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Nas-“paws” or race cars?

If you prefer wet noses and wagging tails to loud, exhaust-filled environments, then WestWorld of Scottsdale is the place to be next week, Nov. 9 through 13 for the United States Dog Agility Association’s World Championships of Dog Agility.

These aerodynamic canine athletes can do more than run in an oval and make left turns. They drive on a superspeedway of jumps, tunnels, A-Frames, see-saws and slalom poles. On average, they can complete a 170-yard obstacle course in less than 40 seconds. No drafting allowed and no blown motors either.

Over 900 dogs from 11 different countries will be running nose-to-nose towards the checkered flag and Victory Lane for the chance to be crowned the World Champion in one of four separate tournaments.

Bring the family, including your dog for some “paws-on” experience in agility basics, dock diving, lure course, herding and a speedway of pet-related vendors.

The action begins daily at 9 a.m. and wraps up by 4 p.m. each day. Friday and Saturday evening, tournament finals begin at 6:30 p.m. WestWorld of Scottsdale is located at 16601 N. Pima Road in Scottsdale. Admission is \$10 for adults.

Zuke’s All Natural, Healthy Dog Treats and GlycoFlex joint supplements will be onsite giving free samples to anyone who stops by. In addition, Multi-Radiance Medical will be demonstrating their innovative cold laser therapy treatments.

We don’t want to drive you into a corner, but for everyone’s safety, well-behaved dogs on leashes no longer than 6 feet are welcome to attend. Retractable leashes, choke and prong collars are not allowed.

If you can’t make out to the event, you can watch the incredible competition live on www.cynosport.com/livestream

Additional information at www.cynosport.com or 888-AGILITY (244-5489)

Note: Live agility demos are available by contacting Annie DeChance at adechance@usdaa.com or 602-321-2205

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