

ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 6am EDT at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Thursday, October 1, 2025 at 6pm EDT 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. 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.

PREMIUM LIST



Versatile K9 Scent Work Club of Northern New Jersey

Licensed by the American Kennel Club



**2 days of BURIED Scent Work – 2 Trials each day
At Golden Rule School For Dogs
23 Morris Susses Turnpike, Andover, NJ 07821**

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Event # 2026733108 & 2026733109
Judge: Sarah J Cowell (102342)
Southampton, NJ

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Event # 2026733110 & 2026733111
Judge: Gale Meadow (102417)
Livingston, NJ

To be held Indoors / Outdoors

Entry limits: 6 judging hours per day per judge

Trial Hours: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm EDT

Check in from 8am – 8:30am daily EDT

Handler's Briefing at 8:30am, first dog to follow

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB 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.

CERTIFICATION



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB**

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

OFFICERS of the VERSATILE K9 SCENTWORK CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

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EVENT COMMITTEE

Mary Meila, Jennifer Pryor, Jeanne Thompson, Bernetta Dougert, Sandi Ver Sprill

Sarah J Cowell, # 102342 Southampton, NJ Sunday, Oct 10, 2026 Nov – Master Buried – Trial 1 Nov – Master Buried – Trial 2	Gale Meadow, # 102417 Livingston, NJ Sunday, Oct 11, 2026 Nov – Master Buried – Trial 1 Nov – Master Buried – Trial 2
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VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Newton Veterinary Hospital, 116 Hampton House Road, Newton, NJ 973-821-4241

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire / Ambulance / Policy Sussex County, NJ
911
 Newton Medical Center 175 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860

CLASSES OFFERED / JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, October 10, 2026 – Trials 1 & 2 – Judge: Sarah J Cowell

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Trials 1 & 2 – Judge: Gale Meadow

Trial briefings to be held at the beginning of the trial.

Buried Trial 1 will be followed by **Buried Trial 2** for each class, starting with Novice.

Handler briefing may proceed the judging of each class.

Buried Novice A/B Trial 1 followed by Buried Novice A/B Trial 2

Buried Advanced Trial 1 followed by Buried Advanced Trial 2

Buried Excellent Trial 1 followed by Buried Excellent Trial 2

Buried Master Trial 1 followed by Buried Master Trial 2

Move-ups will be allowed. Must notify the trial secretary via email by 6pm on Monday, 10/5. Move-ups between trials will NOT be offered.

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.

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), and AKC Canine Partners listing numbers 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.

SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape, and the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

Search Area Conditions Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, wooden or tiled surfaces or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete or asphalt surfaces.

Search Area Sizes will be as follows: Buried Novice 150-200 sq ft; Buried Advanced 200-400 sq ft; Buried Excellent 300-400 sq ft; Buried Master 400-500 sq ft.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

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.

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. 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 until the completion of the class.

Crating Space indoors will not be available at these trials. Exhibitors should be prepared to crate their dogs in their cars. Please bring plenty of water, shade cloths, etc. to keep your dog comfortable and safe while waiting to search. Exhibitors should be prepared for all weather conditions that could be encountered.

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. Disposal sites will be available at around the show grounds.

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** will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations of Scent Work, by downloading them here: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>

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 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 Versatile K9 Scent Work Club of Northern NJ (VK9SWNNJ) 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 property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The VK9SWCENNJ 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 VK9SWNNJ 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.

Trial Environment Anyone with a medical condition who may need special consideration should contact the trial secretary immediately upon notification of entry into the trials. The trials will go on rain or shine. The weather can vary so exhibitors should be prepared for any possible weather conditions. There is no indoor crating available. Dogs must be crated in their cars. There may be little to no shade in the parking area so please plan accordingly. Exhibitors should remember to bring water for their dogs and equipment to ensure their dogs comfort and safety while crated.

REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, and 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. A dog or handler who suffers an injury and/or illness after the closing date, may be eligible for a 50% refund of their total entry fee. Please provide documentation from your veterinarian/physician.

Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry 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.

RINGSIDE

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for being ready at the search area when they are 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: At check-in, you will receive your armband number. 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.**

INSTRUCTION

Novice A classes are for dogs who have not completed any title for that element in either AKC or completed a comparable title with another organization and whose handlers are neither Scent Work judges nor have ever worked as a professional detection dog handler.

Novice B classes are open to all dogs.

Move Ups A team must have achieved a lower level title before moving to a higher level. Example: they must achieve a Novice Interiors title before being eligible to enter Advanced Interiors. **Move up notifications must be submitted to the trial secretary via email by 6pm on Monday, 10/5.** Please note that NO move-ups will be permitted between trials.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Extended Stay America Suites
71 International Dr. S
Budd Lake, NJ 07828
862-362-5992

Hampton Inn
Route 80 @ exit 37
Denville, NJ
973-664-1050

Four Points Hotel
Route 80 @ exit 30
Mt. Arlington, NJ
973-770-2000

Please contact the hotel directly to confirm their pet policy to get the most current information

DIRECTIONS TO THE GOLDEN RULE TRIAL SITE

From Route 80: Exit 25 – Route 206 North. Travel through four traffic lights. After the fourth light, make the third left immediately BEFORE the Shell station on corner. Go under the small RR trestle and immediately turn right into the parking lot.

There is no RV parking available at this trial site

VERY IMPORTANT: Parking must be in the school parking lot. There is no on street parking allowed. Exhibitors will NOT be allowed to leave their cars running/idling in the parking lot.

AKC Official Entry Form



Send to:
Michelle Ostrander
96 Hawthorne Drive
New Providence, NJ 07974

For Official Use:
Armband # _____
Check # _____
Date _____

FORM CAN BE FILLED IN BY TYPING OR PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

any illegible forms will be returned.

Entries Open 9/2/2026 and Close 10/1/2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026					
Element	Novice		Advanced	Excellent	Master
	A	B			
Buried Trial 1					
Buried Trial 2					
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026					
Element	Novice		Advanced	Excellent	Master
	A	B			
Buried Trial 1					
Buried Trial 2					
Make checks payable to 'VK9SC'				Total Due	
# of classes entered:			x \$27		

Trial Secretary will add a \$35.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number:	
		☐ AKC/PAL/ILP/CP	☐ 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)		Jr Handler #	

*****Be sure to read the Agreement and sign. No form will be processed without your signature!*****

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, superintendent or even secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provided 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 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 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 REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

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

SIGN HERE _____

Print

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

VOLUNTEERING

It takes many people to run a trial. Volunteers can assist in any classes in which they are not entered. Please check below if you are able to volunteer for classes in which you are not entered.

☐	Saturday morning
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