogs in the Judged Exercise Area unless they are being judged
- Notify exhibitors where they can practice
- Notify the judge/Host Chair if you see a dog wearing any type of e-collar or electronic device (including FI collars, Apple Air Tags, Halo collars, etc. No e-device is allowed on the collar/dog during the Judged Exercises nor when the dog is “hanging out” on leash on the property. Approved & inspected GPS devices are allowed only after the Judged Exercises have been completed & only when the dog is completing the distance portion.) As Head Steward & as a Committee member, you have the authority to tell an exhibitor to remove the device & then report it to the Judge & Host Chair.
- Write team #s on score sheets (or check to see that they are there)
- Organize score sheets for judge
- See that judge has clipboard, pen/pencil, score sheets
- Make sure the distraction dog is ready
- Notify exhibitors when their Judging time is approaching
- At their start time & when the judge is ready, send exhibitors down the driveway for their ¼ mile “warm-up” (part of the overall mileage)
- Hold clipboard for judge between exercises
- Hold horse’s head during the Stay Exercise if requested
- After the distance entries have all been judged, ask Tanya (RS Ranch) when she will be ready with the cart.
- Notify CCC exhibitors who are using the RS Ranch cart when the cart will be ready
- At the end of all judging & after judge has marked the score sheets, verify the math on the score sheets
- Make sure the judge signs all score sheets
- Make sure the judge signs all title/leg certificates
- Make sure the judge takes photos of (makes their own copy of) all score sheets
- If there is a dog aggression, make sure judge marks score sheet “excused” or “disqualified” (as appropriate) & make sure judge and/or Event Chair fills out appropriate forms (in Judge’s Book)
- If there is a dog aggression, make sure the exhibitor is notified of status (excused or disqualified) & the exhibitor signs the form

- Fill out (or help the judge fill out) all aggregate score sheets (this is the one the exhibitor can take home)
- Help organize the awards & hand the correct awards, certificates, & aggregate score sheets to the judge during the awards ceremony

DISTRACTION DOG STEWARD:

- Have dog ready but hidden during judged exercises
- At the appropriate time, come out with dog, walking in a parallel path toward the approaching horse but staying about 15' from the horse's right side.
- Continue walking until the team has passed
- Go back into hiding until the next dog
- You will be done after the CCC (no distance) is judged, but 3 exhibitors have signed up to do their CCC after they do their distance class. So there will be a "lull" in the use of the distraction dog. One of the teams that is "double entered" is doing 12 miles & the other 2 are doing 6 miles. So they won't be back to do the CCC until after 3 hours or 2 hours (approximately) from the time they left for their mileage. If you can't stay to do the Distraction Dog after the "lull," we can find someone else who is still around for those three teams.

DCA Road Trial Score Sheet

DATE: _____ HOST CLUB: _____ TEAM # _____

last updated 12/30/25 **RD/ RDC / RDX / RDXC (A or B)** (circle class) **(Team with 3dogs)**

If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for ANY exercise, NQ should be recorded in the points-off column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in the Total Score column.

Exercise	Non-Qualifying (NQ)	Qualifying Substantial / minor	Max Points	Points Lost			Net Score
				DOG A	DOG B	DOG C	
Hock or Figure 8 Hock (200 Yards)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmanageable <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Poor attitude or lack of willingness <input type="checkbox"/> Interference with horse carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	100	Color:	Color:	Color:	A
							B
							C
Hock with Distraction	<input type="checkbox"/> Ignores command to Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression to DD or hiker <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Approaches DD but returns on command <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	100				A
							B
							C
Long Sit or Down (1 min.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Refusal to sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving substantial distance from original position <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Extra commands needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Change of position from sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving minor distance <input type="checkbox"/> Barking/whining <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error <input type="checkbox"/> Other	100				A
							B
							C
Recall	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come <input type="checkbox"/> Did not return to hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Comes but runs away before release <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff/loud/extra commands <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands or praise <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come at a brisk pace <input type="checkbox"/> Comes before called <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	100				A
							B
							C
Speed (100 yds.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not attempt to keep up <input type="checkbox"/> Handler shows insufficient speed <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	<input type="checkbox"/> Nips/Interferes with horse/carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands or praise <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging/falling behind <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff/loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts speed to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	100				A
							B
							C

RD / RDC / RDX / RDXC page 2		Miscellaneous Penalties			DOG A	DOG B	DOG C
Stopped at all required Rest Stops (Yes/No) If no, score NQ							
Completed the course within the allotted time frame (Yes/No) If no, score NQ							
		Max Points	Points Lost		Points Lost	Net Score	
Total Net Score (including rest stops & time limit)		500				DOG A	
						DOG B	
						DOG C	

Judge's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Comments:

RD/RDC	(3 hour time limit)
Time Out/Start	
Time spent at Mid-Point	
Tim In/Finish	
Total Time on Course (minus the rest stop)	

RDX/RDXC	(6 hour time limit)
Time Out/Start	
Time Spent at ¼ Rest Stop	
Time Spent at Mid-Point Rest Stop	
Time Spent at ¾ Rest Stop	
Time In/Finish	
Total Time on Course (minus rest stops)	

DCA Road Trial Score Sheet

DATE: _____

HOST CLUB: _____

TEAM # _____

last updated 12/30/25 Coaching Companion Intermediate **CCI / CCIC** Coaching Companion Intermediate Carriage (circle class) (6 MILES)

If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for ANY exercise, NQ should be recorded in the points-off column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in the Total Score column.

Exercise	Non-Qualifying (NQ)	Qualifying Substantial / minor	Max Points	Points Lost			Net Score
				DOG A	DOG B	DOG C	
Hock (100 Yards)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmanageable <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Poor attitude or lack of willingness <input type="checkbox"/> Interference with horse carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	100	Color:	Color:	Color:	A
							B
							C
HOCK with Distraction	<input type="checkbox"/> Ignores command to Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression to DD or hiker <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Approaches DD but returns on command <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	100				A
							B
							C
Long SIT or DOWN (1 min.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Refusal to sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving substantial distance from original position <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Extra commands needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Change of position from sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving minor distance <input type="checkbox"/> Barking/whining <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error <input type="checkbox"/> Other	100				A
							B
							C
RECALL	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come <input type="checkbox"/> Did not return to hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Comes but leaves before release <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff/loud/extra commands <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands or praise <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come at a brisk pace <input type="checkbox"/> Comes before called <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	100				A
							B
							C
CHANGE of PACE (100 yds.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not attempt to keep up <input type="checkbox"/> Handler shows insufficient increase in speed <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	<input type="checkbox"/> Nips/Interferes with horse/carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands or praise <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging/falling behind <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff/loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts speed to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated barking	100				A
							B
							C

		DOG A	DOG B	DOG C	
CCI / CCIC page 2 Miscellaneous Penalties					
Completed the course within the allotted time frame of 2 hours? (Yes/No) If no, score NQ					
		Max Points	Points Lost	Points Lost	Points Lost
Total Net Score (including time limit)		500			DOG A
					DOG B
					DOG C

Judge's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Comments:

CCI / CCIC	2 hour time limit
Time Out/Start	
Tim In/Finish	
Total Time on Course	

DCA Road Trial Score Sheet

DATE: _____

HOST CLUB: _____

TEAM # _____

last updated 12/30/25 **Coaching Companion Novice CCN / CCNC Coaching Companion Novice Carriage (circle class) (3 MILES)**

If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for ANY exercise, NQ should be recorded in the points-off column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in the Total Score column.

