

Trial Information

TWO AKC LICENSED ALL BREED AGILITY TRIALS

#2025009323, #2025009324

Entries will be accepted for dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners program

German Shepherd Dog Club of America



Monday - Tuesday: October 20-21, 2025

Illinois State Fairgrounds

Barn 13

801 E Sangamon Ave, Springfield, IL 62702

Trials to be held under cover on packed dirt arena

Ring size: 120' x 120'

Trial Secretary

Vicki Miller

14301 N Old Number 7

Columbia, MO 65202

573-228-4738

gsdsecretary@outlook.com

<https://gsdsecretaryservice.com/>

Trial Veterinarian on Call

Animal Emergency Clinic of Springfield

1333 W. Wabash Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

(217) 698-0870

Trial Chair

Christina Ward

618-854-9074

crissy9128@gmail.com

Event Committee

Christina Ward - Chairperson

Patty Schneiderjohn

Tony Szczuka

Cathy Mitchell

Vicki Miller

Trial Judge

Lisa Potts #16603 (VM0)

Springfield, IL 62704

Running Order

Class Order - Regular and Preferred will be run together at each height.

Monday FAST*** – Premier STD – M/X STD – Open STD – Novice STD – T2B – M/X JWW –
Open JWW – Novice JWW

Tuesday FAST*** – M/X STD – Open STD – Novice STD – T2B – Premier JWW – M/X JWW –
Open JWW – Novice JWW

***FAST will run all levels together by height

Start Times

	<u>Walkthrough</u>	<u>Judging</u>
Monday	7:40 am	8:00 am
Tuesday	7:40 am	8:00 am

Jump Height:

Monday – Small to Tall

Tuesday - Tall to Small

Trial Information

Set up time for Sunday will be announced soon.

Trial hours are 7:00 AM to 30 minutes after completion.

1 ring, 120' x 120' in size will be used.

Please bring chairs, crates and water for your dogs, and clean up supplies.

Move-ups

For the Monday trial: MOVE-UPS close at 4:00 pm CT, Sunday, October 19

Move-ups may be sent by regular mail or email to the Trial Secretary. If an email address is provided with your entry, an email confirmation of the move-up will be sent.

For the Tuesday trial: MOVE-UPS close 30 minutes after the end of the trial on Monday and must be submitted at the trial.

Change of Entry

As described in Chapter 1, Section 21 of the Regulations for Agility Trials, a dog which is entered in a Novice A class for which it is not eligible may be moved to Novice B. In addition, if notification has been received in writing from the AKC after closing that a dog is not eligible for a class entered, the dog may be moved to the correct class. The request for the move must be made at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the trial. If a VMO or Field Representative at a trial measures a dog into a height other than what they entered, the entry may be changed from Regular to Preferred or from Preferred to Regular, as long as the dog has not run any classes that day. If the dog has already run, the change may be made for the next trial day(s). The exhibitor must provide the Trial Secretary the AKC Agility Measurement Form when requesting the class change.

AKC Height Cards

The judge, Lisa Potts, is a VMO. If your dog does not have a Temporary height card, or a Permanent card if over 2 yrs. old – the dog MUST be measured before his/her first run of the day. Please arrive early to allow plenty of time to be measured.

Notice to Exhibitors

THE SAFETY OF DOGS is our primary concern. By entering these trials, 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 obstacles safely.

ERRORS ON ENTRY BLANKS Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after trial has closed.

RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. A charge of \$25.00 will be made for each returned check.

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 Trial Committee.

Entry fees will not be refunded if the trials cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

JUDGES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WAIT FOR DOGS. The owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility for providing 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. If handlers have a ring conflict and so inform the gate steward, every effort will be made to accommodate you.

TRIAL COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this show.

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN THE RING OR IN THE DESIGNATED WARM UP AREA. Exhibitors 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 trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such cases, no refund of any fees will be made. All dogs present must be held on leash or confined to their crates at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area. **All exhibitors must pick up dog waste everywhere on the show grounds AND HOTELS.** The site will be monitored, and offenders will be asked to leave. In such cases, no refunds will be made.

Dogs under 4 months of age are not permitted on the show grounds of AKC Agility Trials. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites and any communicable diseases and have appropriate **vaccinations.** The GSDCA does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC entry form for this event. **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.

Bitches In Season

BITCHES IN SEASON are not allowed to compete. There will be partial refund minus \$12.00 per day due to bitches which come in season after trial has closed, provided that the owner provides a veterinary statement to the trial secretary. All documentation must be received by the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

Fix and Go On (FNG)

Fix and Go On is not pre-entered; rather, it occurs during the run. Fix and Go On allows exhibitors to immediately reattempt an obstacle at any time while on the course when the dog's obstacle performance is not to their expectation. This allows the dog to successfully complete the obstacle then finish the course or leave the ring on a positive note. Using Fix and Go On will result in a non-qualifying score.

