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## 2 Obedience & 2 Rally Trials

ST. JOE VALLEY AGILITY CLUB, INC.  
(SJVAC, INC.)  
Licensed by The American Kennel Club



March 09, 2024 - 2 Obedience Trials  
March 10, 2024 - 2 Rally Trials  
Entries open December 3, 2024  
Entries close February 21, 2024

Trial Site: ECHO Club Building  
457 Post Road, Buchanan, MI 49107  
[www.sjvac.org](http://www.sjvac.org)

This event will be conducted by the COVID-19 protocols in effect on the trial dates.

*St. Joe Valley Agility Club, Inc.*  
Dawn Freeman  
5320 W US Hwy 12  
Buchanan MI 49107



The American Kennel Club grants  
CERTIFICATION Permission for the  
holding of this event under American Kennel Club  
Rules and Regulations  
Gina M. DiNardo, Secretary

**SJVAC, Inc. OFFICERS:**

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**JUDGE:**

Mrs. Kathleen A. Sweet, #92976  
Ann Arbor, MI

**SHOW HOURS:**

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time. The building will be open between these times. Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. REMINDER: Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 10, 2024.

TRIALS ARE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF  
8 HOURS OF JUDGING PER DAY  
Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-accepted basis.

Trials will be held indoors—a climate-controlled building  
one ring, completely matted.

**OBEDIENCE CLASSES OFFERED:** Utility B, A, Preferred;  
Open B, A, Preferred; Novice B, A, Preferred; Optional Titling  
Class: Beginner Novice

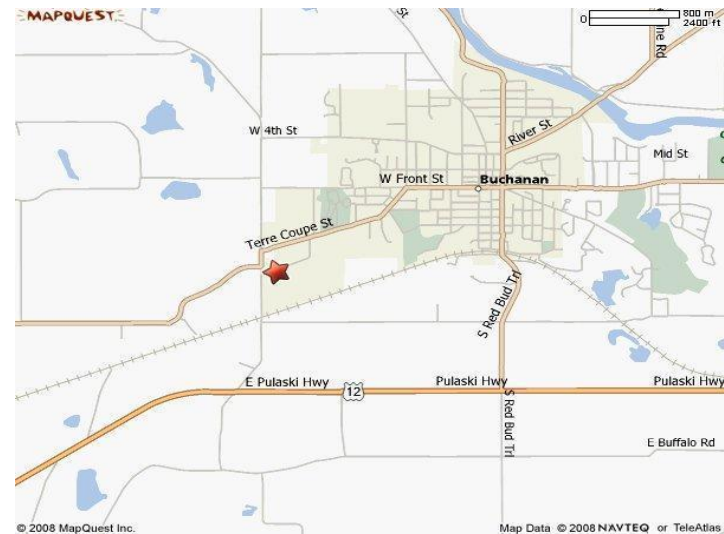
**RALLY CLASSES OFFERED:** Master, Choice, Excellent A & B,  
Advanced A & B, Intermediate, and Novice A & B

**Directions to Show Site:**

From West: (From New Buffalo, MI) I-94 to Exit 4A, US 12 East to Bakertown Rd. (approximately five miles east of Galien.) Turn left (north) on Bakertown. Go north one mile to Post Road. The ECHO building and grounds are on the southeast corner of Bakertown and Post Roads.

From North, South & East: Take US 31 / 20 Bypass to Exit 3, US 12 in Michigan. Go west approximately four miles to Bakertown Rd. Turn right (north) on Bakertown. Go north one mile to Post Road. The ECHO building and grounds are on the southeast corner of Bakertown and Post Roads.

Map courtesy of MapQuest



EMERGENCY VET

Emergency Veterinary Care Centers  
(574) 544-6200  
5714 N. Main Street, Mishawaka IN 46545  
Open- Wednesday-Monday 7:30 am-5:00 pm  
Please note to call before going

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police - Berrien County, DIAL 911

The closest hospital is Lakeland Hospital Niles, 31 North St. Joseph Ave,  
Niles MI. It is 7.2 miles away.

Hotel/Campground (CG) Information:

LaQuinta by Windham	South Bend, IN	574-233-3131
Candlewood Suites Airport	South Bend, IN	574-968-1072
Quality Inn & Suites	South Bend, IN	574-288-3800
Motel 6	South Bend, IN	574-404-2004
Comfort Suites	South Bend, IN	574-272-1500
Baymont by Wyndham	Mishawaka, IN	574-400-8580
Baymont by Wyndham	Stevensville, MI	269-428-9111
Staybridge Suites	Benton Harbor, MI	269-371-0000

For more options, including campgrounds, check the [www.sjvac.org](http://www.sjvac.org) website.