Exercise	Non-Qualifying (NQ)	Qualifying Substantial / minor	Max Points	Points Lost			Net Score
				DOG A	DOG B	DOG C	
Hock (50 Yards)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmanageable <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Poor attitude or lack of willingness <input type="checkbox"/> Interference with horse carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	100	Color:	Color:	Color:	A
							B
							C
HOCK with Distraction	<input type="checkbox"/> Ignores command to Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression to DD or hiker <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Approaches DD but returns on command <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	100				A
							B
							C
Long SIT or DOWN (1 min.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Refusal to sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving substantial distance from original position <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Extra commands needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Change of position from sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving minor distance <input type="checkbox"/> Barking/whining <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error <input type="checkbox"/> Other	100				A
							B
							C
RECALL	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come <input type="checkbox"/> Did not return to hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Comes but leaves before release <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff/loud/extra commands <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands or praise <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come at a brisk pace <input type="checkbox"/> Comes before called <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	100				A
							B
							C
				DOG A	DOG B	DOG C	
Miscellaneous Penalties							

DCA Road Trial Score Sheet

DATE: _____

HOST CLUB: _____

TEAM # _____

last updated 12/30/25 Coaching Certificate **CC / CCC** Coaching Certificate Carriage (circle class) (no mileage) (Team with 3 dogs)

If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for ANY exercise, NQ should be recorded in the points-off column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in the Total Score column.

Exercise	Non-Qualifying (NQ)	Qualifying Substantial / minor	Max Points	P / F		
				DOG A	DOG B	DOG C
Hock (200 Yards)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmanageable <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Poor attitude or lack of willingness <input type="checkbox"/> Interference with horse carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	Pass/ Fail	Color:	Color:	Color:
HOCK with Distraction	<input type="checkbox"/> Ignores command to Hock <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression to DD or hiker <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog out of Hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Forging <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging <input type="checkbox"/> Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts pace to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands/praise <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Approaches DD but returns on command <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error	Pass/ Fail			
Long SIT or DOWN (1 min.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Refusal to sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving substantial distance from original position <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Extra commands needed/given <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff or loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Change of position from sit/down <input type="checkbox"/> Moving minor distance <input type="checkbox"/> Barking/whining <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Pass/ Fail			
RECALL	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come <input type="checkbox"/> Did not return to hock position <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Misbehavior <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Comes but leaves before release <input type="checkbox"/> Luring <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff/loud/extra commands <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands or praise <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come at a brisk pace <input type="checkbox"/> Comes before called <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	Pass/ Fail			
CHANGE of PACE (100 yds.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not attempt to keep up <input type="checkbox"/> Handler shows insufficient increase in speed <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error	<input type="checkbox"/> Nips/Interferes with horse/carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Hand signals <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive commands or praise <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging/falling behind <input type="checkbox"/> Gruff/loud commands <input type="checkbox"/> Handler adjusts speed to dog <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated barking	Pass/ Fail			

CC / CCC <i>page 2</i>			DOG A	DOG B	DOG C
Miscellaneous Penalties					
		Total Pass/Fail ratings			
Total Passes (needs 5 Pass ratings to Qualify) Mark "Q" or "NQ"					

Judge's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Comments:

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ROAD TRIAL
AGGREGATE SCORE SHEET
RD/RDC/RDX/RDXC

TEAM # _____

CLASS ENTERED
RD/RDC/RDX/RDXC

Dog (collar color)	1	2	3
Recall			
200 yd. Hock			
Distraction			
Long Sit or Down			
100 yd. SPEED			
Miscellaneous Penalties			
TOTALS (possible 500 pts.)			
Total Passes (Maximum 5 + distance)			
All Rest Stops? Y/N			
Time on Course			
Completed within Time Limit? Y/N			
QUALIFIED? (yes or no)			

 Mounted Judge's Signature



Dalmatian Club of America

ROAD TRIAL

AGGREGATE SCORE SHEET

CCI/CCIC (6 miles)

TEAM # _____

CLASS ENTERED
CCI/CCIC

	1	2	3
Dog (collar color)			
Recall			
100 yard Hock			
Distraction			
Long Sit or Down			
100 yard Change of Pace			
Miscellaneous Penalties			
TOTALS (possible 500 pts.)			
Total Passes (Maximum 5 + distance)			
Time on Course			
Completed within Time Limit? Y/N			
QUALIFIED? (yes or no)			

Mounted Judge's Signature



Dalmatian Club of America

ROAD TRIAL

AGGREGATE SCORE SHEET

CCN/CCNC (3 miles)

TEAM # _____

CLASS ENTERED
CCN/CCNC

	1	2	3
Dog (collar color)			
Recall			
50 yard Hock			
Distraction			
Long Sit or Down			
Miscellaneous Penalties			
TOTALS (possible 400 pts)			
Total Passes (Maximum 4 + distance)			
Time on Course			
Completed within Time Limit? Y/N			
QUALIFIED? (yes or no)			

Mounted Judge's Signature



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Dalmatian Club of America

ROAD TRIAL

AGGREGATE SCORE SHEET

CC/CCC (no mileage)

TEAM # _____

CLASS ENTERED _____

CC/CCC _____

Dog (collar color)		1	2	3
		P/F	P/F	P/F
Recall	Pass Fail			
Hock	Pass Fail			
Distraction	Pass Fail			
Long Sit or Down	Pass Fail			
Change of Pace	Pass Fail			
Miscellaneous Penalties				
Total Passes (Maximum 5)				
QUALIFIED? (yes or no)				

Mounted Judge's Signature



JUDGE'S FORM: **DISQUALIFICATION** FOR ATTACKING a human: ROAD TRIALS

This form MUST BE EMAILED by the Host Chair or Event Committee WITHIN 72 HRS of the incident to
DCA: Email: dca.corresponding.secretary@gmail.com (last updated 12/30/25)

- Judge must complete Section A.
- Exhibitor must read and sign Section B.
- Event Chair/Event Secretary must complete Section C.
- Upon completion, judge should make a copy and hand it to the exhibitor on site. If exhibitor is not given a copy of the form, the judge must provide an explanation.
- Judge makes a copy for the judge's records. One copy is to be returned to the Event Superintendent/Secretary with the judge's book. If, for any reason, the judge is unable to complete the form before the end of the event, the incident must still be reported in the event report filed by the Event Committee/Host Chair along with the original of this form. The judge must complete this form and forward it to the DCA Secretary at DCA within 72 hours.

