

**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

Entries Open: Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 9 am (Eastern-EDT)  
 Pre-Entries Close: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 4 pm (Eastern-EDT) for pre-entry price break.  
 Day of Show entries close at 7:30am on each day of the trial. There will be **NO Wait List**.  
**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.

**No entry may be mailed to the Kalamazoo Kennel Club building. No entry may be left at the building as a method of entering these trials. Entries may be mailed to or hand delivered directly to the Trial Secretary.**



## AKC SCENT WORK PREMIUM KALAMAZOO KENNEL CLUB

Held at: Kalamazoo Kennel Club  
 1249 W. D Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

**May 30th and May 31st, 2026**  
**4 LICENSED AKC Scent Work Trials**

Saturday, May 30th – Interior, Exterior, Handler  
 Discrimination

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Containers, Buried, Handler  
 Discrimination

**Move Ups from Trial 1 to Trial 2 will be accepted.**

Pre-Entries will be taken in order received until 4pm on 05/13/26.

Day of Show Entries accepted from 7:00am – 7:30am each day of the Event  
**No entries will be accepted between 4pm on 5/13/26 and 7am on 5/30/26**

- May 30, 2026 Event #2026062514
- May 30, 2026 Event #2026062515
- May 31, 2026 Event #2026062516
- May 31, 2026 Event #2026062517

**ENTRY LIMITED TO 125 DOGS  
 PER JUDGE PER DAY**



**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

**Kalamazoo Kennel Club Officers**

President..... Jim Fankhauser      Vice President.....Shannon Dobbins  
 Treasurer.....Mary Law      AKC Delegate.....Angela Boeske  
 Secretary.....Dawn Lovell, 74501 – 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Decatur, MI 49045

Trial Committee: Marti Ellerby, Alberta Hoikka, Dawn Lovell, Diane Coles  
 Cheryl Shea, Becky Siwik, and any other club members in attendance.

**Entry fees – All Levels \$23.00 per class pre-entry only // \$28 Day of Show. No entries will be accepted between 4pm 05/13/26 and the opening of Day of Show entries.**

**\*\*Day of Show Entries taken Saturday and Sunday from 7:00am – 7:30am\*\***

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Kalamazoo Kennel Club or K.K.C.**

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
Cheryl Shea 4998 Lindsey Road Delton, MI 49046 Email: cherylshea.tdx@gmail.com (616) 292-7451	<b>MAIL ENTRIES TO:</b> Becky Siwik, Event Secretary 6828 Manhattan St Portage, MI 49024 (269) 873-1679 <a href="mailto:kkcscentwork@gmail.com">kkcscentwork@gmail.com</a>

JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS			
Saturday – Trial 1 & 2			
Sharon L Jonas	#101767	Valparaison, IN	Exterior, Handler Discrimination A, E, M
Carolyn Dostal	#102529	Bangor, MI	Interior, Handler Discrimination Novice

JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS			
Sunday -Trial 1 & 2			
Sharon L Jonas	#101767	Valparaison, IN	Containers, Handler Discrimination - A,E,M
Carolyn Dostal	#102529	Bangor, MI	Buried, Handler Discrimination Novice

**Running order will be Novice to Master in each element – Trials Concurrent.  
 8:15 am Briefing with first dog on the line at 8:30 am.**

## ***To be held Indoors / outdoors***

### **Trial Site/Noise/Distractions**

Plan and train for naturally occurring dog trial noises, such as printers, doors opening, crated dogs, lively conversation and laughter, possible barking and background music. Sound sensitive teams will not be accommodated, as each team must be judged in a similar environment. The general public has access to this site during the trial.

**Reactivity:** We are not able to change the environment for a specific dog, as the trial experience should be similar for all entrants. Expect 3 dogs in line for each of the trial rings, in addition to dogs exiting the ring in the staging area.

### **RIBBON / ROSETTE AWARDS**

Placement rosettes will be awarded in each class as follows:

*First Place*.....*Blue*  
*Second Place*.....*Red*  
*Third Place*.....*Yellow*  
*Fourth Place*.....*White*  
*Qualifying Score (Flat Ribbon)*.....*Dark Green*

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

**A New Title rosette will be offered for new Level Titles earned at this trial.**

A Rosette will be awarded to High in Trial and High Combined winners in Novice through Master.

### **High in Trial**

Eligibility/Rules:

- Entered in all elements offered for the same level (Interior & Exterior for each trial Saturday and Container & Buried for each trial on Sunday)
- Qualify in all runs for that level
- One High in Trial winner is chosen for each level (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 a combination of the least total time and faults.

### **High Combined**

Eligibility/Rules:

- Entered in all elements offered for the same level (Interior, Exterior, & Handler Discrimination on Saturday and Container, Buried & Handler Discrimination on Sunday)
- Qualify in all runs for that level
- One High Combined winner is chosen for each level (no separate High Combined for the Novice A and Novice B sections)
- The High Combined 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 a combination of the least total time and faults.

