

ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES will open on **January 8, 2025 at 8:00 am** Eastern Standard Time (EST). ENTRIES close on **February 5, 2025 at 12:00 pm** EST after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.



PREMIUM LIST



GREATER MONROE KENNEL CLUB

(Member of the American Kennel Club)

AKC SCENT WORK TRIALS

TWO TRIALS PER DAY

Novice A/B and Advanced - Buried and Container Trials

February 15, 2025 AKC # 2025559714
February 15, 2025 AKC # 2025559715
February 16, 2025 AKC # 2025559716
February 16, 2025 AKC # 2025559717

ENTRY LIMITS: 96 entries per day.

Trials will run concurrently and searches may run back to back.

Kerr Event Center
7419 Sample Rd.
Huntersville, NC 28078

Trial hours are approximate: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 8 am EST

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 12 pm EST

*** [On Line Entries](#) ***

*** **Mailed Entries** ***



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

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

2024 GREATER MONROE KENNEL CLUB OFFICERS CLUB

John Schoeneman, President
Martha Milligan, Treasurer

Wayne Kerr, Vice President
Janet Broome, Recording Secretary
515 Walters Mill Road, Monroe, NC

SCENT WORK EVENT COMMITTEE

Trial Chairperson
Martha Milligan
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Matthews, NC 28104
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mmilligan@earthlink.net

Trial Secretary
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Mocksville, NC. 27028
336-918-6946
AlertFinishSWKTS@gmail.com

Committee: Emilee McClain, Martha Milligan, Wayne Kerr, John Schoeneman, Courtney Higgins
and members of GMKC.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Carolina Veterinary Specialists
12117 Statesville Road, Huntersville, NC 28078
866-928-5184
10 Minutes from trial site

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police – Mecklenburg County: **911**

7419 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC 28078

Novant Health
100030 Giland Road, Huntersville, NC 28078
704-316-4000

Atrium Health
16455 Statesville Road, Huntersville, NC 28078
704-801-4000

JUDGE

Kim Williams (AKC# 102718) * Clemmons, NC

CLASSES OFFERED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025	
TRIAL 1 AKC 2025559714	TRIAL 2 AKC #2025559715
Novice A/B Buried	Novice A/B Buried
Novice A/B Container	Novice A/B Container
Advanced Buried	Advanced Buried
Advanced Container	Advanced Container
Judging begins at 9 am	

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025	
TRIAL 1 AKC 2025559716	TRIAL 2 AKC #2025559717
Novice A/B Buried	Novice A/B Buried
Novice A/B Container	Novice A/B Container
Advanced Buried	Advanced Buried
Advanced Container	Advanced Container
Judging begins at 9 am	

ENTRY FEE

The fee for entry of each dog in each run in each trail (which includes the AKC Event Service fee of \$3.50 per entry) as follows.

Advanced / Novice A/B\$25.

A convenience fee of \$1.00 per entry if paid via PayPal.

Opening Date: for online entries: **8:00 am (EST), Wednesday, January 8, 2025.**

Closing Date: Entry must be received by **Noon, Wednesday, February 5, 2025** at GMKC.org; after which time, entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, substituted or revised as noted in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the KC Show/Trial Manual.

Non Acceptance: No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

GMKC is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial’s closing date/time. A maximum of **20 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 **February 8, 2025**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on **February 8, 2025**.

CONFIRMATION AND REFUNDS

Entries will be acknowledged as soon as practical via email. If you have not received an initial confirmation, one week after opening date, please check spam mail or notify the Trial Secretary via email.

A final confirmation will be emailed one week prior to the trials. It will contain running order, more specific information on the judge's briefing, location of parking, port-a-johns, a QR Code and more.

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 (including Canine Influenza) are not eligible for a refund.**

Bitches in season will be refunded the **full entry fee less a \$5.00 per run processing 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.

DOGS 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.

Condition of the Dog. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

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.

Novice A classes are open to dogs who have not completed any title for that particulate element, who have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and whose handlers are neither scent work judges nor have worked as professional detection dog handlers.

Novice B classes are open to all dogs. **The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class(es)/divisions. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of qualifying scores by the AKC.**

VOLUNTEERS

Successful Scent Work trials depend on workers/volunteers! Please consider helping out when you and your dog are not competing. Duties include gate stewards, traffic/parking assistance, clean up, etc. Judge assistants/timers must be comfortable using a tablet or phone. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Emilee McClain: southernsoulaussies@yahoo.com or 704-648-3892

Volunteering will not interfere with any classes in which you are entered. Food will be provided for volunteers. More information will be provided as the trial date approaches.

TRANSFERS / MOVE UPS

Move ups must be sent in writing (email is acceptable and preferred – no text or Meta (Facebook) instant messaging to the Trial Secretary no later than **Monday, February 10, 2025**. A move up transfer may be requested if, according to the owner's records, then 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 entry has been made. A move-down transfer may be **requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher level class for which the dog is not eligible**. A lateral transfer if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in Novice A and the dog is not eligible.

Transfers (including transfers from between an "A" and "B" class at the same level) must be made in writing and must be received by the Trial Secretary in accordance with the applicable AKC Regulations. For transfers made up to and including **February 10, 2025** emails will be accepted as long as the following is included: Dog's call name, AKC registration number, owner's name, original class entered, and new class requested.