SECTION A: TO BE COMPLETED BY JUDGE

Event: _____ Date: _____ Breed: _____ Class: _____

Catalog #: _____

Please write a BRIEF note outlining the circumstances of the attack (or attach the description):

1. Did you inform the exhibitor of the disqualification? YES NO
2. Did you mark your book "DISQUALIFIED, ATTACKED" YES NO
3. Did you inform the exhibitor that a dog disqualified for attacking a person CANNOT compete at any future DCA event of the same type until the owner has received official notification from the DCA that the dog's event eligibility has been reinstated? YES NO

Judge's Printed Name and Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION B: TO BE READ & SIGNED BY EXHIBITOR NOTICE TO EXHIBITOR

When a dog is disqualified for attacking, any awards at that event shall be cancelled by the DCA and the dog may not again compete at any DCA event of the same type nor be on the grounds of an DCA event of the same type unless and until, following application by the owner to the DCA, the owner has received official notification from the DCA that the dog's event eligibility has been reinstated, in accordance with the RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS, OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS, RALLY REGULATIONS, TRACKING REGULATIONS or DCA REGULATIONS FOR ROAD TRIALS. If you have questions, please see the DCA Board member on the Event Committee. I certify that I have read the above Notice to Exhibitor.

Exhibitor Printed Name and Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTION C: TO BE COMPLETED BY EVENT HOST CHAIR/EVENT SECRETARY

Owner's Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

AKC No.: _____

Printed name of person completing Section C: _____

Signature of person completing Section C: _____ Date: _____



DOG AGGRESSION – DOG DISQUALIFIED BY EVENT COMMITTEE
DOG ATTACK ON HUMAN or DOG ATTACK ON DOG WITH INJURY OR ON HORSE WITH INJURY
DISQUALIFICATION: ROAD TRIALS

12/30/25

If an Event Committee becomes aware of any significant act of dog aggression that takes place in association with their event, three (3) members of the Committee must investigate the incident (except in the case of a dog that is disqualified by the judge) and complete this form. No exhibitor complaint is required. The Event Committee submits this form to the DCA Board within 72 hours of the incident by emailing the document as an attachment to dca.corresponding.secretary@gmail.com.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 8-A, & Road Trial Regulations Ch 1 Section 21c: Any dog that, in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or a dog at a DCA Road Trial, resulting in an injury, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified. When the dog is disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Corresponding Secretary of the DCA. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any DCA event nor be on the grounds of a DCA event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the DCA, the owner receives official notification in writing from the DCA that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS FORM OR ABOUT THE PROCEDURE, CONTACT THE DCA Board of Governors or the DCA Road Trial Committee. In the case of an Event Committee disqualification, the reinstatement procedure is the same as any other type of disqualification.

Event: _____ Date: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Reg #: _____ Breed: _____ Class (if entered): _____

Provide a description of the incident. Attach more detailed information, dog owner/exhibitor statement, any witness statements, or other documentation (if dog owner/exhibitor is unable to be interviewed please explain why):

- 1. Was there an attack by the dog? YES NO
- 2. Was there an injury to a dog or horse or person? YES NO
- 3. Do you feel there were mitigating circumstances leading to the attack? YES NO

If yes, you must attach a description of these circumstances.

- 4. Do you feel that this dog presents a hazard to persons or horses or other dogs? YES NO

- 5. Did you disqualify the dog? YES NO

The answers to 1, 2, and 4 must be YES in order for the dog to be eligible for disqualification. If the dog is eligible for disqualification and the answer to 3 is NO, the dog **must** be disqualified.

- 6. Did you inform the exhibitor of the committee's decision? YES NO

If this form is not signed by the exhibitor at the time of the disqualification, the club must provide documentation to the DCA of notification to the exhibitor and owner(s).

Dog Owner's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dog Owner's Address: _____ Dog's Name&#: _____

Email Address of Dog Owner and/or Agent: _____ Signature of Dog Owner or Agent: _____

Form Completed by (Event Comm. Member): _____ Signature of Event Comm. Member: _____

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JUDGE'S FORM

DOG ON DOG or DOG ON HORSE ATTACK - EXCUSAL

(Road Trials) *last updated 12/30/25*

This form **MUST BE FAXED OR EMAILED WITHIN 72 HOURS** of the incident by the **EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIR** to the **DCA Board** via the **DCA Corresponding Secretary**.

ROAD TRIAL

Trial: _____ Date: _____

Breed: _____ Class: _____ Armband: _____
Event Committee Members: _____

Please write a BRIEF note outlining the circumstances of the attack (attach separate document if needed):

- 1. Did you inform the exhibitor of the excusal? YES NO
- 2. Did you mark your book "EXCUSED, ATTACKED another dog or horse"? YES NO
- 3. Were unusual circumstances leading to the attack? *If yes provide written statement.* YES NO

This report will become part of a dog's permanent record at The Dalmatian Club of America. This dog attack report will be filed as an act of "dog aggression." Two excusals/reports of dog aggression will result in the dog not being eligible to compete at any DCA Road Trial nor be on the grounds of a DCA Road Trial unless and until, following application by the owner to the DCA, the owner has received official notification from the DCA that the dog's event eligibility has been reinstated, in accordance with the DCA ROAD TRIAL REGULATIONS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE THE DCA EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIR.

Judge's Signature: _____ Print Judge's name: _____

Exhibitor's Signature: _____ Print Exhibitor's name: _____

Guidelines for Completing the DOG on DOG or DOG on HORSE ATTACK form:

If, for any reason, the judge is unable to complete the form before the end of the trial, the incident is to be reported in the Event close-out report filed by the Event Committee Chairman to the DCA. The judge will then complete the form as soon as possible and forward it to the Dalmatian Club of America Corresponding Secretary.

Judge is to complete the entire form with the exception of: Dog's Name and Registration #.

