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“Dog of the Year” crowned this weekend at SPIRE Institute

The very first “Dog of the Year” and the Rally World Champion will be crowned at the inaugural Title Mania® and World Cynosport Rally Championship events June 16 – 19 at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, OH.

The Dog of the Year award will go to the top dog after completing 12 rounds of agility competition over the four-day event. The Rally World Champion will be awarded to the best rally obedience competitor after four rounds of competition.

Nearly 200 dogs from more than 25 different states are participating in this inaugural event, which is also the first canine sporting event and competition designated as an official Olympic Day event. TitleMania is one of more than 2,100 events taking part in the Olympic Day celebration.

The event will focus on two of the most popular canine team sports today - [dog agility](#) and rally obedience – and hosted by the United States Dog Agility Association. Both sports emphasize the Olympic values of teamwork, respect, perseverance, fair play and sportsmanship for success.

USDAA has a long history of supporting Olympic events and values. Over the years, the company has provided interactive demonstrations and competitions at U.S. Equestrian Team events and the Pan Am Games, and has hosted and sponsored international dog agility competitions both in the U.S. and abroad.

The action begins at 2 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday through Sunday and will wrap by 6 p.m. each day. The SPIRE Institute is located at 5201 Spire Circle, Geneva, OH 44041 and is one of the largest indoor, multi-sport, training and competition complexes in the world.

For more information on these two exciting events, please visit www.usdaatitlemania.com or www.rallyworldchampionships.com.

[Dog agility video](#) on USDAA’s YouTube.