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As the trial chairperson of the Paws In Motion USDAA Northeast Regional, I would like to inform everyone about our action plan for our upcoming trial at Dreampark. First and foremost, our trial committees combined experience with Dreampark amounts to over 20 trials at this location over the past two years with only minor issues. In that time, local clubs have held trials at Dreampark during times of extreme cold and heat and the temperature inside the arena never reached a level that was considered unbearable, when appropriate measures were taken. In addition, based on past competitions and handler input, we have become very knowledgeable in determining footing requirements and trial conditions for competitors and dogs.

The comfort and safety of our dogs and handlers is of the utmost concern to all of us. To that end, we have discussed the footing conditions with the Dreampark staff at length and will monitor the preparation of the arena for the August USDAA Northeast Regional. Additionally, the stalls have electric outlets for fans for competitors and dogs in the event of extreme heat. There are also access to water hoses at each end of the stall rows and 20 feet from the arena. In the event of thunderstorms, side wall curtains to the stalls will be pulled down to prevent water from coming into the area. Pools will be available for dogs for use at areas that have hose access.

For those who were unaware, Dreampark's climate control system is the same system in use at the Bucksmont Facility in Hatfield, PA. Naturally, this system must be operated properly by qualified staff to manage the conditions at such a large facility. We expect to be prepared for extreme heat and have everyone's recent concerns at the forefront of our action plan. No one can accurately predict the weather, not even the weather forecasters! Still, with last weekend's conditions fresh in mind, we will be diligently working with Dreampark staff to help insure the best possible conditions for the Northeast Regional.

Thank you for your comments and concerns. Please feel free to contact me directly if you need anything further at tinnabrown@yahoo.com .

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