Upon completion, judge should have the exhibitor sign this form. Copies should be made by the Event Committee Chair and one copy should be handed to the exhibitor. If the exhibitor has left the trial site, the Event Committee Chair/Host Chair must send the copy to the exhibitor via email or certified mail within 72 hours.

One copy should be given/sent to the judge for their records. The original is returned to the Event Committee Chair and submitted with trial results to the DCA.

TO BE COMPLETED BY EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIR/HOST CHAIR:

DOG'S NAME: _____ **REG #:** _____

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EVENT COMMITTEE FORM

DOG ON DOG or DOG ON HORSE ATTACK - EXCUSAL

(Road Trials) *last updated 12/30/25*

This form MUST BE FAXED OR EMAILED WITHIN 72 HOURS of the incident by the EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIR to the DCA Board via the Corresponding Secretary.

ROAD TRIAL

Trial: _____ Date: _____

Breed: _____ Class: _____ Armband: _____

Event Committee Members:

Please write a BRIEF note outlining the circumstances of the attack (attach separate document if needed):

- 1. Did you inform the exhibitor of the excusal? YES NO
- 2. Did the judge mark the judge's book "EXCUSED, ATTACKED another dog or horse"? YES NO
- 3. Were unusual circumstances leading to the attack? *If yes provide written statement.* YES NO

This report will become part of a dog's permanent record at The Dalmatian Club of America. This dog attack report will be filed as an act of "dog aggression." Two excusals/reports of dog aggression will result in the dog not being eligible to compete at any DCA Road Trial nor be on the grounds of a DCA Road Trial unless and until, following application by the owner to the DCA, the owner has received official notification from the DCA that the dog's event eligibility has been reinstated, in accordance with the DCA ROAD TRIAL REGULATIONS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE THE DCA EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Judge's Signature: _____ Print Judge's name: _____

Exhibitor's Signature: _____ Print Exhibitor's name: _____

Guidelines for Completing the DOG ON DOG or DOG ON HORSE ATTACK form.

If, for any reason, the judge is unable to complete the form before the end of the trial, the incident is to be reported in the Event close-out report filed by the Event Committee Chairman to the DCA. The judge will then complete the form as soon as possible and forward it to the Dalmatian Club of America Corresponding Secretary.

Judge is to complete the entire form with the exception of: Dog's Name and Registration #.

Upon completion, judge should have the exhibitor sign this form. Copies should be made by the Event Committee Chair and one copy should be handed to the exhibitor. If the exhibitor has left the trial site, the Event Committee Chair/Host Chair must send the copy to the exhibitor via email or certified mail within 72 hours.

One copy should be given/sent to the judge for their records. The original is returned to the Event Committee Chair and submitted with trial results to the DCA.

TO BE COMPLETED BY EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIR/HOST CHAIR:

EVENT COMMITTEE MEMBER signatures: _____

DOG'S NAME:

REG #:

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ROAD TRIAL INCIDENT or ACCIDENT REPORT *last updated 12/30/25*

Use this form to report any incident that was not aggression, including removal of an exhibitor or dog for any other reason. Also to report any accident. Refer all questions to the Event Committee DCA Board member. You may be contacted by the DCA Board at a later date for additional information.

The Event Committee submits this form to the DCA Corresponding Secretary within 72 hours of the incident by emailing the document as an attachment.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS FORM OR ABOUT THE PROCEDURE, CONTACT THE DCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS EVENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE.

Event: _____ Date: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Reg #: _____

Exhibitor name: _____ Class: _____

Provide a description of the incident or accident. Attach more detailed information, dog owner/exhibitor statement, any witness statements, or other documentation (if dog owner/exhibitor is unable to be interviewed please explain why):

Did you inform the exhibitor of your decision? YES ____ NO ____

If this form is not signed by the exhibitor at the time of the incident, the club must provide documentation to the DCA of notification to the exhibitor and owner(s).

Dog Owner's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dog Owner's Address: _____

Email Address of Dog Owner and/or Agent: _____

Signature of Dog Owner or Agent: _____

Signature of JUDGE or EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIR: _____

Signature of Event Committee member submitting form: _____

ROAD TRIAL FACILITY CONTRACT (template):

Contract suggestions between facility owner & Dalmatian Club

updated 12/30/25

This is an agreement between XXX (name of facility/land owner) and the Dalmatian Club of _____

Facilities- XXX, agrees to provide the use of 00 Street Address, Town, State, to the Dalmatian Club of _____. The facility will be leased from Xpm (date) until Xpm on (date). The facility will be available for the Event Chairman only on (date) after 8 a.m. The agreed amount will be \$XX/day, for X days, payable two weeks before (date) to XXX. This will include [riding and driving areas for practice and for the road trial, a ventilated, sheltered area of mild temperature free from extreme heat, cold, damp, or draft for crating dogs, a meeting room, restroom facilities, areas for parking for exhibitors (including horse trailers) and spectators, and an area for RV camping without hookups.] The facility will be used during setup, practice session, and on the day of the Road Trial over the period listed above. The Road Trial course will be laid out on (date). The practice session and course will be on and through the contracted property provided by XXX. We will not traverse any private property without the permission of the landowner; it is the responsibility of XXX to obtain any such permission. It will be the responsibility of the Dalmatian Club of _____ to notify local town officials of the use of the roads, trails and public fields for this event. The Dalmatian Club will provide contact information for standby emergency medical personnel for humans and dogs. Care of horses will be overseen by individual owners. Any animal medical care required will ultimately be the financial responsibility of the individual animal's owner.

XXX will supply an appropriate horse for the judge for the practice session and the day of the trial at a cost of \$XX, paid by the Dalmatian Club of _____.

Horse rental fees (if horses for mounted exhibitors and/or a horse/cart/driver for the CCC are supplied by the facility owner) – All horse rental fees and liability releases will be through private contract between exhibitor and rental horse supplier XXX. XXX will supply a minimum of X horses for mounted exhibitors to rent for the practice session and the day of the trial. A hired horse & cart/carriage & driver for the CCC (no mileage) will be provided by XXX. The fee for the hired horse-and-cart with driver is \$XX total for the CCC practice session and the day of the trial. For the RD distance (12.5 miles), the fee for horses to be ridden is \$XX total for the practice session and the day of the trial. For the RDX distance (25 miles), the fee for horses to be ridden is \$XX total for the practice session and the day of the trial—OR- for the RDX distance (25 miles), 2 horses must be rented at a cost of \$XX each.