For Exhibition Only (FEO)

FEO Will be offered at this trial in all classes

- For Exhibition Only may be offered at the option of the host club. FEO will allow Exhibitors to work with their dogs in a trial environment. FEO is allowed in all classes. Participation in FEO is non-qualifying.
- FEO runs are treated as trial entries. The exhibitor must enter the class(es) prior to the closing date, pay class entry fee(s) and the Trial Secretary must record the entry in the Trial Catalog as part of the results for that class. FEO does not need to be noted on the Entry form; the handler will declare the day of the show.
- Dogs may be entered in any jump height for FEO runs. If entered in an ineligible jump height the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show jump height changes are not allowed.
- The Exhibitor must declare FEO in the ring prior to leading out to the scribe and the judge.
- Course time for FEO in T2B, JWW, Standard, Premier, and ISC will be 45 seconds. FAST course times for each class/height are as noted in the regulations. Exhibitors must exit the ring when the horn sounds. FEO runs will scored as 'absent' in catalog and results.

Darkness to Light's Abuse Hotline

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.

Prizes and Awards

Ribbons will be awarded for First through Fourth place in all divisions.

In T2B only 1st place will be awarded for each height.

1st Place in Agility Class (Friday Only) will receive a product or gift offered by Purina.*

Qualifying Ribbons will be award to all dogs receiving a qualifying score.
(Dogs must qualify to receive placements and awards)

German Shepherd Dog Awards

Agility Victor/Victrix Award

Danny Quest Flying Trot Sculpture

Rosette offered by the German Shepherd Club of America, Inc.

Agility Victor/Victrix will be awarded from the Regular Master Standard and Regular Master JWW classes using the following criteria:

- The dog must be entered both days of the trial
- The dog must qualify in BOTH the Regular Master Standard and the Regular Master JWW classes, therefore earning a Double Qualifier (QQ) on one or both days of the trial. Only Double Qualifiers will be used in determining the Agility Victor/Victrix.
- Double Qualifying on both days will supersede any single day QQ.
- If more than one dog earns a QQ on both days or if only a single day QQ's are earned on the same day, then the dog with the lowest combined total time for those runs will be awarded the title of Agility Victor/Victrix.
- In the event of a single day QQ's being earned on different days the dog with highest yards per second* will be awarded the title Agility Victor/Victrix.

*YPS = total yards of the courses that the QQ was earned on divided by the dog's times

In the case that no dog earns a QQ on either day the award will not be given.

CRITERIA FOR THE AGILITY VICTOR/VICTRIX.

In addition to the above scoring criteria the following must be met.

1. Must have an AKC Registration number (PAL/ILP dogs are not eligible)
2. Spayed/neutered dogs are acceptable.
3. **AT LEAST ONE OWNER MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GSDCA.**
4. Dog has no disqualifying faults per breed standard.

Friday Awards Only:

High Scoring German Shepherd and High Scoring Preferred German Shepherd Dog Award

Rosette offered by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

High Scoring Breed Champion of Record Award

Rosette offered by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

High Scoring German Shepherd in Standard with a PAL/ILP Registration Dog Award

Rosette offered by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

High Scoring WHITE German Shepherd Dog Award

Rosette offered by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

*Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 offered by Pro Plan. All prizes, if not awarded in the ring, must be picked up during the event at the Purina Pro Plan Booth. Presentation of the winning ribbon is required. Purina Pro Plan reserves the right to make prize substitutions of equal or greater value in the event a specific listed prize is not available.



Prizes and Awards (con't)

GSDCA Special Awards

High Scoring German Shepherd Dog, High Scoring Breed Champion of Record*, High Scoring ILP/PAL German Shepherd Dog, High Scoring WHITE German Shepherd Dog and High Scoring PREFERRED German Shepherd Dog* will be awarded from the Regular Standard classes using the following criteria:**

- The dog must be entered in Regular Standard class both days of the trial.
- The dog must qualify in a Regular Standard class on one or both days of the trial.
- Dogs qualifying both days in Regular Standard will have their two-day combined qualifying scores totaled. The dog with the highest total will win.
- In the event of a tie score, yards per second* (YPS) will be determined for both runs. The dog that has the highest YPS average will be awarded that award that they are eligible for.
- If no dog qualifies both days, but qualifies only on one day making it still eligible, the dog with the highest score will win. If there is a tie the dog that has the highest YPS* will be awarded that award that they are eligible for.

***YPS = total yards of the course(s) that the qualifying runs were earned on divided by the dogs time(s)**

In the case that no eligible dog earns a qualifying score in Regular Standard in any of the levels the award(s) will not be given.

* In order to be eligible for the High Scoring Breed Champion of Record Award, the dog must be a Champion when you sign up for the award on the first day of the trial.

