

# Bellevue Dog Obedience Club AKC Scent Work Trials



An AKC Member Club

**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday  
April 24-26, 2026**

**Pre-entries Open: Wednesday,  
March 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CST**  
**Entries accepted on a first received basis  
by UPS, FEDEX, USPS, or hand delivered  
no earlier than the above date and time at  
the secretary's home.**

**Pre-entry Closing Date: Entries  
must be received no later than  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6 p.m.  
CDT at the secretary's home.**

## • Scent Work Judges

Chris Eblen #103194, Altoona, IA  
\*\*Juli Jurgens #117904, Bennet, NE  
Susan Mikel #108041, Berwick, IA  
Johnnette Ulch #102491, Belle Plaine, IA  
\*\*Provisional Novice/Advanced



## ONE TRIAL EACH DAY

### Friday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: Johnnette Ulch Detective Class; Buried (Novice - Master); Susan Mikel: Interior (Excellent/Master);  
\*\*Juli Jurgens: Interior, Exterior, & Containers (Novice/Advanced), & Chris Eblen: Containers & Exterior  
(Excellent/Master) Event #2026277213

### Saturday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: Susan Mikel: Detective Class; Buried (Excellent & Master); Johnnette Ulch: Containers (Novice -  
Master), Exterior (Excellent/Master); \*\*Juli Jurgens: Interior, Exterior, & Buried (Novice & Advanced); &  
Chris Eblen: Interior (Excellent & Master) Event #2026277214

### Sunday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: Chris Eblen: Detective Class; Buried (Novice - Master); Johnnette Ulch: Interior (Excellent/Master);  
\*\*Juli Jurgens: Interior, Exterior, & Containers (Novice/Advanced); & Susan Mikel: Containers & Exterior  
(Excellent/Master) Event #2026277215

- **ENTRY INFORMATION: Pre-entry Only. Entry Limit: 500 entries (runs) per trial**  
**The Detective Class is limited to 20 runs each day.**

## CERTIFICATION



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

*Sheila H. Goffe, Secretary*

## Event Information & Committees

Event Co-Chair	Sue Volkmer 401 Madison, Waterloo, NE 402-651-0884 <a href="mailto:zman.volkmer@gmail.com">zman.volkmer@gmail.com</a>
Event Co-Chair	Erin Embrey 3308 Looking Glass Drive Bellevue, NE 68123 402-672-2741 <a href="mailto:nusoccer18@hotmail.com">nusoccer18@hotmail.com</a>
Trial Secretary:	Norine Nieman 13500 Spring Street Omaha, NE 68144 402-697-7006 <a href="mailto:papnoseNN@gmail.com">papnoseNN@gmail.com</a>
Chief Steward:	Shelly Rehmeier
Hospitality:	Kim Embrey
Ribbons/Prizes:	Sharon Dowell & Gerianne Darnell
Site Coordinator:	Gerianne Darnell
<b>Trial Site:</b>	<b>Sunshine Obedience School</b> <b>11092 240th Street</b> <b>Council Bluffs, IA 51503</b>

**Concessions are NOT Available for this event.**

### Club Officers

President: Gerianne Darnell  
Vice President: Erin Embrey  
Secretary: Caroline Rice  
18202 Nicholas Road, Plattsmouth, NE  
Treasurer: Joanne Swenson  
At-Large Board Members: Gale Osborne, Ron Weeks,  
Kris Woodke

## • 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 who have not completed any title for that particular element, who 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 may be held indoors on concrete or on mats over concrete. All Interior searches may take place in any of the buildings on the property with a variety of floor surfaces including packed dirt. Buried Classes may be inside or outside on tarps, concrete, sand, dirt or grass. Exterior Classes may include steps within the search area or steps to get to a search area. All Exterior Classes will be held outdoors rain or shine unless dangerous conditions are present (such as lightning). Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended.**
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

Pre-entries open Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CST

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

1. **Pre-entry Only Fees**
  - \$22 for each element entry of each class for each dog in each trial. (Includes a \$4.50 AKC recording/service fees)
  - \$50 for entry of each Detective class for each dog in each trial. (Includes a \$4.50 AKC recording/service fees)
2. **Pre-entry Closing Date:** Pre-entries will be accepted until Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CDT at the secretary's home. NO Pre-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 or Give Pre-entries to:

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

**Entries accepted on a first received basis at the secretary's home by USPS, FEDEX, UPS, or hand delivery no earlier than Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CST.**

## • PAYMENT FOR ENTRIES

1. Pre-entry payment must be made by check or money order. No entry will be processed without full payment.
2. Make checks payable to Bellevue Dog Obedience Club (BDOC). Checks must be payable in U.S. funds.

3. Post-dated checks or returned checks do not constitute valid entry fees. BDOC will add a collection fee of \$35.00 to the amount of each returned check.

#### • ENTRY CANCELLATION, REFUNDS, WAIT LIST

1. Entry cancellations MUST be received in writing (includes e-mail) prior to the closing of Pre-entries and MUST include the dog's breed, AKC number, and registered 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. No refund of entry fees will be made for entries cancelled after the Pre-entry deadline.
4. No entries will be refunded after the event is closed.
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, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the host organization 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, BDOC 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) entries will be established on a first received basis. The closing date of the wait list is **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** 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, the runs will be assigned in wait list order. A refund will be given to any entrant whose entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry.

