

ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

Entries will be taken between **APRIL 1, 2026, 8:00 AM** (Central Daylight Time-CDT) and **JUNE 3, 2026, 5:00 PM** (CDT).

*****US MAIL ONLY, NO HAND DELIVERIES OR SIGNATURE REQUIRED WILL BE ACCEPTED.*****

Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender. If necessary, a wait list will be held from the remaining entries after limits have been reached. The waiting list shall utilize a “first in—first out” approach. **Entries must be mailed USPS or FedEx SmartPost.**

PREMIUM LIST



Greater Chicago Area Scent Work Association
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

Containers & Interiors-All Levels & Detective
*****2 Trials Each Day*****

June 13, 2026 Event #2026729305 #2026729306

June 14, 2026 Event #2026729307 #2026729308

Held at:

Taft School

1605 S. Washington St., Lockport, IL 60441

ENTRY LIMITS

8 hours judging per judge

To be held Indoors & Outdoors

Saturday & Sunday: Interior, Containers, Detective

Trial Hours:

Saturday– 7:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday- 7:30am to 5:30pm

Check-in from 7:30-8:00 am daily

Handler's Briefing at 8:30am, first dog to follow

DETECTIVE TEAMS WILL BE ASSIGNED RUNNING TIMES AFTER CLOSING

Bonnie Gutzwiller, Yorkville, IL

Melanie Herbst, Chicago, IL

Trish Nienow, Green Bay, WI

Joanne Soyke, Rock Island, IL

Amy Wukotich, Chicago, IL



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB**

CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE GREATER CHICAGO AREA SCENT WORK ASSOCIATION

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EVENT COMMITTEE

Nancy Reyes, Barb Cote, Kim DeBenedictis, Noel Dagley, Erin Rezmer, Tom Rezmer

Bonnie Gutzwiler #102527 YORKVILLE, IL <u>June 13, 2026</u> Detective Trial #1 <u>June 14, 2026</u> Interiors, Novice, Advanced, Excellent	Melanie Herbst #102384 CHICAGO, IL <u>June 13, 2026</u> Containers, All Levels <u>June 14, 2026</u> Detective Trial #2	Trish Nienow #102428 GREEN BAY, WI <u>June 13, 2026</u> Detective Trial #2 <u>June 14, 2026</u> Interiors, Master	Joanne Soyke #102477 ROCK ISLAND, IL <u>June 13, 2026</u> Interiors, Novice, Advanced, Excellent <u>June 14, 2026</u> Detective Trial #1	Amy Wukotich #80755 CHICAGO, IL <u>June 13, 2026</u> Interiors, Master <u>June 14, 2026</u> Containers, All Levels
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VETERINARIAN ON CALL

VCA All Pets Animal Hospital
Address: 200 Read Street, Lockport, IL, 60441
Phone: 815-838-0505

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Silver Cross Hospital
1900 Silver Cross Blvd., New Lenox, IL 60451
Phone: 815-300-1100

MOVE-UPS

Move Ups from day to day will be offered—No same day move ups.

DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate.

Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

ENTRY FEES PER DAY

Each entry ALL ELEMENTS (includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee)..... \$30
Each entry DETECTIVE (includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee)..... \$50

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Barb Cote
440 W. Colfax St. #123
Palatine, IL 60078
Email: barb@foryourk9.com
(773) 490-6940

Entries must be mailed USPS or FedEx SmartPost

Please make checks payable to the **Greater Chicago Area Scent Work Association.**

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. **Entries must be mailed USPS or FedEx SmartPost.** Inquiries may directed to **BARB COTE** at nwtrials@foryourk9.com. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

GREATER CHICAGO AREA SCENT WORK ASSOCIATION is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **50 entries per day** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **June 3, 2026**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on **June 3, 2026**. Any waitlisted entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund.

STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). The staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

Warm-Up Area. One labelled container per target odor being used in the trial on that day will be placed in the warm-up area. This will allow handler-dog teams to prepare themselves for the search prior to their run. Each team should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less so that others may be able to use the warm-up area as well. Clubs may also place blank containers in the warm-up area if they choose.

SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

Search Area Conditions. Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass or cement.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

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.

Possession of Odors and Training. Chapter 5. Section 35 of the Scent Work Regulations states “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 the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area”.

Exhibitors must crate from their vehicle.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Red</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Yellow</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Qualifying Score</i>	<i>Dark Green</i>

A **New Title rosette** will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. **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 an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The Greater Chicago Scent Work Association and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The Greater Chicago Scent Work Association reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Greater Chicago Scent Work Association or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund.

Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

RINGSIDE

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: At check-in you will receive your armband number. Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email.

Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

"Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel/Motel Information

A list of area hotels can be found on
www.bringfido.com

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

Directions to Trial Site:

Take I-355 South toward Joliet Take the IL-7/159th Street exit, EXIT 4 Merge onto IL-7 toward Lockport Turn left onto Madison St. Turn right onto E Division St. Take the 3rd left onto S Washington St. Location is on the right

AKC Official Entry Form—Chicago Area Scent Work Association

	Container-Trial 1	Container-Trial 2	Interior-Trial 1	Interior-Trial 2	Detective
Sat., 6/13/2026	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Detective TRIAL 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Detective TRIAL 2
Sun., 6/14/2026	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Detective TRIAL 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Detective TRIAL 2

Entry fees: \$30 per class ALL ELEMENTS

\$50 per class DETECTIVE

Make checks payable to the For Your K9

of classes entered: _____

X \$30/50 =

\$ _____

Total due

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

AKC Registered Name			Registration Number		
			<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign		
Call name		Date of birth		Sex	
Breed				Variety	
Breeder					
Sire					
Dam					
Owner					
Owner's Address					
City			State		Zip
Telephone		Email			
Handler name (if different from owner):			Junior Handler # (if applicable):		

Mail to: Barb Cote, 440 W. Colfax St. #123 Palatine, IL 60078

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED.

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.

*****Be sure to read the Agreement and sign on**

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site,
www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

- See November 2019 edition of the Regulations for AKC Scent Work for info on eligibility for Novice A Classes
- Novice B Classes are open to all dogs.
- Advanced-Master Classes are open to dogs who have achieved the prior level title for that particular element.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE

X: _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____