

# AKC Scent Work & Detective Trials



An AKC Member Club

Friday through Sunday  
August 14-16, 2026

**Trial Site:**  
Sunshine Obedience School, 11092 240th Street, Council Bluffs, IA

**Entries Open:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CDT  
Entries accepted on a **first received basis** no earlier than the above date and time.

**Entry Closing Date:** Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6 p.m. CDT

## • SCENT WORK JUDGES & ASSIGNMENTS

Brenda Bruce # 109835, Omaha, NE  
Chris Eblen #103194, Altoona, IA  
Johnnette Ulch #102491, Belle Plaine, IA

## ONE DETECTIVE CLASS & ONE REGULAR TRIAL EACH DAY

(Please see pages two and three for specific information.)

### Friday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: Johnnette Ulch: Detective Class & Buried (Novice - Master); Brenda Bruce: Interior (Novice - Master); Chris Eblen: Exterior & Container (Novice - Master) Event # 2026277222

### Saturday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: Chris Eblen: Detective Class & Buried (Novice - Master); Johnnette Ulch: Interior (Novice - Master); Brenda Bruce: Exterior & Containers (Novice - Master) Event # 2026277223

### Sunday: AKC Licensed Classes Offered & Assignments

Trial #1: Brenda Bruce: Detective Class & Containers (Novice - Master); Chris Eblen: Interior (Novice - Master); Johnnette Ulch: Exterior & Buried (Novice - Master) Event # 2026277224

**ENTRY INFORMATION: Pre-entry Only. Entry Limits: Detective Class is limited to 20 runs each day. The Regular Trials are limited to 375 runs per trial. Judges are limited to 125 runs each day.**



## Event Information & Committees

Event Co-Chairperson: Sue Volkmer  
401 Madison, Waterloo, NE  
402-651-0884  
[zman.volkmer@gmail.com](mailto:zman.volkmer@gmail.com)

Trial Secretary: Norine Nieman  
13500 Spring Street  
Omaha, NE 68144  
402-697-7006  
[papnosenn@gmail.com](mailto:papnosenn@gmail.com)

Chief Steward: Gale Osborne

Ribbons: Sharon Dowell & Gerianne Darnell

Hospitality: Gerianne Darnell & Erin Embrey

Site Coordinator: Gerianne Darnell

**Trial Site:** **Sunshine Obedience School**  
**11092 240th Street**  
**Council Bluffs, IA 51503**

See #3, #4, #5, & #6 under Special Notices to Exhibitors on the next page for special information regarding the various classes.

**NO Concessions Available on Site for Exhibitors**

### Club Officers

President: Gerianne Darnell  
Vice President: Erin Embrey  
Secretary: Caroline Rice  
18202 Nicholas Road, Plattsmouth, NE

Treasurer: Joanne Swenson

At-Large Board Members: Kris Woodke, Ron Weak, and Gale Osborne



## CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these events under The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

*Sheila Goffe, Secretary*

## • ELIGIBILITY & SPECIAL NOTICES TO EXHIBITORS

1. **Eligibility for AKC Scent Work:** Classes are open to all dogs at least six (6) months of age that are individually registered with AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL /ILP numbers, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program.
2. **Class Eligibility: Novice A Classes** are open to dogs that have not completed any title for that particular element, that have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and whose handlers are neither Scent Work judges, nor have ever worked as professional detection dog handlers.  
**Novice B Classes** are open to all dogs.  
**Advanced Classes** are open to dogs that have achieved the Novice title for that particular element.  
**Excellent Classes** are open to dogs that have achieved the Advanced title for that particular element.  
**Master Classes** are open to dogs that have achieved the Excellent title for that particular element.
3. **Detective Class Eligibility:** The Detective Class is open to dogs that have acquired at least one Master title within the Odor Search Division (SCM, SIM, SEM, or SBM).
4. **Container Classes may be held indoors on a matted floor or on concrete. Interior searches may take place in any of the buildings with a variety of floor surfaces including packed dirt. Buried Classes may be outside on grass or inside the agility building on a hard-packed dirt floor. Exterior Classes may include steps within the search area, or uneven surfaces with steps to reach a search area. All Exterior Classes will be held outdoors rain or shine unless dangerous conditions are present (such as lightning). Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended. Exhibitors may need an extra pair of shoes for showing outdoors or on dirt. Please check the weather forecast before coming to the event.**
5. Dogs that have previously earned the same or higher level AKC Scent Work titles may enter lower level classes.
6. **Dogs are eligible to enter up to two difficulty levels in each element, in each trial.** Dogs may only enter a class once in each event. A class is defined as a particular difficulty level within a particular element.
7. Handlers may not handle more than one dog in each class (with the exception of Handler Discrimination classes). Multiple dogs from the same owner may be entered in the same class, provided they are run by different handlers.
8. Bellevue Dog Obedience Club will send its own specific guidelines for this event when we send the judging program after the event closes.

