



An AKC Member Club

Nebraska Kennel Club AKC Detective Classes & Scent Work Trials

**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
December 4-6, 2026**

TWO SITES: Bellevue University, 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue, NE and Werner Park, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion, NE 68046

Entries Open: Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Please Note: New Entry Closing Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Entries must be received no later than the above date and time.

• SCENT WORK JUDGES & ASSIGNMENTS

Johnnette Ulch (#102491) Belle Plaine, IA

Brian Peterson (#114220) Cedarcreek, MO

Jeff Hartzler (#113257) Cedar Rapids, IA

TWO TRIALS ON FRIDAY, ONE TRIAL SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Friday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments at Bellevue University

Trial #1: Johnnette Ulch: Detective Class (20 run limit); Jeff Hartzler: HD (Excellent & Master); Brian Petersen: HD (Novice & Advanced, Buried (Novice - Master); Event #2026034834

Trial #2: Brian Petersen: HD (Novice & Advanced); Johnnette Ulch: Buried (Master - Novice); Jeff Hartzler: Detective Class (20 run limit), HD (Excellent & Master) Event #2026034835

Saturday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments at Werner Park

Trial #1: Johnnette Ulch: Interior (Novice - Master); Jeff Hartzler: Containers (Master - Novice); Brian Petersen: Exterior (Novice - Master) Event #2026034836

Sunday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments at Werner Park

Trial #1: Brian Petersen: Interior (Novice - Master); Johnnette Ulch: Containers (Master - Novice); Jeff Hartzler: Exterior (Novice - Master) Event #2026034840

• ENTRY INFORMATION: Pre-entry Only

Detective Class Limit: 20 runs per class. Each Buried trial is limited to 100 runs on Friday. Entry Limits for Saturday/Sunday Trials: 375 runs per trial with no judge exceeding 125 runs.

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

Event Information & 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: Shelly Rehmeier
Ribbons/Prizes: Jessica O'Hara
Trial Site: Bellevue University
1000 Galvin Road South
Bellevue, NE
Werner Park
12356 Ballpark Way
Papillion, NE 68046

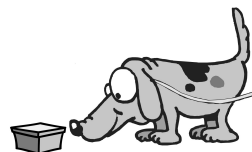
Additional Committee Members: Chara Eckery & Ron Weakes

Read #3 at the top of page 2 for class information.

No Concessions Available for Purchase

Club Officers

President: Sheryl Bradbury
Vice President: Sue Volkmer
Acting Secretary: Lana Petersen
Treasurer: Norine Nieman
At-Large Board Members: Cindi Gredys, Shelly Rehmeier, Shayne Fili, & Nina Gottsch



• 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. **Container Classes will be held indoors. Interior searches will take place indoors with a variety of floor surfaces. Exterior Classes may include steps within the search area or steps to get to a search area. Buried classes will be held indoors or may be outdoors if the weather permits. All Exterior Classes will be held outdoors rain or shine unless dangerous conditions are present (such as lightning). Handler Discrimination Classes will take place indoors and/or outdoors according to the specific class. Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended.**
The Detective Class offers an integrated search environment with an unknown number of hides in a variety of elements. The intent of the Detective Class is to emulate as closely as possible the work of a true detection dog. The Detective Class will take place in natural interior and exterior areas.
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.
7. Nebraska Kennel Club will send its own specific guidelines for this event when we send the judging program after the event closes.
8. Any items that fall off dog harnesses, handlers, etc. during a search will need to be picked up by the handler before leaving the search area or picked up at the secretary's table at a later time. Volunteers will not be handing any personal items back to handlers.

• ENTRY INFORMATION: FEES, DATES, and TIMES

Entries open Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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 class in the regular trials.** (Includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee)
 - **\$45 for each entry of each Detective Class.** (Includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee)
 - Dogs may be entered in no more than two (2) difficulty levels in each element in each trial.
2. **Entry Closing Date:** Entries will be accepted until **Wednesday, November 25, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. 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. (see attachment)
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 with Fees Payable to NKC to:

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

Entries may be received by UPS, FEDEX, USPS, or hand delivered no earlier than the opening date and time at the secretary's home.

• **PAYMENT FOR ENTRIES**

1. Entry payment must be made by check or money order. No entry will be processed without full payment.
2. Make checks payable to Nebraska Kennel Club (**NKC**). Checks must be payable in U.S. funds.
3. 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.
4. Checks will be held until the closing date.

