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Nebraska Kennel Club
AKC
Scent Work Trials

Friday through Sunday
July 11-13, 2025

Event Committee

Event Chairperson:	Sue Volkmer 401 Madison Street Waterloo, NE 68069 402-651-0884 zman.volkmer@gmail.com
Trial Secretary:	Norine Nieman 13500 Spring Street Omaha, NE 68144 402-697-7006 papnoseNN@gmail.com
Chief Steward:	Sharee Newman
Hospitality:	Chara Eckery
Ribbons/Prizes:	Shelly Rehmeier
Show Site:	IWCC, 2700 College Road, Council Bluffs, IA

Committee Members: Sue Volkmer, Shelly Rehmeier, Sharee Newman, Chara Eckery, & Ron Weaks

Container & Interior Classes will be held indoors; Exterior Classes will be held outdoors. These classes may involve steps, uneven or hilly dirt or grassy surfaces, and distance walking. Buried Classes may be held indoors or outdoors.

No On-Site Concessions

Club Officers

President:	Sheryl Bradbury
Vice President:	Sue Volkmer
Secretary:	Lana Petersen (acting)
Treasurer:	Norine Nieman

At-Large Board Members: Cindi Gredys, Shayne Fili, Shelly Rehmeier, & Nina Gottsch

Trial Site: Iowa Western Community College, 2700 College Road, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Entries Open: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Entries accepted by FEDEX, UPS, USPS mail, or hand delivered on a first received basis no earlier than the above date and time.

Entry Closing Date: Entries must be received at the secretary's home no later than Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6 p.m.

- **SCENT WORK JUDGES & ASSIGNMENTS**

Brenda Bruce #109835 , Omaha, NE
Chris Eblen #103194, Altoona, IA
Johnnette Ulch #102491, Belle Plaine, IA

One Trial Each Day

Friday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: **Johnnette Ulch**: Containers & Buried (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes); **Brenda Bruce**: Interior (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes); **Chris Eblen:** Exterior (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes) Event # 2025034815

Saturday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: **Chris Eblen**: Containers & Buried (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes); **Johnnette Ulch**: Interior (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes); **Brenda Bruce:** Exterior (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes) Event # 2025034816

Sunday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: **Brenda Bruce**: Containers & Buried (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes); **Chris Eblen**: Interior (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes); **Johnnette Ulch:** Exterior (Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent, & Master classes) Event # 2025034817

- **ENTRY INFORMATION:**

Pre-entry Only. Entry Limits: 375 entries per trial.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these events under The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Sheila Goffe, Secretary

• ELIGIBILITY & SPECIAL NOTICES TO EXHIBITORS

1. **Eligibility for AKC Scent Work:** Classes are open to all dogs at least six (6) months of age that are individually registered with AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL /ILP numbers, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program.
2. **Class Eligibility: Novice A Classes** are open to dogs that have not completed any title for that particular element, that have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and whose handlers are neither Scent Work judges, nor have ever worked as professional detection dog handlers.
   Novice B Classes are open to all dogs.
   Advanced Classes are open to dogs that have achieved the Novice title for that particular element.
   Excellent Classes are open to dogs that have achieved the Advanced title for that particular element.
   Master Classes are open to dogs that have achieved the Excellent title for that particular element.
3. All Container and Interior Classes will be held indoors. All Buried and Exterior Classes will be outdoors rain or shine unless dangerous conditions are present (such as lightning or flooding). Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended. Exterior classes may require walking a distance uphill/downhill or up and down stairs.
4. Dogs that have previously earned the same or higher level AKC Scent Work titles may enter lower level classes.
5. Dogs are eligible to enter up to two difficulty levels in each element, in each trial. Dogs may only enter a class once in each event. A class is defined as a particular difficulty level within a particular element.
6. Handlers may not handle more than one dog in each class. Multiple dogs from the same owner may be entered in the same class, provided they are run by different handlers.

• ENTRY INFORMATION: FEES, DATES, and TIMES

Entries open Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CDT

Entries accepted on a first received basis by UPS, FEDEX, USPS, or hand delivered no earlier than the above date and time.

1. **Entry Fees**
   - **$23 for each entry of each trial for each dog.** (Includes a $3.50 AKC recording fee)
2. **Entry Closing Date:** Entries will be accepted until Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. CDT at the secretary's home. NO Entries will be accepted or processed after that time. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. **NO Day-of-Show Entries.**
4. Each dog must be entered on a separate official AKC Scent Work entry form.
5. No telephone, e-mail, or fax entries will be accepted.
6. Any entry missing crucial information will not be processed, nor counted as received, until authorization is obtained.
7. **Substitution Policy:** There will be no substitutions. An unentered dog may not be substituted for an entered dog.

