



In May 2018, the World Agility Open championships (WAO) will be returning to KNHS (the National Hippic Centre) in Ermelo, Netherlands. This is a fantastic venue perfectly set to host a world-class agility competition. The event itself will take place from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

We had an amazing group of people volunteering to help at the event last year and we are now looking for volunteers to come and be part of our international team for the 2018 event. We would love to hear from you if you have helped previously and we are also really keen to welcome new volunteers. The benefits for you include:

- WAO commemorative t-shirt
- Free admission to the event
- Free camping (electricity is not included but can be booked at a discounted rate of 10 euros/day)
- Meals while you are on duty
- Drinks & snacks provided during the day
- Helpers raffle for special prizes each day
- Free drink ticket for Thursday night mix and mingle after the opening ceremony
- Potential to run your dog in one of the competition rings on Thursday – if there is interest from our helpers, we will set a course(s) that helpers can run with their own dogs on these days.
- Dedicated volunteer coordinators to answer any questions you may have about your role during your time at the event and to look after your welfare, including making sure you have enough breaks.

As well as volunteers during the actual event, we are keen to welcome people who are interested in working with us prior to the event. We need people from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The table on the last page details which roles we are looking to fill on which days.

A Facebook group (2018 WAO Helpers – (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1713033332342186/>)) is available for you to join, where we will make announcements, answer your questions and keep you well-informed about WAO.

If you would like to be an important part of making the 2018 WAO an international success, please complete the attached form and return it to [WAOErmelo@Gmail.com](mailto:WAOErmelo@Gmail.com).

Thank you for your interest in helping; this really is a unique opportunity to get involved and help at a world-class agility event, watching top dogs and handlers in action at a fantastic location.

Regards,

Greg Derrett, Mirjam Bosdam, Gabrielle Eijkelboom & Bas Wood

WAO Volunteers Committee

## 2018 WAO Helper Sign-Up Form – English Version

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unisex T-shirt size: SM, MD, LG, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to attend a helper's meeting on Thursday at 16.00? Yes/No

Are you an experienced agility helper? Yes/No      Have you helped at WAO before: Yes/No

### CAMPING RESERVATION

**Note: If you are traveling with another helper and will be sharing a camping spot, only 1 person should fill out this section to make a camping reservation.**

Check one:     Tent     Caravan/Motorhome      How many nights camping? \_\_\_\_\_

What day will you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_      What time will you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want an electrical hook-up for a charge of 10 euros/day?     Yes     No

If you want to be camped by another helper/friend, please state their name:

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### WHAT DOES EACH JOB INVOLVE?

- **Pre-event Setup** – unloading & moving equipment, setting up crowd barriers, ring building, putting up signs and ring decorations, marking trade stands etc. (needed Mon, Tues)
- **Camping Check-in** – check in campers and direct to assigned camping areas, collect money for electric hook-ups, resolve any issues with the camp site etc. (Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun)
- **Ticket & Help Desk** – sell & check tickets, answer spectator questions, should speak English and Dutch (needed Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun)
- **Security & Car Parking** – check spectator & competitor passes at security points at rings and at kennels, monitor parking area & direct people where to park, etc. (needed Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun)
- **Opening Ceremony** – hold assigned country's name sign and lead them into the ring for the opening ceremony (Thursday night only)
- **Ring Crew** – pole pickers, monitor results screen, monitor collection ring stations and entry station, check in competitors, etc. (needed Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun (Wed & Thurs to help on training rings))
- **Ring Hospitality** – get refreshments for judges and helpers who are working in rings (needed Fri, Sat, Sun)
- **Course Builders/breakers** – build courses for next class to run or next day, break rings down once no longer needed (needed Thurs, Fri evening, Sat evening)
- **Translators** – English/Dutch translator to help ring crew and Ring Managers communicate (needed Fri, Sat, Sun)
- **Event break down** – breaking down rings, loading trailers etc. (Sun eve only)

Please decide which jobs you would be interested in doing and complete the form on the next page.

Thank you for helping!

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE TICK EACH SESSION/JOB YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH. YOU CAN TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX AT THE SAME TIME\*\*\*\*\*

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			Sunday		
JOB (details of jobs on previous page)	AM (08:00 – 13:00)	PM (13:00- 18:00)	AM (08:00 – 13:00)	PM (13:00- 18:00)	AM (09:00 – 14:00)	PM (14:00 – 19:00)	AM (07:30 – 13:00)	PM (13:00 – 18:30)	AM (07:30- 13:30)	PM (13:30- 19:30)	AM (07:30- 13:30)	PM (13:30- 20:30) (20:30- 21:30)		AM (07:30 – 12:30)	PM (12:30 – 17:00) (17:00 – 19:00)	
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\*\*\*\*\*ALL AM AND PM SHIFT TIMES ARE ESTIMATES AT THIS STAGE AND CAN BE CONFIRMED NEARER THE TIME. A SCHEDULE WILL BE RELEASED IN APRIL\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for volunteering to help at this event. We couldn't do it without you!!

Please return to [WAOErmelo@gmail.com](mailto:WAOErmelo@gmail.com)