## • ENTRY INFORMATION: FEES, DATES, and TIMES

Entries open Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CDT

**Entries accepted on a first received basis by FEDEX, UPS, USPS mail, or hand delivered no earlier than the above date and time.**

1. **Entry Fees**
  - \$50 for each entry of a dog per each detective trial. (Includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee)
  - \$22 for each entry of a dog per class for each regular trial. (Includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee)
  - **Dogs may only be entered in up to two (2) difficulty levels in each element in each regular trial.**
2. **Entry Closing Date:** Entries will be accepted until Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CDT  
NO Entries will be accepted or processed after that time. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. **NO Day-of-Show Entries.**
4. Each dog must be entered on a separate official AKC Scent Work entry form. (see attachment)
5. No telephone, e-mail, or fax entries will be accepted.
6. Any entry missing crucial information will not be processed, nor counted as received, until authorization is obtained.
7. **Substitution Policy:** There will be no substitutions. An unentered dog may not be substituted for an entered dog.

## • SUBMITTING ENTRIES

1. Entries must be submitted on an Official AKC Scent Work Entry form included with this Premium List. Photocopies of this form may also be used.
2. **Mailed Entries** must include all fees. Any mailed entries received without all fees will not be processed until such fees have been paid.

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### Mail Entries to:

Norine Nieman, BDOC Trial Secretary, 13500 Spring Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68144.

**Entries must be received by UPS, FEDEX, USPS mail, or hand delivered no earlier than the entry date and time.**

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- **DETECTIVE TRIAL INFORMATION**

The Detective Class offers an integrated search environment with an unknown number of hides in a variety of elements. The intent of the Detective Class is to emulate as closely as possible the work of a true detection dog. While the exact search areas for these trials are subject to change the planned search areas at Sunshine Obedience School, may include a kitchen, outdoor seating/patio area, walkway, a garage, the agility building with a hard-packed dirt floor, and backyard. **Detective exhibitors may need to park in a designated area to alleviate line-of-site issues.**

- **PAYMENT FOR ENTRIES**

1. Entry payment must be made by check or money order. No entry will be processed without full payment.
2. Make checks payable to Bellevue Dog Obedience Club (**BDOC**). Checks must be payable in U.S. funds.
3. Post-dated checks or returned checks do not constitute valid entry fees. BDOC will add a collection fee of \$35.00 to the amount of each returned check or money order.
4. Checks will be held until the closing date.



- **ENTRY CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS, & WAIT LIST**

1. Entry cancellations **MUST** be received in writing (includes e-mail) prior to the closing of Entries and **MUST** include the dog's breed, AKC number, and name. Cancellations received by telephone are **NOT** acceptable.
2. No refunds will be given for invalid entries and dogs entered in the incorrect class after the event is over.
3. Cancelled entries submitted before the close of the event's Pre-entry deadline will be charged a \$10 processing fee, if BDOC has to issue a refund check.
4. No entries will be refunded after the event is closed unless your entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry. (see #11)
5. 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 Event Committee.
6. Every effort will be made to find all duplicate entries before processing. If a duplicate entry is processed, however, no refund will be made.
7. Entry overpayments will not be refunded. Exhibitors may write a new check. New checks must be received before the trial begins.
8. If, because of riots or civil disturbances, it is impossible to open or to complete a show or trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.
9. Exhibitors understand that they are entering this event at their own and others' risk.
10. If, in the opinion of the host club, the well-being of dogs, exhibitors, or spectators is at risk due to extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to snowstorms, tornadoes, lightning, or extreme heat, the host club may cancel or stop a show or trial before completion. No refunds will be made in such cases.
11. A wait list with a maximum of twenty (20) entries will be established on a first received basis. All entries on the wait list must be received by the closing date. On the day of the trial, the club may assign entries for absent individuals to those on the wait list who are present at the trial site. If multiple waitlisted individuals are present at the event site, the runs will be assigned in waitlist order. A full refund will be reimbursed to any entrant whose entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry. Checks will be shredded for anyone on the wait list who doesn't get into the trials.