• SUBMITTING ENTRIES

1. Entries must be submitted on an Official AKC Scent Work Entry form included with this Premium List. Photocopies of this form may also be used.
2. **Mailed Entries** must include all fees. Any mailed entries received without all fees will not be processed until such fees have been paid.

Mail Entries to:

Norine Nieman, NKC Trial Secretary, 13500 Spring Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68144.

Entries must be received by UPS, FEDEX, USPS, or hand delivered no earlier than the entry date and time.

- **PAYMENT FOR ENTRIES**

1. Make checks payable to Nebraska Kennel Club ***(NKC)***. Checks must be payable in U.S. funds.
2. Entry payment must be made by check or money order. No entry will be processed without full payment.
3. Checks will be held until the closing date.
4. Post-dated checks or returned checks do not constitute valid entry fees. NKC will add a collection fee of $35.00 to the amount of each returned check or money order.

- **ENTRY CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS, & WAIT LIST**

1. Entry cancellations MUST be received in writing (includes e-mail) prior to the closing of Entries and MUST include the dog's breed, AKC number, and name. Cancellations received by telephone are NOT acceptable.
2. No refunds will be given for invalid entries and dogs entered in the incorrect class after the event is over.
3. If an exhibitor cancels an entry before the closing date, the exhibitor's check will be shredded. If NKC has to issue a refund check, per an exhibitor's request, there will be a $10 processing fee.
4. No entries will be refunded after the event is closed unless your entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry. (see #12)
5. Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee.
6. Every effort will be made to find all duplicate entries before processing. If a duplicate entry is processed, however, no refund will be made.
7. Entry overpayments will not be refunded. Exhibitors may write a new check.
8. If, because of riots or civil disturbances, it is impossible to open or to complete a show or trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.
9. If, specifically because of Iowa governmental authority or pandemic guidelines, it is illegal or impossible to hold this event, NKC will update exhibitors and issue full refunds.
10. Exhibitors understand that they are entering this event at their own and others' risk.
11. If, in the opinion of the host club, the well-being of dogs, exhibitors, or spectators is at risk due to extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to snowstorms, tornadoes, lightning, or extreme heat, the host club may cancel or stop a show or trial before completion. No refunds will be made in such cases.
12. A wait list with a maximum of twenty (20) dogs will be established on a first received basis. All entries on the wait list must be received by the closing date. On the day of the trial, the club may assign entries for absent individuals to those on the wait list who are present at the trial site. If multiple waitlisted individuals are present at the event site, the runs will be assigned in waitlist order. A full refund will be reimbursed to any entrant whose entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry. Checks will be shredded for anyone on the wait list who doesn't get into the trials.

- **ENTRY CONFIRMATION, ARMBAND NUMBERS, AND JUDGING PROGRAM**

1. **E-mailed confirmation of entries** will be sent to the e-mail address included on the entry form (please type or print clearly) as soon as possible after the entry has been accepted and processed. Please verify the classes your dog is entered into when receiving this e-mail of processed entry. Should there be any errors, please contact the Trial Secretary, Norine Nieman, papnoseNN@gmail.com immediately.
2. One armband number will be assigned to each dog for all trials in which the dog is entered, and will be used to determine the running order of dogs as well as to help judges and trial officials identify dogs in their records. Numbers will be available at the check-in table in the lower level of Looft Hall each day of the trial.
3. The armband number need not be physically displayed on the dog or handler.
4. You will receive updated trial information along with the judging program after the trial closes.

- **CLASS TRANSFER/CORRECTION OF ENTRY**

1. Owners are responsible for the accuracy of information and any errors on the entry forms. There will be no refunds for invalid entries. A **move-up transfer** may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is made. A **move-down transfer** may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher-level class for which it is not eligible. A **lateral transfer** (from section A to section B in Novice) may be

requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in section A, and it is not eligible. The request for a class transfer must be made in writing and presented to the trial secretary at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of each trial.
2. Transfers may be approved provided the class is available and entry limits have not been met.
3. Dogs may be **transferred** between trials.

- **EVENT HOURS:** Event hours are: Friday - Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- **GENERAL BUILDING, CRATING, PARKING, & FOOD INFORMATION**

1. All event location times are Central Daylight Time.
2. There will be absolutely NO SMOKING anywhere on the IWCC grounds. **This includes in your vehicle per IWCC policy.**
3. Parking is in the lot next to Looft Hall.
4. **For this event exhibitors are required to crate in or near their cars.**
5. **Food will NOT be available for on-site purchase. Please bring your own food & drink.**

- **TRIAL TIMES & CLASS ORDER**

1. There will be a judges' briefing at 8:00 a.m. followed by the classes. Start time is the same each day.
2. Class order will be determined after the closing date. The order of classes will be included in the information sheet along with the judging program which will be sent after closing.
3. There will be a lunch break each day for judges & workers at the judges' discretion.

