

Handout 1.1b. Canine Sports Websites

Sport	Brief Description	Website(s) and description
Companion Events		
Agility	A fast-growing canine sport in which a person directs a dog over an obstacle course, running against time.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog_agility www.akc.org/events/agility http://www.usdaa.com/
Obedience	A sport in which judges instruct handlers to have their dogs perform a number of exercises on command including heeling, retrieving, jumping, etc. Dogs are judged on the precision of their responses and teamwork with their handlers.	http://www.akc.org/events/obedience
Rally	A sport with components of both agility and obedience in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The dog and handler proceed through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level) each of which has a sign providing instructions regarding a skill to be performed.	http://www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm .
Conformation	A competition in which purebred dogs are judged on their structure against a written description of the ideal dog of that breed.	http://www.akc.org/index.cfm
Tracking	A test in which dogs follow the scent of a person over 400- to 800-yard tracks aged from 1 to 4 hours.	http://www.akc.org/events/tracking AKC tracking regulations and listing of tracking tests
Freestyle	A teamwork sport in which dogs and handlers perform a thematic routine, moving together to music.	http://www.canine-freestyle.org/ http://www.worldcaninefreestyle.org/
Flyball	A relay race in which dogs run over 4 small hurdles 10 feet apart, retrieve a tennis ball that is ejected by pressing a pedal on a box, then return over the hurdles.	http://www.flyball.org/
Disk dog	A sport in which dogs retrieve flying discs while performing various movements, such as leaps, flips, etc.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disc_dog
Dock Diving	A game in which dogs compete by jumping for distance or height from a dock into a body	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dock_jumping History and regulations of the sport

	of water.	
Weight Pulling	A competition in which dogs pull a loaded sled across the ground for various distances.	http://www.iwpa.net
Canine Nosework	An urban sport in which dogs search rooms, a vehicle and an outdoor area for a specific scent. Dogs of all shapes and sizes can participate.	http://www.funnosework.com/

Performance Events

Lure Coursing	A sport in which sighthounds (Borzoi, Greyhounds, Whippets, etc.) chase three white plastic bags (to imitate bunnies) that are moved along the ground by a battery-operated string and pulley system.	http://www.k9web.com/dog-faqs/activities/lurecoursing.html http://www.akc.org/events/lure_coursing/ http://www.asfa.org/
Greyhound Racing	An ancient sport in which Greyhounds chase a lure on an oval track. In many countries, greyhound racing is purely amateur and conducted for enjoyment. In the US, Australia and some other countries greyhound racing is part of the gambling business.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greyhound_racing
Herding	A competition in which herding breeds herd sheep, cattle or ducks over a specified course and move selected animals into a pen.	http://www.usbcha.com/ http://www.akc.org/events/herding/
Field Trials/Hunt Tests	An intensely competitive sport for in which Retrievers, Setters, Pointers, Spaniels and Poodles retrieve upland game birds on land and in water.	http://www.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/retrievers http://www.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/pointing_breeds http://www.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/spaniels http://www.akc.org/events/field_trials/beagles/
Earth Dog Tests	A test in which terriers and dachshunds run through underground tunnels to find a caged rat.	http://members.tripod.com/~Jerrier/Earthdog.html
Coon Dog Tests	A competition that has many different facets including bench shows, field trials, night hunts and water races, providing owners with the opportunity to demonstrate the beauty and natural abilities of purebred Coonhounds.	http://www.akccoohounds.org/
Fox Hunting	An activity involving the tracking, chase, and sometimes killing of a fox by trained foxhounds or other scent hounds, and a group of	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_hunting

	unarmed followers led by a master of foxhounds, who follow the hounds on foot or on horseback.	
Schutzhund, French Ring Sport	Competitions that combine obedience, tracking and protection work.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schutzhund History and current requirements of the sport http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Ring_Sport
Mushing	An endurance competition in which dogs pull sleds (or dry land rigs) over a specified course, which may vary from one to 1150 miles.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog_carting
Carting	A sport in which a dog pulls a cart filled with supplies, such as farm goods or firewood, and sometimes people.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog_carting
