

AKC's My Dog Can Do That! Procedures:

- Ring Size should be either 40' X 40' or 50' X 50.' We usually set it up with two openings - one for participants and their dogs to enter and one to exit.
- Banners – (2) AKC Canine PartnersSM banners; (4) AKC banners; and (2) *My Dog Can Do That!* banners
- You will need 2 – 3 tables and 2 – 3 chairs (and a pop-up tent for comfort's sake if outdoors). These are needed for displaying the Public Education materials and for the volunteers who will take sign-ins. We included the sign-in sheets, etiquette flyers, AKC Canine Partners program and PAL program applications with the materials and banners. We would love it if you shared the list of participants with us after the show so we can include them on the email list for next year!
- At some events, we've given each participant a number card when they sign-in. If the line gets long, it enables participants to watch other rings and then come back rather than waiting in a long line. They will be on the list and the table volunteers will make sure they get called.
- Safety and fun are the goals. The equipment is all set at lowered heights. Some participants think their dog can jump 30" off lead, but this is not allowed in *My Dog Can Do That!* The dogs should be kept on lead and all should jump lowered heights. Tunnels and jumps are the mainstay along with a table at its lowest height. Start with a very short tunnel and continue to lengthen it if the dog is successful with the shortened tunnel. We do not bring contact equipment but wobble boards or small training dog walks are great and would be good experiences for the dogs and participants. Positive training is essential. The club should buy dog treats for the rings or reimburse the volunteers if they supply treats. We usually use Beggin' Strips or Pupperoni. A lot of people bring their own treats too.
- We have found that two or three dogs can be in the ring at the same time using different equipment which helps speed up the line. If they want to do the course again, we encourage them to put their name back on the list.
- You may get a number of conformation competitors who want to give it a try with their dogs – same rules apply to them. Sign-up on the sheet and dogs stay on lead.
- At times, agility competitors will bring their dogs thinking they can do run-throughs as they wait to compete. If an agility trial is on site, they **cannot** use the equipment per the AKC Companion Events Dept.