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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.

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**ST. JOE VALLEY AGILITY CLUB, INC.**  
(SJVAC, INC.)

Licensed by The American Kennel Club



April 18 and 19, 2020  
2 Scent Work Trials Each Day

Container, Interior, Buried and Handler Discrimination

Pre-Entries AND Day of Show Entries Accepted

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

**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

SJVAC, Inc. OFFICERS:

President ..... Ellen Gruber  
 Vice-President ..... Mary Beth Depuydt  
 Treasurer ..... Jerry Hans  
 Secretary ..... Carolyn King  
 318 Terra Coupe, Buchanan MI 49107  
 Board: Ellen Gruber, Mary Beth Depuydt, Jerry Hans, Carolyn King, Alexandra Ranft, Janet Wood,  
 Jill Cecil  
 SHOW COMMITTEE:  
 Lawren Coulam, Dawn Freeman, Ellen Gruber, Alexandra Ranft, Mary Beth Depuydt

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON:  
 Lawren Coulam  
 3322 Yankee St.  
 Niles, MI 49120  
 269-663-3177  
[bobandlawren@gmail.com](mailto:bobandlawren@gmail.com)

TRIAL SECRETARY:  
 Dawn Freeman  
 5320 W US Hwy 12  
 Buchanan, MI 49107  
 269-405-3357  
[sivactrialsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sivactrialsecretary@gmail.com)

Judge for all classes, both days:

Robin Ford, #102361  
 Delta, OH 43515-9750

TRIAL INFORMATION

Saturday, Both Trials	Sunday, Both Trials
Handler Discrimination, Novice thru Excellent	Buried, Novice thru Excellent
Containers, Novice thru Master	Handler Discrimination, Novice thru Excellent
Interiors, Novice thru Excellent	Containers, Novice thru Master
Buried, Novice thru Excellent	

- Trials are limited to 8 hours of judging per day.
- Show hours are 7:00am to 5:30pm, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- The building will open at 7:00 am, EDT.
- Day of Show entries will be accepted from 7:00 to 8:00 am, EDT.
- Trial 1 begins at 9:00, EDT; Trial 2 follows.
- Classes will be run in the order listed.

**RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:**

Qualifying Score ..... Dark Green Ribbon  
 First ..... Blue Ribbon  
 Second ..... Red Ribbon  
 Third ..... Yellow Ribbon  
 Fourth ..... White Ribbon

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

**EMERGENCY VET**

**Going East**

- ◆ Animal Emergency Clinic, Inc.  
 (574) 259-8387  
 2324 Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545  
 Approximately 35 minutes

**Going West**

- ◆ North Central Veterinary Emergency Center  
 (219)785-7300  
 1645 S. US Hwy 421, Westville, IN 46391  
 Located adjacent to Purdue University North Central, South end of campus.  
 Approximately 41 minutes.

**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**

Berrien Village Inn	Berrien Springs, MI	269-471-1354
Econo Lodge	St. Joseph, MI	269-983-6321
Motel 6 (All locations)	Benton Harbor, MI	269-925-5100
Red Roof Inn (All locations)	Benton Harbor, MI	269-927-2484
Red Roof Inn	South Bend, IN	800-466-8356
Spaulding Lake CG	Niles, MI	269-684-1393
Fuller's Clear Lake CG	Buchanan, MI	269-695-3785
Mini Mountain CG	New Carlisle, IN	574-654-3307
Hampton Inn	Stevensville, MI	269-429-2700
Comfort Inn (\$25/day dog fee)	New Buffalo, MI	269-469-4440

These hotels/motels/campgrounds have previously accepted dogs. Verify they still do prior to making reservations. Do not leave dogs unattended. Please pick up all litter.

PRE-TRIAL MOVE UPS may be made until 11:59 PM EDT on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Day-to-day move-ups will be allowed and must be made prior to close of 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 Owner/Handler name, name of 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 a confirmation. If you don't receive a reply, your move-up request was not received. The Trial Secretary is not responsible for undelivered move-up requests.

Bitches in season and bitches with an Ovarian Spaying are not permitted to compete. The club will refund the entry fee, less \$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.

### Move-Up Form

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

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

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

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

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

### ENTRY FEES

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

Separate fee for each dog, each day, each trial

Pre-Entry Fees, Valid thru April 1, 2020:

First entry of each dog .....\$22.00  
Additional entry of same dog .....\$18.00

April 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Day of Show Entry Fees:

First entry of each dog .....\$25.00  
Additional entry of same dog .....\$21.00

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2020, at 11:30 PM EDT, unless limits are reached prior to this date. Entry form changes, additions, corrections and cancellations MUST be received in writing or via e-mail prior to the closing of entries, and must include AKC number and breed of dog.

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 Show committee.

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MAKE CHECKS and money orders payable to SJVAC, INC. (returned check charge \$20.00). All checks must have scent work 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 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 in which 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 with International Money Orders in US Funds. Overnight or express mail entries must include signature permitting delivery without recipient signature.

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:

- This event will be conducted in accordance with the AKC regulations for Scent Work. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to familiarize themselves with these regulations.
- No indoor crating space.
- Exhibitors must pick up after their dog(s).
- No Bitches in season in the building.
- Show site is handicapped accessible.
- Indoor restroom facilities are available and are handicapped accessible.
- No space provided for un-entered dogs.
- No charge for parking; admission for spectators is free.
- Please silence cell phones and/or pagers before entering the building.
- The owner or handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready when it is to be judged.
- Exhibitors should follow their Veterinarians' 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), an AKC Canine Partners 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 listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

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, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s).

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class. 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 **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.

## SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

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

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

## ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

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.

## WAIVER OF RIGHTS

All persons attending this dog show/event, hereby waive any claim for damages against St. Joe Valley Agility Club or its member, 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. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or nonprescription 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, and further 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, snow storms, lightning, tornadoes or extreme heat must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors and spectators. In the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the show before completion, no refund of entry fee will be made.