Due to the schedule of the trial, there will no day to day or trial to trial move ups.

BRIEFING, DEBRIEFING/AWARDS, STAGING AREA, WARM UP AREA INFORMATION

A General Handler's Briefing will be held each morning at **9 am in the parking lot**. These briefings will be as brief as possible. There will be no group element briefings or walk-through. Each competitor will receive a brief description of their search from the judge prior to their run and be given a moment at the start line to view the area and ask any questions.

Debriefing / Awards There will not be a post-trial debrief or awards ceremony. Awards will be "self-serve". After the results for each level are posted, exhibitors may leave after they are finished for the day.

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). 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.

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 areas if they choose.

Absolutely no unentered dogs are allowed in the building or warm-up area.

SEARCH AREA AND 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, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces. Outdoor searches may or may not be under cover. Searches may require exhibitors to walk distances from the parking area(s) to access the various search areas. GMKC will make every effort to accommodate the needs of individuals with mobility issues, it that is practicable, but some search area are only accessible via open and potentially uneven ground at a distance from parking areas.

RIBBONS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place	Blue
Second Place	Red
Third Place	Yellow
Fourth Place	White
Qualifying Score	Dark Green

A **New Title Rosette** may be awarded to dogs finishing a title.

High in Trial Rosette: teams who participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered (Container and Buried), and qualify in each are eligible to win **High in Trial**. One High In Trial winner is chosen per difficulty level; there is no separate High In Trial for the Novice A and Novice B sections. The High in Trial is determined by adding the team's faults across the elements. If there is a tie based on faults, then the team's times across the elements will be summed and the faster-finishing team will win.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

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. GMKC 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. GMKC 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 GMKC or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. 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.

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. GMKC 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: 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.**

GMKC will allow trial committee members to enter and handle dogs owned or co-owned in the trial. In addition, dogs owned or co-owned by a member of a committee member's household may be entered in the trial.

The Trial Site will be open to exhibitors from **8:00 am (EDT)** on each day, and will remain open until one hour after the completion of judging.

Exhibitors, Handlers and Others Attending the Trial waive any claim for damages against GMKC or its members or agents in the event a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation because of improper ventilation.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

Kerr Event Center
7419 Sample Rd.
Huntersville, NC

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.

Exhibitor parking. A GMKC member will be available to assist with parking. Exhibitors will work out of their vehicles. Crating Space will not be available indoors.

Food will not available on site. Please be prepared to bring your own food and snacks. There are restaurants and fast food close by. Also, please bring water for your dog and shade for your vehicle. Please bring appropriate trial gear.

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 .

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 the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

Spectator Area. Spectators are encouraged. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide.

HOTEL INFORMATION

This hotel is within 20 minutes of the trial.

Hampton Inn - Exit 23 at I-77
10305 Wilmington Road

Huntersville, NC 28078
704-892-9900

50 pound and 2 dogs per room limit. \$75 dog fee
\$119 per night

Dry Camping

Reservations must be made in
advance

\$25/night

Contact Martha

Milligan mmilligan@earthlink.net for
information and reservations.

Pet Agreement Policy: This Pet Agreement Policy will have to be filled out at check in for any rooms with pets.

TRIAL SITE AND DIRECTIONS

Kerr Event Center
7419 Sample Rd.
Huntersville, NC

From Statesville: I-77 South, Take exit 23 onto Gilead Rd, turn right onto Gilead Rd, turn left onto McCoy Rd, turn right onto Hambright Rd, turn left onto Beatties Ford Rd, turn right onto Sample Rd, the destination is on your left.

From Charlotte: I-77 North, Take exit 1C onto I-77 North, US-21 North toward Statesville, Take exit 16B onto Sunset Rd West, Turn right onto Beatties Ford Rd, turn left onto Sample Rd, the destination is on your left.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



Greater Monroe Kennel Club

Check the boxes for each class you wish to enter in each day/trial	Container Novice A	Container Novice B	Container Advanced	Buried Novice A	Buried Novice B	Buried Advanced
Trial 1 Saturday 2/15/2025						
Trial 2 Saturday 2/15/2025						
Trial 3 Sunday 2/16/2025						
Trial 4 Sunday 2/16/2025						

Entry Fees: Make checks payable to **GMKC**
 Novice A/B & Advanced Classes: \$25
Entry Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Mail entry to:
 Celeste Caskey, Trial Secretary
 619 Pineville Road
 Mocksville, NC. 27028

Entries close at Noon on Wednesday February 8, 2025 or when entry limits have been reached.

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

By signing below, you agree to the agreement on the next page.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT SIGNATURE!

SIGNATURE of Owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry

X:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Emergency Contact Name:	Phone:

***** IMPORTANT *****
 This Agreement on the next page must be printed and mailed with every entry form!

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 persons. **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 ITS 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

The A/B Sections: The A class is for beginners. Those dogs who have earned a title in that element (in AKC or another organization), and those handlers who have worked as professional detection dog handlers must enter the B section. The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class(es)/divisions. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of qualifying scores. All exhibitors are responsible for understanding the rules and should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work by downloading the from the American Kennel Club website.