Participants will make payments for horse and horse-and-cart rentals directly to the horse owners. To reserve a rental horse at this facility, a deposit of \$XX is required, payable by the reservation deadline (date). Refund Policy: ((insert refund policy here)). Reservations are considered secure only when full payment is made. The riding and driving schedule will be set by the Event Chair.

The assignment of rental horses and horses-and carts will be made by XXXX taking into consideration the abilities and preferences of the participants. The decision of the fitness of any participant to drive or ride a rental horse lies inviolably with the horse owner and any prospective participant may be excused at any time by the Event chair on the advice of a horse owner for safety reasons. Such a decision is final and without appeal, and the participant will be given a full refund of horse/cart rental fees only.

Personal Horses- stable staff will be responsible for the assignment of stalls for personal horses. Personal horses may arrive after (time) on(date). Each exhibitor will complete a boarding form and mail to the stable owner with a deposit of \$XX before noon on (date) to secure the stall space. All personal horses will have a current Coggins less than 6 months old on the day of arrival and a health certificate not more than 20 days old on day of arrival. The fee for boarding is \$XX/day and (does) (does not) include feed and does (does not) include bedding material. Feed is available at a cost of \$X/day. Bedding is available at a cost of \$X/day. The feed and bedding material offered will be: XXXX. The care, feeding, and grooming of horses are the horse owners' responsibility. The cleaning of stalls is the responsibility of the horses'

owners. Manure and soiled bedding will be disposed of by horse owners as directed by stable staff. Rings will be cleared of manure during working times by cooperation of staff and The Dalmatian Club of _____ under direction of staff.

All participants will complete and sign a waiver of liability form as a condition of participation. All safety precautions will be observed, including required use of helmets and proper footwear.

Dogs—[XXX will provide a secure, ventilated, sheltered area for dog crates, free of extremes of temperature or moisture.] Dog care, exercise, feeding, and cleanup are the responsibility of the dogs' owners. Staff will direct attendees to areas where dogs may urinate and defecate. Dog feces are to be disposed of (WHERE?). The Dalmatian Club of _____ will provide shovels or plastic bags to remove feces. All dogs must be up to date on rabies, distemper, and parvovirus vaccines and are strongly encouraged to be on a regular monthly anti-heartworm regimen. Proof of vaccines must be submitted with the registration forms for the clinic and trial. Any dog that attempts to attack or bite any other animal or human will be excused from further participation with a refund of horse and cart rental. The decision as to what constitutes an actionable attack will be made by the Judge and or the Event Committee and is final and without appeal.

Additional agreements between facility owner & Dalmatian Club: (insert additional agreements such as the cost of a port-a-potty, etc.)

Facility Owner or legal representative

Event Chair: Dalmatian Club of _____

President: Dalmatian Club of _____

DALMATIAN ROAD TRIAL

Judge's Contract

Last updated 12/06/25



DATE:

LOCATION:

TIME: _____ (date): __ PM – 8 PM.

_____ (date): 7 AM – 5 PM

JUDGE:

JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

PRE-TRIAL JUDGE'S BRIEFING: (Date & time): The Host Chair will decide the location of the Judged Exercises; the judge may decide the order of the exercises. During the briefing, the judge will speak to exhibitors and define her expectations. The judge will answer exhibitor questions at this time. The judge may also choose to ride the trail with exhibitors earlier in the afternoon.

SCORING OF THE DOG(S): The judge will ride a horse to follow each exhibitor on the "judged exercises" portion of the Trial (all classes). The judge will score each dog in each of the Judged exercises according to the Regulations and her own judgment; awarding each dog up to 100 points in each exercise in the classes with distance. A score of 50 points or less in any exercise will be considered a "fail", and the dog will not earn a title. The judge will award a Pass or Fail for each dog entered in the CC/CCC. The judge will also be available to judge any run-offs.

ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT: The judge will oversee the Trial, including the distance portion, insuring that the Regulations are followed. The judge may excuse a dog or exhibitor for any infraction or unfitness as outlined in the Regulations. The judge will fill out & sign any score sheets. The judge will fill out & sign Aggregate score sheets to be given to exhibitors. The judge will fill out & sign any incident reports, & turn in the Judge's Book to the Host Chair at the end of the trial. The judge will make & keep copies for her own files of the score sheets & incident reports. The judge will remain on site throughout the event & will announce the awards/placements at the end of the trial.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS: The judge may be asked to score additional "fun" classes and to choose the winners of additional awards.

THE HOST CLUB WILL PROVIDE:

A suitable mount for the judge on _____ (dates)

Accommodations at the Host Hotel on _____ (date)

travel to & from the airport if needed

travel from the accommodations to the Road Trial site

Meals on _____ (date)

Snacks, drinks, score sheets, etc.

PAYMENT: The compensation for the above job description is _____ (amount)

I, _____, contract to judge the _____ Road Trial _____ (date), at _____ (location), as described in this document.

signed: _____
judge

date: _____

signed: _____
Event Club representative

date: _____

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

ROAD TRIALS Last updated 12/30/25

I/WE CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog named in the Road Trial Entry Form or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I entered in the Entry Form. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Dalmatian Club of America in effect at the time of this Road Trial, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the Premium List for this Road Trial, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed below. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the "Dalmatian Road Trial Regulations" have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) waive any and all claims and causes of action, I (we) might otherwise have against the club/group hosting this event, the Dalmatian Club of America, and any DCA-approved judge judging at this Trial, under DCA Rules, Regulations and Guidelines. I (we) agree that the club holding this Dalmatian Road Trial has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of acceptance of this entry and of the holding of the Dalmatian Road Trial and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prize money, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the Dalmatian Club of America, the Host Club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or Trial Secretary and owner or lessor of the premises and any employees/volunteers of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the Dalmatian Road Trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog or dogs by disappearance, theft, death, damage, or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of any horse or horses by disappearance, theft, death, damage, or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the 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 damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this Dalmatian Road Trial, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

Signed

Date

PREMIUM LIST

(updated 12/30/25)

(yellow highlight indicates items that need personalization)

ENTRIES CLOSE (DATE, TIME, TIME ZONE) at the Secretary’s Office.
LIMITED ENTRY: Entries will be limited to a maximum (INSERT LIMITS & method of acceptance)
RENTAL HORSE RESERVATION DEADLINE (DATE & TIME)

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
DCA Sanctioned Road Trial
NAME OF HOST CLUB



Incorporated
Member of the American Kennel
DAYS & DATES
TRIAL HOURS ___ AM to ___ PM

Trial will be held rain or shine. Judging will commence at ___ AM on (DAY OF THE WEEK). A dog may be entered in only 1 distance class at any Road Trial.

