

**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED NO HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES
ENTRIES OPEN ON**

Wednesday Sept 3, 2025, 8:00am CDT

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Friday Oct 6, 2025, 06:00pm CDT

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.

All entries received before this date will be shredded.

Overnight. 2nd day or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

PREMIUM LIST

AKC ALL-BREED SCENT WORK TRIALS

This Event is Accepting Entries for Mixed Breed Dogs

Listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program

German Shepherd Dog Club of America

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



Saturday and Sunday Trial 1 and 2 all elements Novice-Master

Saturday and Sunday Trial 2 Detective

Monday (GSD Only) Trial 1 and 2 all elements Novice-Master and Detective

The following trials will give GSD entries priority for entries received by

September 16, 2025, 6:00pm CDT within entry limits

Saturday October 18, 2025, Scent Work Trial Events 2025009314, 2025009315

Sunday October 19, 2025, Scent Work Trial Events 2025009318, 2025009319

German Shepherd Dog Only

Monday October 20, 2025, Scent Work Trial Event 2025009322 2025009347

****Indoors & outdoors****

Illinois State Fairgrounds

801 E Sangamon Ave

Springfield, IL 62702

Entries limited to 200 runs Trial 1 225 Trial 2

Detective limited to 25 runs

GSDCA will maintain a wait list for up to 25 entrants*

(entries for the wait list must be received prior to close)

Trial Hours: Saturday, Sunday, Monday– 7:00am to 7:00pm CDT

Check-in 7:30am Briefing 8:00am first dog to follow

Christina Ruddock * Christine Kozanda * David Conroy * Laura Feldt * Lisa Godfrey* Brenda Steely

**AGILITY GATE WILL BE USED AT THIS TRIAL
NO OAKLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Crating is NOT available at this trial



**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 M Dinardo, Secretary

OFFICERS OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

PRESIDENT.....Cynthia Flautt
 VICE PRESIDENT.....Ileana Nogueras
 TREASURER.....Pamela O'Dell
 RECORDING SECRETARY.....Lynn Goswick
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Janeane Cappara

EVENT COMMITTEE

Event Chair

Janeane Cappara
 7799 KING
 MEMORIAL RD
 MENTOR, OH 44060
 440-227-1111
 jrcappara@gmail.com

Event Secretary

Brett Vargo
 7918 FREDERICK AV
 MUNSTER, IN 46321
 219-616-4010
 nozk9trials@gmail.com

And all members of The GSDCA present at trial

JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Chris Ruddock #112729 Chatham, IL	Christine Kozanda #102394 Munster, IN	Dave Conroy #102343 Menomonee Fis, WI	Laura Feldt #100075 Jeffersonville, IN	Lisa Godfrey #95817 Normal IL Sat/Sun Only	Brenda Steely (P) #113343 O'Fallon, MO Monday Only
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Saturday	Novice A/B	Advanced	Excellent	Master	Detective
Container	Lisa	Lisa	Christine	Christine	Christine
Interior	Lisa	Lisa	Dave	Dave	
Buried	Laura	Laura	Laura	Laura	
Exterior	Chris R	Chris R	Chris R	Chris R	
Sunday					
Container	Lisa	Christine	Laura	Laura	Laura
Interior	Lisa	Lisa	Chris R	Chris R	
Buried	Dave	Dave	Dave	Dave	
Exterior	Lisa	Christine	Christine	Christine	
Monday					
Container	Brenda	Brenda	Dave	Dave	Dave
Interior	Brenda	Brenda	Christine	Christine	
Buried	Chris R	Chris R	Chris R	Chris R	
Exterior	Laura	Laura	Laura	Laura	

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Animal Hospital of Springfield

[3183 S Veterans Pkwy](#)
[Springfield, IL 62704](#)

[217-615-5664](#)

8.3 miles from trial site. Ctrl+Click to follow link for directions from your location.

Move Up Policy

Prior to trial: Move-up Deadline is Monday at 8am October 13, 2025, and will be taken via email to noz99trials@gmail.com NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

During trial: We will be taking day-to-day move ups, there will be no move ups from Trial 1 to Trial 2 for each day. All move ups must be completed in writing by end of trial Saturday and Sunday, no move ups will be taken Sunday or Monday morning or by email, phone call, text or fax.

Move ups prior to trial day must be submitted by 8am Monday October 13, 2025, no move ups will be taken after this date no exceptions.

The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class or classes.

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 (mixed breed) 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 (mixed breed) listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes. For more information on PAL/ILP go to <http://www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm> or Canine Partners go to http://www.akc.org/mixedbreeds/index.cfm?nav_area=mixedbreeds

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.

ENTRY FEES PER DAY AND WAIT LIST INFORMATION

SCENT WORK FEES: Separate Fee for each dog each trial. Check payable to GSDCA

Entry per class per day for each dog	\$25.00
Detective	\$45.00
(includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee)	

Mail entry forms and fees to Trial Secretary (no hand deliveries will be accepted):

Brett Vargo 7918 Frederick Ave Munster, IN 46321

Please make checks payable to GSDCA. No entries will be accepted by phone, or fax.

Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Brett Vargo at noz99trials@gmail.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.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website at <http://www.akc.org/events/scent-work/>

***GSDCA Will maintain a wait list: The Club will maintain a waitlist of 25 dogs**

Per AKC Regulations **Section 18. Waiting List.** Clubs that limit the number of entries may, at their option, establish a waiting list in order that entries that scratch prior to the event can be replaced. The waiting list shall utilize a “first in – first out” approach. **A full refund is to be reimbursed to any entrant whose entry is replaced by a wait-listed entry.** This waitlist will close on Monday October 16 at 8am after which time no refunds will be given or entries replaced.