- **ENTRY CONFIRMATION, ARMBAND NUMBERS, AND JUDGING PROGRAM**

1. **E-mailed confirmation of entries** will be sent to the e-mail address included on the entry form (please type or print clearly) as soon as possible after the entry has been accepted and processed. Please verify the classes your dog is entered into when receiving this e-mail of processed entry. Should there be any errors, please contact the Trial Secretary, Norine Nieman, at [papnosenn@gmail.com](mailto:papnosenn@gmail.com) immediately.
2. One armband number will be assigned to each dog for all trials in which the dog is entered, and will be used to determine the running order of dogs as well as to help judges and trial officials identify dogs in their records. Numbers will be available at the check-in table each day of the trial.
3. The armband number need not be physically displayed on the dog or handler.
4. You will receive updated trial information and a judging order after the trial closes.

- **CLASS TRANSFER/CORRECTION OF ENTRY**

1. Owners are responsible for the accuracy of information and any errors on the entry forms. There will be no refunds for invalid entries. A **move-up transfer** may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is made. A **move-down transfer** may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher-level class for which it is not eligible. A **lateral transfer** (from section A to section B in Novice) may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in section A, and it is not eligible. The request for a class transfer must be made in writing and presented to the trial secretary at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of each trial.
2. Transfers may be approved provided the class is available and entry limits have not been met.
3. Dogs may also be **transferred** between trials. In the case of concurrent trials, the time limit is waived.

- **EVENT HOURS:** Friday - Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. CDT

- **GENERAL BUILDING, CRATING, PARKING, & FOOD INFORMATION**

1. All event location times are Central Daylight Time.
2. There will be absolutely NO SMOKING at the trial location.
3. Parking is on the concrete or in the designated grassy area on the SOUTH side (left side as you enter) of the driveway at Sunshine Obedience School.
4. **For this event exhibitors are required to crate in or near their cars.**
5. Food will **NOT** be available for purchase on site. Please bring your own food and drink.

- **TRIAL START TIMES & CLASS ORDER:**

1. **On Friday - Sunday there will be a judges' briefing at 8:00 a.m. followed by the classes.**
2. Exact class order will be determined after the trial closes. However, the Detective Class and regular Interior classes will be first each day. Exhibitors will receive trial information and a complete judging program with class order after closing.
3. There will be a lunch break each day at the judges' discretion.

- **EXHIBITOR AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. All events are held under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club, Inc. By entering these trials, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of the event in which they have entered. Here is the link to the [AKC Scent Work Rules](#).
2. BDOC, its agents; AKC, its agents and its employees; assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or ILLNESS sustained by spectators or by exhibitors and 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. AKC and BDOC are not responsible for any loss, accidents, ILLNESS, or theft.
3. The owner or designated handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when its class is to be judged. The host organization, event committee, and Show Secretary have no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system, or stewards or runners for the purpose of locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.
4. Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging may leave the trial site.
5. No unentered dogs allowed on the event grounds. Note: no dogs less than 8 weeks of age may be present on the grounds of an AKC licensed event.
6. Dogs are not to be left unattended when crated in soft mesh crates. No dog may be left in an unlatched or un-zipped crate.
7. Except when being crated or exhibited, dogs must be kept on leash.
8. Exhibitors and dog owners are expected and required to clean up after their own dogs. Please potty your dog on the SOUTH side (to your left as you drive in and toward the road) of the driveway and use the provided receptacles for disposal at the Sunshine Obedience School. Any person witnessing a violation of this rule must report it to the Event Committee. The Event Committee may ask any person violating this rule to leave the event grounds. No refund will be made if an exhibitor is asked to leave the grounds.
9. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings on the day of an AKC licensed event.
10. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. AKC will vigorously support any facility that files a complaint about exhibitors who fail to keep their dogs quiet or to clean up after them. In order that the bad conduct of a few exhibitors does not spoil it for the majority of responsible exhibitors, AKC will take strong disciplinary action against any offenders.
11. Females in season will not be allowed to compete. A refund minus \$5 processing fee will be given with a vet's certification, if your female is withdrawn no later than one-half hour prior to the start of the first class of the trial.