- **EXHIBITOR AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. All events are held under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club, Inc. By entering these trials, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of the event in which they have entered. Here is the link to the AKC Scent Work Rules.
2. NKC, its agents; AKC, its agents and its employees; assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or illness sustained by spectators or by exhibitors and handlers, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assume no responsibility for injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians. AKC and NKC are not responsible for any loss, accidents, illness, or theft.
3. In order for the trials to run efficiently workers' dogs may be allowed to run ahead of the regularly scheduled dogs.
4. The owner or designated handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when its class is to be judged. The host organization, event committee, and Trial Secretary have no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system, or stewards or runners for the purpose of locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.
5. Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging may leave the trial site.
6. No unentered dogs allowed on the event grounds. Note: no dogs less than 8 weeks of age may be present on the grounds of an AKC licensed event.
7. Dogs are not to be left unattended when crated in soft mesh crates. No dog may be left in an unlatched or un-zippered crate.
8. Except when being crated or exhibited, dogs must be kept on leash.
9. Exhibitors and dog owners are expected and required to clean up after their own dogs. Please potty your dog in the designated area and use the provided receptacles for disposal. Any person witnessing a violation of this rule must report it to the Event Committee. The Event Committee may ask any person violating this rule to leave the event grounds. No refund will be made if an exhibitor is asked to leave the grounds.
10. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings on the day of an AKC licensed event.
11. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. AKC will vigorously support any facility that files a complaint about exhibitors who fail to keep their dogs quiet or to clean up after them. In order that the bad conduct of a few exhibitors does not spoil it for the majority of responsible exhibitors, AKC will take strong disciplinary action against any offenders.

12. Females in season will not be allowed to compete. A refund minus $5 processing fee will be given with a vet's certification, if your female is withdrawn no later than one-half hour prior to the start of the first class of the trial.
13. **Trial Site:** It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.
14. **Possession of Odors and Training:** Chapter 5 Section 35 of the Scent Work Regulations state, "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of an AKC Scent Work Trial, other than in the designated warm-up area."
15. **Spectator Area:** For this event, spectators will be allowed for any elements held outdoors. Indoor spectator areas will be allowed at the discretion of the judges and the space available. You will be allowed one person to record your indoor and/or outdoor runs.
16. The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone or need help, please call 800.656.4673 [HOPE](National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

- **EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICE**

Urgent Pet Care
8455 S 73rd Plaza
Papillion, NE 68046
402-858-9595 Call for directions

- **ROUTE TO THE TRIAL**

Take I-80 East or West to Exit 8 (Highway 6) on the east side of Council Bluffs. At Exit 8 turn onto Highway 6 (left if traveling East and right if traveling West). Drive to the first stoplight and turn left onto College Road. Turn right onto Iowa Western Boulevard, and then take the next right onto Tower Parkway. Drive straight ahead to the Looft Hall parking area on your left.

- **AREA MOTELS** (*This list is provided as a courtesy. NKC does not endorse any particular establishment. These motels have indicated they have a pet policy. Please confirm the exact policy when making your reservation.)*

Best Western, 2216 27th Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 322-3150
Motel 6, 3132 S. Expressway, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-2405
Red Roof Inn, 500 30th Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-5555
The Western Inn, 1842 Madison Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (800) 322-1842
Days Inn, 3208 South 7th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-9699
My Place, 2281 South 35th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 256-9555
Americinn, 1000 Woodbury Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (712) 314-5856

- **RV CAMPING**

Horseshoe Casino, 2701 23rd Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA, 712-396-3715
Lake Manawa State Park, 1100 N Shore Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa (712) 366-0220

- **RIBBONS & PRIZES** (*NKC reserves the right to substitute prizes*.)

All Qualifiers: Dark Green Qualifying Ribbons
All Container, Exterior, Interior, & Buried Classes: 1st - 4th Place Ribbons
Basic Element Title: Rosette Basic Level Title: Rosette Elite Element Title: Rosette
A Special Rosette is available to any dog that completes its overall Master Title (let us know)
A Special Rosette is available to any dog that completes its Overall Super Elite Title (let us know)
High in Trial: Rosette & Prize Choice
(HIT awards are available only to teams that participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered, and qualify in each. A separate HIT will be given for Novice A and Novice B.)
High Scoring Junior in Each Trial: Rosette