These hotels/motels/campgrounds have accepted dogs in the past. Verify when making reservations. Do not leave dogs unattended. Please pick up all the litter.

ENTRY FEES

Include \$3.00 AKC Event Service fee for each entry and a \$0.50 recording fee on the first entry.

**Separate fee for each dog, each day, each trial**

The first entry of each dog	\$25.00
Additional entry of the same dog	\$21.00

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 11:59 PM February 21, 2024, unless limits are reached before this date. Any entries received after the published closing date or after the limits are reached will be returned. Entry form changes, additions, corrections, and cancellations MUST be received in writing or via

e-mail before the closing of entries and must include AKC number and breed of dog.

Please mark your dog's jump height for all classes in which jumps are used. Those classes will run in jump height order - high to low.

Entry Fees shall not be refunded if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Show committee.

MAKE CHECKS and money orders payable to SJVAC, INC. (returned check charge \$20.00). All checks must have obedience class entered written on the face. THIRD-PARTY CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OFFICIAL AKC ENTRY FORMS, one dog per entry form. Photocopies of the front and back will be accepted if legible and of official AKC size. A single entry form may be used for both days only if the information is the same for both days. To use the enclosed entry form, check the appropriate boxes for each show you wish to enter your dog.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO:

**Dawn Freeman**  
**5320 W US Hwy 12**  
**Buchanan, MI 49107**

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT SIGNATURE, FEES, AND BACK OF ENTRY FORM WITH AGREEMENT, nor will credit cards be accepted. All entries must be submitted with checks drawn on US Institutions or International Money Orders in US Funds. Overnight or express mail entries must include a signature permitting delivery without the recipient's signature.

Exhibitors should follow their Veterinarians' recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

**OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL RIBBON PRIZES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>Obedience:</b>	Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes	Blue & Gold Rosette
	Highest Scoring Dog in Open B & Utility	Blue & Green Rosette
<b>Rally:</b>	High Double Q	Blue & Green Rosette
	High Triple Q.	Blue & Red Rosette
<b>Obedience &amp; Rally:</b>	Qualifying Score	Dark Green Ribbon
	First	Blue Ribbon
	Second	Red Ribbon
	Third	Yellow Ribbon
	Fourth	White Ribbon

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:

- These trials will be held following whatever COVID-19 protocols are in effect at that time.
- Exhibitors must pick up after their dog(s).
- No Bitches in season in the building.
- Dogs must be at least six months old on the day of the trial.
- The show site is handicapped-accessible.
- Indoor restroom facilities are available and are handicapped-accessible.
- No space is provided for un-entered dogs.
- No charge for parking; admission for spectators is free.
- Please turn off cell phones and/or pagers before entering the ring, and silence them when entering the building.
- The owner or handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when its class is to be judged.

Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. The club will refund the entry fee, less the \$10.00 processing fee, for any bitch reported to be in season no later than one-half hour before the start of the trial. Any bitch excused because she is found to be "so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element" will not receive a refund.

### WAIVER OF RIGHTS

All persons attending this dog show/event at this moment waive any claim for damages against St. Joe Valley Agility Club or its members in the event a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.

AKC and SJVAC, Inc. are not responsible for loss, accidents, or theft. No alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in events. AKC and SJVAC, Inc. assume no responsibility for any damage or injury sustained by the exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs or property. They also assume no responsibility for injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians.

If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or to complete the show, no refund of entry fees will be made. Extreme weather conditions, such as but not limited to, snowstorms, lightning, tornadoes, or extreme heat, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators. If it is necessary to cancel or stop the show before completion, no entry fee will be refunded.

**PRE-TRIAL MOVE UPS** may be made until 6 PM EST on Monday, March 4, 2024. Day-to-day move-ups will be allowed and must be made prior to the close of the show on Saturday. Pre-trial move-up requests must be submitted in writing to the Trial Secretary by US mail or email. NO telephone move-ups. Move-up requests must include the Owner/Handler name, name of the dog, AKC Registration number, email address, class(es) entered, and move-up class(es). Move-up confirmations will be sent by email only. You must supply a valid email address to receive confirmation. Your move-up request was not received if you don't receive a reply. The Trial Secretary is not responsible for undelivered move-up requests.

## Move-Up Form

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) Entered \_\_\_\_\_

Move-Up to Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_