12. **Trial Site:** It is not appropriate to scout 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.
13. **Possession of Odors and Training:** Chapter 5 Section 35 of the Scent Work Regulations state, "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any of the target odors when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of an AKC Scent Work Trial, other than in the designated warm-up area."
14. **Spectator Area:** For this event, there will be a spectator area for the outdoor classes only. Exhibitors may have one person record their runs.
15. *The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone or need help, please call 800.656.4673 [HOPE](National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.*

#### • EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICE

##### May Be On Call During Trial Hours:

George Darnell, DVM  
Sunshine Veterinary Clinic  
11092 240th Street  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503  
Directions: On Site

#### • EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICE

##### After Trial Hours:

Urgent Pet Care  
8455 S 73rd Plaza  
Papillion, NE  
402-597-2911

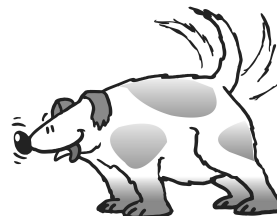
Directions: Directions will vary depending on where you are. Please call the clinic for the quickest way there.

#### • ROUTE TO THE TRIAL: Sunshine Obedience School, 11092 240th Street, Council Bluffs, IA

*Take I-80 East or West to I-29 South. From I-29 South or North, take the "Lake Manawa/Iowa School for the Deaf" Exit 47 (turn right). Drive to the Intersection of Hwy. 92 & Hwy. 275 (Wabash Avenue). At that Intersection: Turn right and drive 2 miles on Hwy. 275 (Wabash Ave.), turn left on Pioneer Trail (G-66), drive 4 miles, then turn right on 240th Street (a gravel road). Drive 1.2 miles, cross the bike trail, then it's the next place on the right. Look for the Basset Hound mailbox. [MAP](#)*

- **AREA MOTELS** *(This list is provided as a courtesy. BDOC does not endorse any motels listed. Please make sure that you pick up after your dogs, so that these motels will continue to accept dogs. Some restrictions may apply. Double check with motels regarding rates & dog policy when making your reservations.)*

Best Western, 2216 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 322-3150  
My Place, 2281 South 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 256-9555  
Red Roof Inn, 500 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-5555  
The Western Inn, 1842 Madison Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (800) 322-1842  
Days Inn, 3208 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-9699  
Americinn, 1000 Woodbury Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (712) 314-5856  
Motel 6, 3132 S. Expressway, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-2405



#### • RV CAMPING

Horseshoe Casino, 2701 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA (712) 308-5005  
Lake Manawa State Park, 1100 N Shore Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa (712) 366-0220  
On Site RV Parking May Be Available (without hookups) — Contact Gerianne at [geriannedarnell@aol.com](mailto:geriannedarnell@aol.com)

#### • RIBBONS

All Qualifiers: Dark Green Two-layer Ribbon  
Container, Exterior, Buried, and Interior (All Classes) 1st-4th Place: Two-layer Ribbons  
Basic Element Title: Rosette      Basic Level Title: Rosette  
Overall Master Title: Large Rosette    Elite Element Title: Rosette    Elite Level Title: Rosette    Overall Super Elite Title: Large Rosette  
Detective Qualifiers: Green Rosette    Detective Title: Large Rosette  
High in Trial Rosettes: Available only to teams that participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered, and qualify in each. A separate HIT will be given to Novice A and Novice B teams.      HIT Junior at Each Level in Each Trial: Rosette