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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



**November 27 and 28, 2021**  
**2 Scent Work Trials Each Day**

Judge: Sharon Jonas, #101767 all trials

Pre-Entries AND Day of Show Entries Accepted  
Entries OPEN September 15, 2021

Trial Site: ECHO Club Building  
457 Post Road, Buchanan, MI 49107

[www.sjvac.org](http://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

**SJVAC, Inc. OFFICERS:**

President ..... Sue Bell  
 Vice-President ..... Mary Beth Depuydt  
 Treasurer ..... Charlene Smith  
 Secretary ..... Alexandra Ranft  
 1335 Sheffield, Niles MI 49120

Board: Sue Bell, Mary Beth Depuydt, Charlene Smith, Alexandra Ranft, Ellen Gruber, Janet Wood, Jerry Hans

**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:

Sharon Jonas, #101767  
 Valparaiso, IN 46383

**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 7:00am 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**

**Emergency Vets:**

North Central Veterinary Emergency Center  
 5714 N. Main St., Mishawaka, IN 46545; (574) 544-6200  
ONLY Open from Thursday 7:30pm ET to Monday 8:00 ET  
 Approximately 28 minutes from show site

North Central Veterinary Emergency Center  
 1645 S. US Hwy 421, Westville, IN 46391; (219) 785-7300  
 Approximately 41 minutes away from show site

**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, November 24, 2021. 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 November 17, 2021:

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

November 18<sup>th</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, November 17, 2021, 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 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.
- Show site is handicapped accessible.
- Indoor restroom facilities are available and are handicapped accessible. Please be respectful of your fellow exhibitors.
- No space provided for un-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' 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.