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

Licensed by The American Kennel Club



April 18 & 19, 2026
2 Scent Work Trials Each Day

Judges: Saturday: June Mintchell #82714
Anna M Latscha #108283
Sunday: June Mintchell # 82714

Pre-Entries and Day of Show Entries Accepted
Entries open February 7, 2026
Entries close April 8, 2026

Trial Sites:

Saturday: Moccasin Elementary School,
410 Moccasin St., Buchanan, MI 49107

Sunday: ECHO Club Building
457 Post Road, Buchanan, MI 49107

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	Sue Bell
Vice-President	Jerry Hans
Treasurer	Charlene Smith
Secretary	Janet Kenyon

7303 East US Highway 20 New Carlisle, IN 46450

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

Show Committee:

Ellen Gruber, Janet Kenyon, Charlene Smith, Jim Smith, and Sue Bell and any other members present

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON:

Janet Kenyon
7303 E HWY 20.
New Carlisle IN
574-250-1156
jkenyon@nd.edu

TRIAL SECRETARY:

Charlene Smith
21925 Osborn Street
Cassopolis, MI 49031
574-309-1669
sjvactrialsecretary@gmail.com

Judges- Saturday: Interiors: June Mintchell #82714
Exteriors: Anna M Latscha #108283
Sunday: Buried & Container: June Mintchell #82714

TRIAL INFORMATION

Saturday	Sunday
Interiors-Novice thru Master Judge June Mintchell	Buried- Novice thru Master Judge June Mintchell
Exterior-Novice thru Master Judge Anna M Latscha	Containers- Novice thru Master Judge June Mintchell

- Trials are limited to 8 hours of judging per day per judge
- 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. Sat. and Sun. will be run simultaneously

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.

EMERGENCY VET**EVCC-Emer. Vet Care Center**

(574) 544-6200
5714 N. Main Street, Mishawaka, IN 46545
Open 24 hours
Please call before going

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police - Berrien County, DIAL **911**

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

HOTEL/CAMPGROUND (CG) INFORMATION

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 Monday, April 13, 2026 . 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.

DAY OF SHOW MOVE UPS: move ups between same day trials WILL NOT be offered on Saturday, 4/18. We will offer move ups between same day trials on Sunday, 4/19.

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.

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 8, 2026

First entry of each dog \$22.00

Additional entry of same dog \$22.00

Fees April 9, 2026 thru Day of Show Entry:

First entry of each dog \$25.00

Additional entry of same dog \$25.00

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2026 at 11:00 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 in the event that 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 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:

SJVAC
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 mTHIRD-PARTY signature permitting delivery without recipient signature.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:

- This trial will be conducted in accordance with the COVID-19 protocols in effect on the trial dates.
- 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.
- 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 non-entered dogs.
- Free parking.
- 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' recommendations to assure 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 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 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 prior to 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.

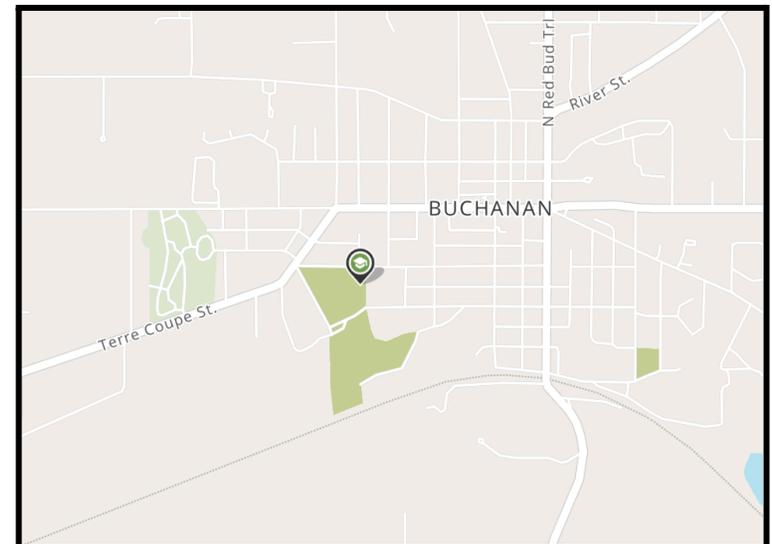
AKC and SJVAC, Inc. are not responsible for loss, accidents or theft. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or nonprescription drugs will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in events. AKC and SJVAC, Inc. assume no responsibility for any damage or injury sustained by the exhibitors, handlers, 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.

Saturday Show Site: Moccasin Elem. School, 410 Moccasin St, Buchanan, MI 49107

Directions to Saturday 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 Terre Coupe Rd and turn right. Go 1.1 miles and turn right at the stop sign onto Front St. Continue on Front St. 0.4 Mi. Turn left onto Moccasin St. Continue on Moccasin St. to the school on the right.

From North, South & East: Take US 31 / 20 Bypass to Exit 7, Walton Rd, turn right upon exit. Go west approximately 2.5 miles to River St. and keep right. Cross Red Bud Trail. Continue on 4th St. AT 2nd 4-way stop turn right onto Moccasin St. School will be on the right.



Directions to Show Site: ECHO Club

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.

Sunday Show Site: ECHO Club, 457 Post Rd, Buchanan MI