We LOVE volunteers and trials cannot run without you!

Please consider volunteering for a day!

RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Ribbons will be awarded in all Scent Work classes as follows:

First Place.....	Blue
Second Place	Red
Third Place	Yellow
Fourth Place	White

A Dark Green Ribbon will be offered for qualifying scores.

Offered by GSDCA:

- Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master each day.
- See AKC rules for eligibility for HIT
- The following are the ribbons and trophies.

Saturday and Sunday

All Breed Trials x 4

- 1st - 4th flat ribbons
- Green qualifying ribbons flat
- High In Trial rosette
- New Detective Title rosette

Monday GSD Only

- 1st - Blue Rosette and Custom Scent Work vessel
- 2nd through 4th – flat
- Green qualifying ribbons flat
- High In Trial rosette
- New Detective Title rosette
- Scent work Victor/Victrix Rosette
- Danny quest scent work bronze sculpture

We will be offering a Scent Work Victor/Victrix Award starting in 2024 at the GSDCA National. The criteria are listed below. The Scent Work Victor/Victrix will be awarded from the Master Level and Detective classes during the trial designated as the GSD National Specialty Trial (Monday).

- Dogs must Qualify in all four Master Scent Work classes in the Odor Search Division.
- Dogs must compete in the Detective class. A qualifying score is NOT required.
- At least one owner of the dog must be a GSDCA member.
- The dog must not have any disqualifying faults and must be approved by an AKC German Shepherd Dog judge.
- The dog must have AKC registration. No ILP/PAL dogs will be eligible.
- The dog may be spayed or neutered.

Scoring criteria:

The dog must qualify in all four Master Scent Work classes, Interior, Exterior, Buried, and Containers during the designated trial.

The dog must run in Detective in the same designated trial. Successful completion is not required for eligibility.

If more than one dog qualifies in all four elements, their overall score is determined by the dog with the fewest faults across the four

If the faults are equal, then the dog with the fastest time across all four elements breaks the tie.

If the dog qualifies in the Detective class, they will be given either a one fault reduction or a one-minute time reduction from their Master level results. If the dog does not qualify in Detective, there is no adjustment to their Master level results

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 exercises 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 German Shepherd Dog Club of America 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 German Shepherd Dog Club of America 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 German Shepherd Dog Club of America or any official thereof.

All dogs must be on leash at all times when on trial grounds except when competing in the event

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.

Females in season are not permitted to compete in scent work. If a female is withdrawn from competition because it came into season, the club will refund entry fees for bitches unable to compete. The Trial Secretary must be notified no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial. The club will retain a processing fee of \$5.00 per trial.

REWARDS AND REINFORCERS

When a dog correctly finds the scent, the handler may reward the dog with a food or toy reinforcement. Handlers may reward at or away from source but must take care not to contaminate the search area with food particles or saliva. If a toy is used, the toy must always stay in contact with the handler (toys cannot be thrown). Toys that make noise are not allowed. These items are to be used as a reward only and may not be used to bait the dog.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS & HANDLERS

These are self-cleaning shows. Equipment will be placed around the show grounds and outside show rings. If your dog soils the grounds, it is your responsibility to clean it up and place the contents in the trash cans. By signing the entry forms for these dog shows you are agreeing that clean-up is your responsibility. If you see an area that has not been cleaned, please notify our announcer at the catalog table. Not cleaning up after your dog may result in dismissal from trial and forfeiture of entry

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.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

[Directions to Fairgrounds from your location](#) Ctrl+Click link

Via I-55 North or South to exit 100B to E. Sangamon Ave

HOTEL AND MOTEL INFORMATION

These have indicated they will accept canines. Restrictions such as weight or number of canines, a non-refundable deposit or higher daily rate may apply. Please discuss the details with each facility when making your reservation. Individuals staying in the room with canines will accept full financial responsibility for any damages.

HOTELS – SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS 2025

***Hotels Contracted with GSDCA – Please mention you are with the GSDCA when booking!**

Please be courteous while a guest of the hotel so we may return in the future !!

***Holiday Inn Express & Suites (next to the Crowne Plaza)**
3050 S. Dirksen Parkway

***Residence Inn – (7 miles from show site)**
2915 Stanford Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703
217-527-1100

***Northfield Inn & Suites – (1 mile from show site)**
3280 Northfield Drive
Springfield, IL 62702
217-523-7900

***Microtel Inn & Suites – (7 miles from show site)**
2636 Sunrise Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
217-753-2636

La Quinta Inn & Suites
1121 Lejune Drive
Springfield, IL
217-697-5686
Large Grassy Area

Hilton Garden Inn
3100 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL
217-529-7171

Please verify your rate when booking.
See <https://www.gsdca.org/national-hotels/>
for details and additional information as it is posted

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

HSBS St John's Hospital, 800 E Carpenter St - 2.3 Miles

Springfield Police and Fire – 911



OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SCENT WORK ENTRY FORM
German Shepherd Dog Club of America

Mail signed entries with fees payable to GSDCA
c/o Brett Vargo 7918 Frederick Av Munster, IN 46321 (no hand deliveries).
Entry Fees: \$25.00 per class per day Novice-Master. Detective \$45

of elements entered _____ #of detective entered _____ Entry Fee Enclosed \$ _____

CIRCLE IF YOU ARE ENTERING NOVICE A or NOVICE B OR ENTRY DEFAULTS TO B

	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried	Detective
Trial 1 10/18/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	Not Offered
Trial 2 10/18/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trial 1 10/19/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	Not Offered
Trial 2 10/19/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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.

The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class or classes.

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

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: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____

Phone #: _____