Suitable for mounted riders
Carriage drivers will have to make individual decisions on driving course

THIS TRIAL WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS
AKC APPROVED GPS TRACKING COLLARS MAY BE PLACED ON A DOG ONLY AFTER THE JUDGED EXERCISES, ONLY DURING THE DISTANCE PORTION, AND ONLY AFTER THE COLLAR HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY THE JUDGE AND/OR EVENT CHAIR

NAME OF LOCATION
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP

ROAD TRIAL SECRETARY
NAME, MAILING ADDRESS
PHONE #, EMAIL ADDRESS (email contact preferred)

Express mail entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the Secretary’s address without the recipient’s signature.
Online entry payments may be made at
(LOCATION WHERE ONLINE ENTRY CAN BE MADE -or- THERE WILL BE NO ONLINE ENTRIES ACCEPTED FOR THIS ROAD TRIAL)

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. CERTIFICATION
Permission has been granted by the Board of Governors of the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. for the holding of this event under the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. Road Trial Rules & Regulations.

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. OFFICERS
(NAMES OF DCA OFFICERS) XXXXXX..... President
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX..... Vice President
XXXXXXXXXXXX..... Treasurer
XXXXXXXXXXXXI Recording Secretary
XXXXXXXXXXXX Corresponding Secretary

DCA ROAD TRIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Peggy Ann Strupp - Chair, Rosie Branaman, Ronna Hill, Lorie McCrone, Dawn Eliot-Johnson, & Kathy Wosnak

HOST CLUB (NAME) ROAD TRIAL EVENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: *(including a DCA Board member who has agreed to be on the Event Committee)*
Chair:
(names)

(NAME OF CLUB) ROAD TRIAL VETERINARIAN (On Call)

(NAME OF VET; NAME OF CLINIC;
ADDRESS & PHONE#

OFFICIAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER

(IF ONE WILL BE PRESENT)

DIRECTIONS TO ROAD TRIAL

DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

ROAD TRIAL LODGING

NAMES OF HOTELS IN THE AREA THAT ACCEPT DOGS

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE

PH #

DCA HOTEL POLICY: Any exhibitor who allows his/her dogs to be loose & unattended in a room or to damage hotel property & does not immediately contact the hotel management to make proper restitution will be subject to a Show Event Committee action which could result in the loss of AKC privileges. If it is determined by the Committee hearing that rules are being neglected & destruction and/or misuse of property is taking place, the Committee has the authority to correct the problem or seek AKC suspension.

RV Parking/Onsite Camping/own-Horse Accommodations

Whether or not onsite camping is allowed

and/or campsites near the Road Trial

barns/fairgrounds that accept horses near the Road Trial

Addresses & contact info

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NAME OF LOCATION

DATE OF FIRST EVENT

Horse/Dog & Course Familiarization: (TIME)

DATE OF 2ND EVENT

_____ am - Exhibitor check in begins

_____ am - First team begins, RDX carriage, then RDX mounted competitors will ride first.

ROAD TRIAL PRIZES & AWARDS

Unless otherwise indicated, all prizes are offered by the (NAME OF HOST CLUB) through the generosity of trophy donors to the trophy fund. (NAME OF HOST CLUB) offers Rosettes for High in Trial, New Titles earned at this trial and First, Second, Third and Fourth Class Placements. Qualifying scores will receive a ribbon. Trophies not awarded become the property of (NAME OF HOST CLUB)

PRIZES (Open to Dalmatians only)

HIGH SCORING DOG IN ROAD TRIAL – (DESCRIPTION OF TROPHY/AWARD)

FIRST IN EACH CLASS - (this would include carriage classes and/or optional classes unless you specify otherwise)

SECOND IN EACH CLASS -

THIRD IN EACH CLASS -

FOURTH IN EACH CLASS -

Special Awards –

Description of any additional awards

This is where you would put any awards offered by the Host Club for non-regular classes and for non-Dalmatians, along with any other "special" awards such as Best Conditioned Dog or Oldest Dog or Youngest or Exhibitor who traveled the farthest or whatever. The Dalmatian Club of America does not award titles or certificates for Non-Regular classes.

TRIAL INFORMATION

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

As used in these Regulations, the word "dog" refers to either sex but only to Dalmatians that are purebred and eligible for registration in the American Kennel Club studbook or an AKC limited registration. An eligible unregistered dog for which the American Kennel Club has issued a PAL (ILP) number may also be entered. Any dog that is registered in the official registry of another country as a purebred Dalmatian may also be entered in a Dalmatian Club of America Road Trial. All Dalmatians entered in a Dalmatian Club of America Road Trial as described in these Regulations will be eligible for any prizes or titles offered at said trial.

Non-Dalmatians are eligible to enter Non-Regular classes only. The DCA does not award titles or certificates to Non-Dalmatians, but awards may be offered by the Host Club.

CLASSES OFFERED

(you must offer CC, RD, & RDX. All other classes are at the discretion of the Event Committee)

Coaching Certificate (mounted): Open to purebred Dalmatians not less than six months of age, regardless of previous titles earned, as described in the Road Trial Regulations, Chapter 7, Section 1.

Coaching Certificate-Carriage: Open to purebred Dalmatians not less than six months of age, regardless of previous titles earned, as described in the Road Trial Regulations, Chapter 7, Section 1.

3 mile COACHING COMPANION NOVICE (mounted): Open to purebred Dalmatians not less than 12 months of age regardless of previous titles earned. There is no A or B class distinction.

3 mile COACHING COMPANION NOVICE-CARRIAGE: Open to purebred Dalmatians not less than 12 months of age regardless of previous titles earned. There is no A or B class distinction.

6 mile COACHING COMPANION INTERMEDIATE (mounted): Open to purebred Dalmatians not less than 12 months of age regardless of previous titles earned. There is no A or B class distinction.

6 mile COACHING COMPANION INTERMEDIATE-CARRIAGE: Open to purebred Dalmatians not less than 12 months of age regardless of previous titles earned. There is no A or B class distinction.

12.5 Mile Road Dog Classes (mounted):

ROAD DOG - A: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 12 months of age on the day of the Trial that has not yet earned the Road Dog Title & is being handled by an exhibitor who has not previously qualified any dog for the RD title at any Road Trial.

ROAD DOG - B: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 12 months of age on the day of the Trial that: 1) has already earned the title RD or RDX, and/or 2) is being handled by an exhibitor who has previously qualified a dog for the RD or RDX title. A dog that has previously earned an RD or RDX may continue to compete in this class, but only if all available Time slots have not already been filled with dogs that have not yet earned an RD title.

