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

Licensed by The American Kennel Club



April 22 and 23, 2023
2 Scent Work Trials Each Day

Judge: Anna Latscha, #108283 all trials

Pre-Entries AND Day of Show Entries Accepted
Entries OPEN February 1, 2023

Trial Site: ECHO Club Building
457 Post Road, Buchanan, MI 49107
www.sjvac.org

This trial will be conducted in accordance with the COVID-19 protocols in effect on the trial dates.



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

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



SJVAC, Inc. OFFICERS:

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7303 East US Highway 20 New Carlisle, IN 46450

BOARD: Sue Bell, Jerry Hans, Charlene Smith, Robin Staup, Janet Kenyon, Ellen Gruber, Donna Arctaeidius

Show Committee:
Ellen Gruber, Melanie Reynnells, Janet Kenyon, Alicia Baron, and Sue Bell

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON:

Lawren Coulam
3322 Yankee St.
Niles, MI 49120
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Charlene Smith
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Cassopolis, MI 49031
574-309-1669
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Judge for all classes, both days:
Anna Latscha- Judge ID #108283
Fenton, MI 48430

TRIAL INFORMATION

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

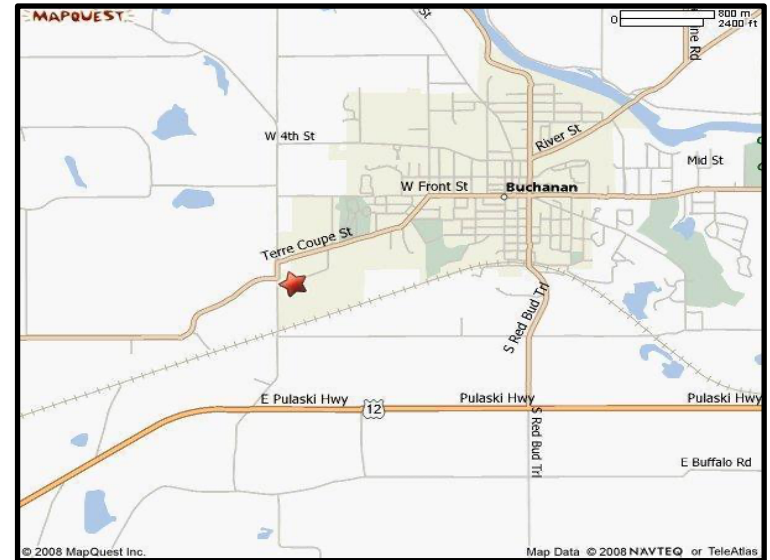
- Trials are limited to 8 hours of judging per day.
- Show hours are 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- The building will open at 7:00 am EDT.
- Day of Show entries will be accepted from 7:00 to 8:00 am EDT.
- Trial 1 begins at 9:00 am EDT; Trial 2 follows.
- Classes will be run in the 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 flat ribbon will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title.

Map courtesy of MapQuest



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.

EMERGENCY VET

North Central Animal Emergency Care

(574) 544-6200

5714 N. Main Street, Mishawaka, IN 46545

Open Friday-Monday- 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

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 before 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 Monday, April 17, 2023. Day-to-day move-ups will be allowed and must be made before 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. 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 Sparing Spay 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.

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 for 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 12, 2022:
 The first entry of each dog \$22.00
 Additional entry of the same dog \$18.00

April 13th thru Day of Show Entry Fees:
 The first entry of each dog \$25.00
 Additional entry of the same dog \$21.00

**Pre-Entry Fee example
(valid through April 12, 2023):**

	<i>One element</i>	<i>Two elements</i>	<i>Three elements</i>
<i>Trial 1, day 1, dog 1</i>	22	40	58
<i>Trial 2, day 1, dog 1</i>	22	40	58

April 13th thru Day of Show Example:

	<i>One element</i>	<i>Two elements</i>	<i>Three elements</i>
<i>Trial 1, day 1, dog 1</i>	25	46	67
<i>Trial 2, day 1, dog 1</i>	25	46	67

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023, at 11:30 PM EDT, unless limits are reached before this date. 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.

Entry Fees shall not be refunded if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by 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 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 the front and back will be accepted if legible and of official AKC size. A single-entry form may only be used for both days if the information is the same. To use the enclosed entry form, check the appropriate boxes for each show you wish to enter your dog.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO:

**ECHO Club, Inc.
 c/o Charlene Smith
 21925 Osborn St.
 Cassopolis, MI 49031**

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 **THIRD-PARTY** signature permitting delivery without recipient signature.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:

- This trial will be conducted under the COVID-19 protocols in effect on the trial dates.
- This event will be conducted following the AKC regulations for Scent Work. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to familiarize themselves with these regulations.
- No indoor crating spaces.
- Exhibitors must pick up after their dog(s).
- No Bitches in season in the building.
- The show site is handicapped-accessible.
- Indoor restroom facilities are available and are handicapped accessible. Please be respectful of your fellow exhibitors.
- No space is provided for un-entered dogs.
- Free parking.
- Please silence cell phones and 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' recommendations to ensure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites and 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 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 judge's opinion, the dog displays no 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 the 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, the number of hides, the maximum height of hides, and the 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 before 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 size specified in the Regulations for each class.

Search Area Conditions. Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces or 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. 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, 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 complete the show, no entry fees will be refunded. 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. In the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the show before completion, no refund of the entry fee will be made.