• **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 or verbally 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 send 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 Nebraska 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 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: Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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

1. All event location times are Central Standard Time.
2. There will be absolutely NO SMOKING in Werner Park or on the Bellevue University campus.
3. Ample free parking is available at Bellevue University and on the WEST side of Werner Park
4. **For this event exhibitors are required to crate in or near their cars.**
5. **No outside food or drink can be brought into Werner ballpark.**

- **TRIAL TIMES, CLASS ORDER, & SUPER SNIFFER SCRAMBLE RULES**

1. **Friday: Judges' briefing at 8:00 a.m. followed by the classes. Saturday & Sunday: Judges' briefing at 8:30 a.m. followed by the classes.**
2. Class order will be determined after the closing date. The order of classes will be included with the judging program which will be sent after closing.
3. There will be a lunch break each day for the judges and workers.

- **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. 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 Show 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.
4. Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging may leave the trial site.
5. 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.
6. Dogs are not to be left unattended when crated in soft mesh crates. No dog may be left in an unlatched or un-zipped crate.
7. Except when being crated or exhibited, dogs must be kept on leash.

8. Exhibitors and dog owners are expected and required to clean up after their own dogs. Please potty your dog in the designated grassy areas and use the provided receptacles for disposal. This is a new venue for us and we want to be respectful of the grounds so we can use it for future trials. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. **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.
13. **Possession of Odors and Training.** No person other than those engaged in the administration of the trial shall be in possession of any of the target odors when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than in the designated warm-up area.

14. **Spectator Area:** For this event, there will be no indoor spectator areas.

15. *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
402-234-8777 — Call for directions

• ROUTES TO THE TRIAL SITES

• Route to Bellevue University

Driving directions will vary depending on where you live. Click on the link to put in your address and Bellevue University's address (1000 Galvin Road S) to get the best route. Enter the campus at Bruin Blvd. <https://www.waze.com> Leaving the event site: Exit on Lloyd Blvd where there is a traffic light. You cannot turn left if you exit on the same street (Bruin Blvd.) on which you entered.

• Werner Park, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion, NE

From Omaha: Take I-80 west to the Highway 370 exit. Take a left (east) on Hwy 370. Werner Park will be on your left.
From Lincoln: Take I-80 east to the Highway 370 exit. Take a right (east) on Hwy 370. Werner Park will be on your left.
From Bellevue: Take Highway 370 west. Werner Park will be on your right.
Access to Werner Park parking will be from Highway 370 at 126th Street.

• **AREA MOTELS** *(This list is provided as a courtesy. Please confirm motel pet policy when making reservations.)*

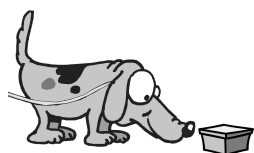
Motel 6, 10506 Sapp Brothers Drive, Omaha, NE 68168, 402-896-6868

My Place, 7823 S 123rd Plaza, LaVista NE 68128, 402-614-8747

Comfort Suites, 8121 Eastport Parkway, LaVista, NE 68128, 402-505-7333

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 16175 Stevens Pointe Circle, Gretna, NE 68028 402-504-3716

Courtyard by Marriott, 12560 Westport Parkway, LaVista, NE 68128, 402-339-4900



• **RV CAMPING** *(These sites may or may not be open in December. Please confirm before going to one.)*

[Walnut Creek Recreation Area](#), 11902 Turkey Road, Papillion, NE 68046, 402-679-9889

[KOA](#), 14601 Highway 6, Gretna, NE 68028, 402-332-3010

[Ashland RV Campground](#), 1301 Ash Street, Ashland, NE 68003, 402-401-4231

Please note: No overnight RV camping is allowed at Werner Park.

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

All Regular Qualifiers: Dark Green Qualifying Ribbon All Detective Qualifiers: Dark Green Rosette

All Container, Exterior, Interior, Buried, & Handler Discrimination Classes: 1st - 4th Place Ribbons

Detective Classes: 1st Place Ribbon + Embroidered Towel; 2nd-4th Place Ribbons

New Basic Element Title: Rosette

Basic Level Title, Elite Element Title, or Elite Level Title: Rosette

New Handler Discrimination Title: Rosette

New Detective Title: A Special Large Rosette (let us know)

A Special Rosette is available to any dog that completes its overall Super 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 on Saturday & Sunday Only: Rosette & HIT Blanket (Available only to teams that participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered, & and qualify in each.). **Please Note: A Separate HIT will be given for Novice A and Novice B.**

High Combined Division on Friday only: Rosette + Blanket (Available only to teams that participate in the same difficulty level in the Buried element and Handler Discrimination, and qualify in each.)

High Scoring Junior in Each Trial: Rosette