



January 24th, 2019

Presented by the Oregon Truffle Festival

**Cash Prize for Champion \$500**

**Competition Guidelines** – The Oregon Truffle Festival (OTF) invites truffle dog handlers from around the continent to participate in the 5th annual Joriad™ truffle dog championship event. The following document lists basic eligibility requirements and competition guidelines. If eligible, a Competition Entry Form and payment of the entry fee of \$50 must be completed via our [website](#). If you have questions about this process, please contact our Competition Organizer at: [otftruffledog@gmail.com](mailto:otftruffledog@gmail.com)

Once this process is complete, competitors will receive the complete set of **Competition Rules** and any additional paperwork from the Competition Organizer.

### **Eligibility Requirements –**

#### **Dog Requirements:**

- Dogs must be at least 10 months old
- Dogs must be current on all vaccinations required by law
- Dogs must appear healthy and uninjured on the day of the event
- Dogs may not be employed in the commercial harvest of truffles, or associated with professional truffle dog training businesses \*
- Females in season and lactating females may not compete
- Dogs may wear harnesses, collars, and gear that does not interfere with searching or disturb the search areas. Judges have the authority to decide whether particular equipment may or may not be worn
- No Prong, choke, head halter, or electric collars may be worn in the search areas
- Dog must be non-aggressive to humans or other dogs. Aggressive behavior will be grounds for dismissal
- All dog(s) on event location must be on leash with at least 4' distance from other dogs

Judges have the authority to dismiss dogs due to failures to comply with any of the above requirements.

### **Handler Requirements:**

- Handlers must be at least 18 years old
- Handlers may only handle one dog
- Multiple dogs from the same household may compete but will need a separate handler for each dog
- Handlers cannot be commercial truffle harvesters or professional truffle dog trainers.\*
- Handlers must wear rubber soled closed toed shoes unless otherwise approved
- Search areas for the Championship Finals are in realistic hunting conditions and handlers must be able to navigate terrain without damaging the search area and without assistance or changes made to search area

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\*The Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship is limited to amateur competitors in 2019. The Oregon Truffle Festival hopes to add a Professional Class in the future when there appear to be enough professionals who would like to compete. If you are a professional truffle hunter or trainer of truffle dogs, please contact us to let us know of your interest. Professional trainers are invited to encourage their students to participate, and we hope you'll come to cheer them on!

### **Competition Guidelines:**

Exemplary sportsmanship is expected of all participants. Judges may excuse handlers from the competition for behavioral violations including, but not limited to: striking or kicking a dog, abusive language towards another competitor, judge, official or volunteer, and disclosing hide locations to another competitor.

The Joriad is a one day event on January 24th ONLY. The Qualifying Competition will be held in the am at the Lane Events Center in Eugene. The Championship Finals will be held the afternoon of the 24th, with winners announced at an awards ceremony including the Parade of Dogs in the Eugene Hilton East Lobby at approximately 6pm. *All competitors welcome!*

### **Qualifying Competition:**

- Multiple timed searches for truffles and/or truffle-scented targets in containers or in the ground in an indoor arena

### **Championship Finals:**

- Hunt for truffles in an outdoor native truffle forest environment

The 2019 Joriad™ Entry Form is now available through our [website](#). *Please click link.* Entry Fee is \$50; paid with submission of Entry Form

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