*** All criteria is the same as for the High Scoring PREFERRED German Shepherd except you must be entered in the preferred class rather than the regular class to be eligible.

GSDCA Awards will be presented on Tuesday at the conclusion of the judging. Dogs must earn qualifying scores to receive any special club awards.

High Scoring Junior Handler

Rosette offered by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

High Scoring Jr Handler will be awarded from a combination of Regular Standard and Jumper w/Weaves classes using the following criteria:

- The dog must be entered in Regular Standard and Jumpers w/Weaves classes both days of the trial.
- The dog must qualify in at least one class on one day or the other. If a dog qualifies in both classes on the same day that will supersede a single qualifying score.
- If two dogs qualify in both classes on different days then the scores will be combined. They will still supersede a single qualifying score each day.
- If only single qualifying scores are earned both days those scores will be combined.
- Scores will be used to determine the winner. In the event there is a tie with scores the winner will be decided by the highest *YPS average.
- If no dog qualifies in any class either day the award will not be awarded.

***YPS = total yards of the course(s) that the qualifying runs were earned on divided by the dogs time(s)**

Junior Handler's dogs must be owned or co-owned by the Jr Handler or by the Junior Handler's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a permanent member of the Jr Handler's household.

Motel & RV Information

All exhibitors must be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs on the motel, RV and trial grounds. Motels require that dogs be crated when unattended. Any damages to motels, RV sites or the trial site can result in disciplinary action by the Event Committee. It is expected that exhibitors will clean up immediately after their own dogs and strongly encourage others to do the same.

All owners/exhibitors should be aware that the entire motel grounds and RV sites are considered within the trial grounds. You will be responsible for all damage to your room/site and may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the rules of the AKC. Any abuse of the grounds will be brought to the attention of the trial-giving club and its Event Committee. Any exhibitor's entries may be refused for previous misuse of the motel or RV facilities. This is an AKC supported measure.

RV Information - Purchase thru the GSDCA Store - www.gsdca.org/store/

ROUTES TO SHOW SITE:

From Chicago: Take I55 south to Sangamon Ave. West (Exit 100B). Continue down Sangamon Ave. West to the Illinois State Fairgrounds. (See Map of Fairgrounds) Enter Gate 1.

From St. Louis: Take I55 north to Sangamon Ave West (Exit 100B). Continue down Sangamon Ave. West to the Illinois State Fairgrounds. (See Map of Fairgrounds) Enter Gate 1.

From Decatur/Champaign: Take Interstate 72 west to I55 north to Sangamon Ave West (Exit 100B). Continue down Sangamon Ave. west to the Illinois State Fairgrounds. (See Map of Fairgrounds) Enter Gate 1.

From Jacksonville/Quincy: Take Interstate 72 east to I55 north to Sangamon Ave West (Exit 100B). Continue down Sangamon Ave. west to the Illinois State Fairgrounds. (See Map of Fairgrounds) Enter Gate 1.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Please verify the acceptance of dogs when making reservations. Please be courteous and clean up after your dogs so we may use these motels again.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (next to the Crowne Plaza)
3050 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703
Phone Reservations – 217.529.7771

*Residence Inn – (7 miles from show site)
2915 Stanford Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-527-1100
Studio Suites - \$159.00/night + Tax, One Bedroom Suites - \$169.00/night + Tax
Pet Fee – \$100.00/stay (Large Grassy Area)
Cutoff Date – 09/20/2025

*Northfield Inn & Suites – (1 mile from show site)
3280 Northfield Drive. Springfield, IL 62702, 217-523-7900
King Room - \$129.00/night + Tax (no pets)
Cutoff date – 9/19/2025

*Microtel Inn & Suites – (7 miles from show site)
2636 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-753-2636
Two Queen Rooms - \$84.99.00/night + Tax, One Queen Room - \$84.99/night + Tax, Suite
rooms, \$104.00 + Tax
Pet Fee - \$15.00 per day
Cutoff date - 9/17/2025

*Candlewood Suites – (7 miles from show site)
2501 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 217-522-5100
Studio Suite w/1 King, 1 Queen or 2 Double beds- \$129.00/night + tax
(large grassy area)
Cut-off date - 9/30/2025

*Comfort Suites
2620 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62703
(217) 753-4000
<https://www.choicehotels.com/illinois/springfield/comfort-suites-hotels>
1 King, Two Queen, 1 Two Double - all \$125 per night plus tax

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

*Hotels contracted with GSDCA – please mention you are with GSDCA when booking.

NOTE: Some motels may charge a pet fee or have limits on size.

RV reservations must be made through the Store on the GSDCA website.

<p>PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY, AS THERE ARE A LOT OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN SPRINGFIELD DURING THIS TIME</p>
--