25 Mile Road Dog Excellent Class (mounted):

ROAD DOG EXCELLENT - A: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 18 months of age on the day of the Trial that has earned the title RD, but has not yet earned the title RDX, and is being handled by an exhibitor who has not previously qualified any dog for the RDX title.

ROAD DOG EXCELLENT - B: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 18 months of age on the day of the Trial that has earned the title RD and 1) has already earned the title RDX and/or 2) is being handled by an exhibitor who has previously qualified a dog for the RDX title. A dog that has previously earned an RDX may continue to compete in this class, but only if all available time slots have not already been filled with dogs that have not yet earned an RDX title.

12.5 Mile Road Dog-Carriage Class:

ROAD DOG-CARRIAGE - A: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 12 months of age on the day of the Trial that has not yet earned the Road Dog-Carriage Title & is being handled by an exhibitor who has not previously qualified any dog for the RDC title at any Road Trial.

ROAD DOG-CARRIAGE - B: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 12 months of age on the day of the Trial that: 1) has already earned the title RDC or RDXC, and/or 2) is being handled by an exhibitor who has previously qualified a dog for the RDC or RDXC title. A dog that has previously earned an RDC or RDXC may continue to compete in this class, but only if all available Time slots have not already been filled with dogs that have not yet earned an RDC title.

25 Mile Road Dog Excellent-Carriage Class:

ROAD DOG EXCELLENT-CARRIAGE - A: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 18 months of age on the day of the Trial that has earned the title RDC, but has not yet earned the title RDXC, and is being handled by an exhibitor who has not previously qualified any dog for the RDXC title.

ROAD DOG EXCELLENT-CARRIAGE - B: Open to any Dalmatian not less than 18 months of age on the day of the Trial that has earned the title RDC and 1) has already earned the title RDXC and/or 2) is being handled by an exhibitor who has previously qualified a dog for the RDXC title. A dog that has previously earned an RDXC may continue to compete in this class, but only if all available time slots have not already been filled with dogs that have not yet earned an RDXC title.

ADDITIONAL NON-REGULAR CLASSES: The Dalmatian Club of America does not award titles for Non-Regular Classes.

(This is where you enter any non-regular classes you intend to offer, including a description of who may enter). For Example: 12.5 MILE NON-DALMATIAN RD

GENERAL INFORMATION & ROAD TRIAL RULES ROAD TRIAL ENTRY FEES

A dog may be entered in only 1 distance class at any Road Trial.

First Dog per team entered in any distance class\$
Each additional dog entered on the same team in any distance class\$
(Maximum 3 dogs per team)

Coaching Certificate/Coaching Certificate Carriage.....\$

Non-Regular\$

MAKE CHECKS or MONEY ORDERS payable to (NAME OF CLUB OR SECRETARY)

FOREIGN EXHIBITORS must make fees payable in U.S. Funds.

By mail, send to

NAME

ADDRESS

Entry Forms may be emailed to [EMAIL](#)

Entries will not be accepted without fees, signatures, or the "Agreement" on the reverse side of the Official DCA Entry Form.

HORSE RENTAL/BOARDING INFORMATION

Carriage competitors that want to use a cart must provide their own cart and horse. -OR- A CART WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL FOR THE CCC (ETC.)

The horse wrangler for this event is NAME & PH#.

LIMITS & HOW THE LIMITS ARE REACHED; HOW THE RESERVATIONS ARE MADE.

The deadline for horse rental is (DATE) at ___PM EDT. Competitors are responsible for contacting (THE HORSE SUPPLIER) to personally discuss their riding experience and reserve their horse.

LIST ANY REQUIREMENTS HERE: i.e.: Riders will be highly encouraged to pair up for the trail portion of the competition for safety reasons. Also, due to the rugged nature of the trails, competitors are highly encouraged to have either boots or shoes on your horses. The wrangler's horses are shod.

Horse rental for RD/RDC - 12 1/2 miles - \$PRICE includes the helmet, horse and rider familiarization ride the afternoon of DATE plus a \$PRICE donation to the escort rider (if required). Total = \$PRICE

Horse rental for RDX/RDXC - 25 miles, 2 horses - \$PRICE includes helmet, horse and rider familiarization ride the afternoon of DATE plus a \$PRICE donation to the escort rider (if required). Total = \$PRICE

Horse rental for ___ (list other classes & rental prices & options)

Horse Rental Refund Policy: (INSERT REFUND POLICY)

Checks or Money Orders issued in US funds made payable to **NAME** must arrive by **TIME pm EDT** on DATE. RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid rental fee payment and the rental will be forfeited to another participant. Mail to:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Please be very honest about your riding experience when you reserve your horse. The Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. & (host club) does not contract with any supplier of rental horses & therefore makes no claim, warranty or assertions as to the safety or suitability of any rental horse. Riders that choose to rent a horse for the purpose of participation at any DCA Road Trial do so at their own risk. Riders are strongly encouraged to clarify & understand any terms of liability required by the supplier prior to the rental of any horse.

NOTE: The Equine liability laws of (state where RT will be held) state the following: (quote the equine liability & protection law or act of your state)

Persons needing to board their horses will need to personally contact: NAME & EMAIL to make boarding arrangements. Boarding fees are \$PRICE per day. Exhibitor supplies own feed and shavings for stall bedding & cleans stall/area before leaving. The farm will provide hay for (cost.) Trailer parking is available at no extra cost.

NOTE: Horses brought onto (NAME OF PROPERTY) must have a current negative Coggins test less than 6 months (on date of arrival to stables) & health Certificate less than 20 days old (on date of arrival to stables). No Exceptions.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- No videotaping or photography during the events for resale is permitted without (EVENT CLUB) approval.
- Please be advised: When exhibitors/handlers bring a dog to the podium for a win/placement photo, they are establishing a de facto contract with the show photographer to purchase that photo.
- Acknowledgements of entries will be made as soon as possible after entries have closed. Should such acknowledgement not be received by the exhibitor within a reasonable time, please notify the Road Trial Secretary at the EMAIL
- TO BE ACCEPTABLE an entry must be submitted with required entry fee on an official Road Trial Entry Form.
- ENTRY FORM CHANGES, additions, correction & cancellations must be received in writing prior to the closing of entries. Those received by telephone are not acceptable.
- THE ROAD TRIAL-GIVING CLUB, the Road Trial Secretary, and the landowners assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by the exhibitors, handlers or to any of their dogs or property.
- THE ROAD TRIAL-GIVING CLUB assumes no responsibility for the welfare of children & further expects exhibitors & spectators to keep their children under strict control.
- THE ROAD TRIAL COMMITTEE & THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. AND THE EVENT COMMITTEE may make & enforce any rules they deem necessary to insure the continuity of the Road Trial & the goodwill of the land owner. Any disciplinary event hearing, rule violation, complaint or charges will be resolved by the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. Show Event Committee. The Show Event Committee members are NAMES
- There will be no refund for duplicate entries.
- The Club reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value.
- Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.
- No entry fees will be refunded if the Trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, extreme and/or dangerous weather conditions, an Act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strikes or any other cause beyond the control of the Club or the Road Trial Secretary.
- ROAD TRIAL REGULATIONS All competitors in the Road Trial will be required to read, voluntarily agree & sign a statement of release & waiver of liability prior to participation. Release forms will be available at the registration table at the Road Trial check-in. Exhibitors are responsible for reading & being familiar with them.
- No entry will be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.
- The DCA, the Trial Chairman & the Trial Secretary assume no responsibility for correctness or incomplete information given on the entry form.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified by the judge, or barred from competition by action of the Road Trial Chair or Secretary or because it had been entered incorrectly.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Secretary will add a collection fee of \$25 to the amount of each returned check.
- Refunds for cancellations due to overpayments or cancellations made prior to the close of entries will be processed after the trial.