#### • 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, at [papnoseNN@gmail.com](mailto: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 on the day of the trial. **Please pick up your armband label(s) so we know you are present.**
3. The armband number need not be physically displayed on the dog or handler.
4. You will receive updated trial information 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 also be transferred between trials. In the case of concurrent trials, the time limit is waived.

#### • EVENT HOURS: Event hours are: Friday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. CDT

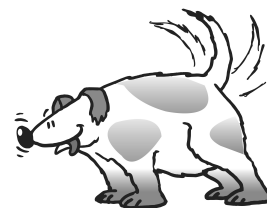
#### • GENERAL BUILDING, CRATING, PARKING, & FOOD INFORMATION

1. All event location times are Central Daylight Time.

2. There will be absolutely NO SMOKING in or on the grounds of the Sunshine Obedience School facility.
3. Parking is on the concrete or in the designated area on the SOUTH side of the driveway.
5. For this event exhibitors are required to crate in or near their cars.
6. NO FOOD is available for purchase at this event. Bring your own food and drink.

#### • TRIAL TIMES

1. Trial start time is the same for each day.
2. Check-in time: 8:00 a.m.
3. Start Time: The trial will start at 8:30 CDT each day with the judges' briefing followed by the classes. The Detective Class will run first each day. The regular Element judging order will be sent along with specific trial information after the trial closes.



#### • 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. BDOC, 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 BDOC 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 will be excused.
5. Please remember to turn off cell phones and/or pagers before entering search areas.
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. Except when being crated or exhibited, dogs must be kept on leash.
8. 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.
9. Exhibitors and dog owners are expected and required to clean up after their own dogs. Please potty your dog on the SOUTH side (to your left as you drive in) of the driveway 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 \$10 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. Spectators & Double Handling: Spectators are encouraged, however, no one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Spectators should take care to remain neutral in order to not provide clues

to the handler. Judges may excuse or re-run exhibitors whose dogs they reasonably believe have benefited from double handling. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the spectator area by the judge. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run, except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes, if offered.

16. Spectator Area: Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or persons who have already completed their runs in the class may choose to watch searches in the outdoor spectator areas. Indoor spectator areas may be allowed depending on the search area and the judge's discretion. Spectators are absolutely forbidden from discussing details of the search with handlers who have yet to run. Even seemingly innocuous details can inadvertently aid a team's performance. The basic rule is this: If you would not know the information, but for being in the spectator area, you cannot discuss the information. No dogs are permitted in the spectator area(s).
17. Warm-up area: There shall be a designated a 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.
18. *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

##### **On Call During Trial Hours:**

George Darnell, DVM  
Sunshine Veterinary Clinic  
11092 240th Street  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503  
Directions: On Site

#### • EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICE

##### **After Trial Hours:**

Urgent Pet Care  
8455 S 73rd Plaza  
Papillion, NE  
402-597-2911

**Directions:** Directions will vary depending on where you are. Please call the clinic for the quickest way there.

#### • ROUTE TO SUNSHINE OBEDIENCE SCHOOL

*Take I-80 East or West to I-29 South. From I-29 South or North, take the "Lake Manawa/Iowa School for the Deaf" Exit 47 (turn right). Drive to the Intersection of Hwy. 92 & Hwy. 275 (Wabash Avenue). At that Intersection: Turn right and drive 2 miles on Hwy. 275 (Wabash Ave.), turn left on Pioneer Trail (G-66), drive 4 miles, then turn right on 240th Street (a gravel road). Drive 1.2 miles, cross the bike trail, then it's the next place on the right. Look for the Basset Hound mailbox. [MAP](#)*

- **AREA MOTELS & RV Parks** *(This list is provided as a courtesy. BDOC does not endorse any motels listed. Double check with the motel about its current pet policy when making your reservation.)*

My Place, 2281 South 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 256-9555  
The Western Inn, 1842 Madison Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (800) 322-1842  
Best Western, 2216 27th Avenue, Council Bluffs, IS 51501 (712) 322-3150  
Days Inn, 3208 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-9699  
Motel 6, 3132 S Expressway, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 366-2405  
Microtel Inn, 2141 S 35th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 256-2900  
Horseshoe Casino RV Parking, 2701 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA (712) 308-5005  
RV Parking at Lake Manawa State Park, 1100 N Shore Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa (712) 366-0220  
On Site RV Parking May Be Available (without hookups) — Contact Gerianne at [geriannedarnell@aol.com](mailto:geriannedarnell@aol.com)

#### • RIBBONS & PRIZES

All Element Qualifiers: Dark Green Two-layer Qualifying Ribbon  
Container, Interior, Buried, & Exterior Classes: 1st-4th Place Ribbons  
New Basic Element Title: Rosette      Basic Level Title or Elite Element Title: Rosette  
Detective Qualifier: Dark Green Rosette      Detective Title: Special Rosette  
Overall Master Title or Overall Elite Title: Special Rosette  
High in Trial: Rosette      High Scoring Junior in Each Trial: Two-layer Ribbon