### **ENTRY FEES**

**Scent Work Each Entry (includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee) \$23.00 per Class pre-entry only // Day of Show Entries - \$28 per Class.**

**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 - There will be NO wait list.**

### **DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER**

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. Females in season may not participate. Aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include warm-up and waiting area, as well as the check-in and posting of running order and results tables.

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. 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. A demo dog will be used prior to each class.

A **warm-up area** will be available. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog. Please be considerate of your fellow exhibitors and do not allow your dog(s) to destroy the warm-up boxes.

**SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS:** Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

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

**AKC Scent Work Rules and Regulations**

[http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf?\\_ga=2.129834700.1114668072.1513798859-2115365751.1503586767](http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf?_ga=2.129834700.1114668072.1513798859-2115365751.1503586767)

Possible search areas include but are not limited to: Inside/Outside Building, storage building, grass, woody area. Entire outdoor search area is fenced. We will run in rain, just not lightning – please dress for the weather

**Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee minus a \$5 administrative fee per entry. Notification in writing from the owner or handler, 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:** We are operating a Self-Check-In system. Just pick up your armband upon arrival inside of the building and notify the ring steward you are there. 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.

The **A/B Sections:** The A class is for beginners. Those dogs who have earned a title in that element (in AKC or in 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.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Becky Siwik at [kkcscentwork@gmail.com](mailto:kkcscentwork@gmail.com). No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

**Directions to the Kalamazoo Kennel Club:**

**From the North or South:** US Hwy 131, Exit #44 (D Ave), east on D Ave to building on right, just past Douglas St.

**From the East or West:** 1-94 to US Hwy 131 North to Exit #44 (D Ave), east on D Ave to building on right, just past Douglas St.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** *These hotels accept well-mannered dogs. A pet deposit may be required. Please check with hotels for policies and restrictions. Please DO NOT LEAVE PETS UNATTENDED IN ROOMS! Please clean up after your dogs.*

Quality Inn	3850 Sprinkle Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 (269) 381-7000
Red Roof Inn East	3701 E. Cork St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 (269) 382-6350
Comfort Inn	622 Allegan St., Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 685-9891
Hampton Inn & Suites	5059 S. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 (269) 432-0076
Town Place Suites	5683 S. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 (269) 443-6255

**Viewing:** There will be an area to watch the trial. If you are in the class, do not watch until after you have completed your run. No double handling. Do not bring dogs into the viewing area. Viewing is allowed for all runs where appropriate. Silence is requested when a dog is working.

**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-HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.**

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

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to visit 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 26 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 and will be allowed. 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. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search with handlers who have not run.

**Crating space.** Indoor crating is restricted to committee members and trial workers.

**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.

**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 Kalamazoo Kennel Club 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 Kalamazoo Kennel Club 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 Kalamazoo Kennel Club 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.**

**VETERINARIAN ON CALL**  
**VCA Animal & Emergency Hospital**  
**5348 S Westnedge St**  
**Portage MI 49002**  
**269-381-5228**

## AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

**We understand exhibitors may have move ups. Please submit any move-ups by Wednesday, May 27, 2026.**

**RIBBONS:** Please do not ask the secretary when the placement ribbons will be completed. They will be posted as soon as they are printed.

**SELF SERVICE LINEUP:** Please check in with the Gate Steward. There will be staging areas with 3 spots for each search area. We are counting on exhibitors to keep these 3 spots FULL and ready to go for each ring at all times! If you are ready to run, go to the next open spot. You need not run in the number order on the ring board. Your number will be removed when you enter the search area.

**CONFLICTS:** We are aware that there may be conflicts with 2 judges running dogs at the same time. On the other hand, be sure to start getting ready for your next run as soon as possible. Please help us to keep the spots full and inform the Ring Steward of possible conflicts.

**FOOD** – There is no concession at the trial. There are fast food restaurants within 5 miles of the Kalamazoo Kennel Club. Judges and trial workers will have lunch provided by KKC.

**ABOVE ALL BE KIND AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DOG!**



High in Trial

New Level Title

High Combined



**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Entries should be sent to:  
**Becky Siwik**  
**6828 Manhattan St**  
**Portage MI 49024**

	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried	Handler Discrimination
Trial 1 Saturday 10/25/25	N/A	<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	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Trial 2 Saturday 10/25/25	N/A	<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	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Trial 1 Sunday 10/26/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	N/A	N/A	<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
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**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KALAMAZOO KENNEL CLUB OR K.K.C.**

**CLASS FEES PER TRIAL (each box checked) - \$23 each CLASS pre-entry**  
**\$28 each CLASS for Day of Show**

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):	

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. No form will be processed without your signature! \*\*\*

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

[www.akc.org](http://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**

**Please check the box for each class desired to be entered. Dogs may enter two different levels within each element, at each trial. Dogs entering the Advanced, Excellent, Master or Detective classes must have earned the required title, as stipulated in the AKC Scent Work Regulations. Dogs may enter either the Novice "A" class or the Novice "B" class—not both.**

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



X: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency – Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT LEGIBLY - SECRETARY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MISREADING ENTRY INFORMATION**

**Once your information is entered by the trial secretary, you will receive an email confirming your entry. Please allow a week from date mailed.**