- No dogs will be allowed in the Road Trial judging area except those entered in the Road Trial or being used in an official capacity as designated by the Trial Event Committee.
- No un-entered dogs will be allowed on the trails. Un-entered dogs must be crated in the area designated by the Trial Event Committee.
- The DCA & the Trial Chairman are not responsible to furnish any service to notify or summon exhibitors who are late for assigned judging. Exhibitors alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs at the start point at their assigned time. Judges will not wait for an exhibitor holding up a class but may judge the exhibit at a later time at their discretion.
- Appropriate riding attire, including ASTM Certified Helmets & riding boots or shoes with at least 1/2 inch heel are required.
- The Trial Committee reserves the right to determine a rider's ability before allowing him/her to compete in the road trial. Should it be determined that a rider might present a safety hazard to himself, his horse or the dogs he/she may be excluded from competition. In this case, the entry fee will be refunded.
- Maps of the course will be available. This course is suitable for mounted exhibitors. Driving competitors are responsible for assessing the course & making the decision as to whether or not the course is suitable for driving.
- THERE IS AN INHERENT RISK TO ANY EQUINE ACTIVITY. Exhibitors acknowledge that risk & assume all liability for themselves, their animals & their belongings upon signing the entry form.
- If you would like to know if your entry fee and entry made it before the deadline, you may email; (TRIAL SECRETARY EMAIL)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (NAME OF CLUB) DALMATIAN ROAD TRIAL

DATE

LOCATION ADDRESS

Entry Fees: \$PRICE for the First Dog per team entered in any distance class. \$PRICE for each additional dog entered on the same team in any distance class (Maximum 3 dogs per team).

\$PRICE for Coaching Certificate/Coaching Certificate Carriage class.

ENTRIES CLOSE (DATE & TIME) or when the numerical limits have been reached, if reached prior to this date at the Trial Secretary's Office. (See limits on page 1) MAIL ENTRIES with fees payable to the (NAME OF CLUB; NAME OF SECRETARY; ADDRESS OF SECRETARY). Express mail entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the Secretary's address without the recipient's signature IMPORTANT: Read instructions carefully on reverse side before completing. Please Print.

Online entries to EMAIL with payment to: (ONLINE PAYMENT IF AVAILABLE)

Road Trial Class (circle the class/classes you will enter) A dog may be entered in only 1 distance class at any Road Trial.

Road Dog Excellent A / Road Dog Excellent-Carriage A (25 miles)

Road Dog Excellent B / Road Dog Excellent-Carriage B (25 miles)

Road Dog A / Road Dog-Carriage A (12.5 miles)

Road Dog B / Road Dog-Carriage B (12.5 miles)

Coaching Companion Intermediate / Coaching Companion Intermediate-Carriage (6 miles)

Coaching Companion Novice / Coaching Companion Novice-Carriage (3 miles)

Coaching Certificate / Coaching Certificate-Carriage (no mileage)

Non-Regular Class (NAME OF CLASS/classes)

AKC Registered Name _____

Sex _____ AKC Reg # _____

Date of Birth _____ PAL/ILP # _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Actual Owner(s) _____

Name of Exhibitor _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

(check one) Mounted _____ Using a Cart _____ Renting a Cart _____

If Renting (mounted): Riding Ability: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

What title or leg is your dog eligible to earn at this trial? _____

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and Regulations of the Dalmatian Club of America in effect at the Time of this Dalmatian Road Trial, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the other side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent the dog entered is not a hazard to persons and other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing presentation and agreement.

Signature of Owner or Agent authorized to make this entry:

Phone: _____

E-mail address if you would like electronic confirmation of entry:

AGREEMENT I (we) acknowledge that the "Dalmatian Road Trial Regulations" have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) waive any and all claims, causes of action, I (we) might otherwise have against DCA and any DCA approved judge, judging at this event, under DCA Rules, Regulations and Guide- lines. I (we) agree that the club holding this Dalmatian Road Trial has the right to refuse entry for cause, which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of the Dalmatian Road Trial and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prize money, ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its member, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendent or show secretary and the owner or lessor of the show premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly and/or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the Dalmatian Road Trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto,

and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or damage or injury, to be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person or any other cause or causes.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by a person including myself (ourselves) on or account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this Dalmatian Road Trial, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property 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 person.

A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time the entries for a show closed. If the registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any show for which entries closed after the date of acquirement regardless of whether or not the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been made to AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 14, Section 3).

ALL ENTRIES Please indicate dog's handler if dog is co-owned or handler is different from the owner. List only AKC or DCA titles with the dog's name.

Telephoned or faxed entries, conditional entries and/or photocopied entries without the AKC/DCA agreement on the back are not acceptable. Incomplete or illegal entries are not acceptable and cannot be entered in the trial (AKC Rules, Chapter 14, Section 4).

THE ROAD TRIAL COMMITTEE AND THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. EVENT COMMITTEE may make and enforce any rules they deem necessary to insure the continuity of the Road Trial and the goodwill of the land owner. Any disciplinary event hearing, rule violation, complaint or charges will be resolved by the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. Show Event Committee.

All hotel & motel sites are considered a part of the show site. All AKC Rules & Regulations apply. Complaints lodged against any exhibitor or exhibitors will be under the auspices of the DCA Show Event Committee. Exhibitors must maintain these facilities in a clean & orderly fashion. The Show Event Committee will take disciplinary action against an exhibitor for any infringement of AKC Rules & Regulations regarding show sites & sportsmanship.