
ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON February 13, 2026, 9:00 am, EST at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent as "No Signature Required".

ENTRIES CLOSE ON March 31, 2026, 9:00 am, EST after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender. After closing Wait List Not Offered.

PREMIUM LIST



Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc.

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



2 Trials: Exterior Advanced-T1 and Buried All Levels-T1 & T2

SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2026, Event # 2026262101 (T1):

Exterior Advanced and Buried: Novice A/B, Advanced, Excellent, Master

SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2026, Event # 2026262102 (T2):

Buried: Novice A/B, Advanced, Excellent, Master

AAKA, Inc. Training Building

200 Basal Lane, Duncansville, PA 16635

ENTRY LIMITS: 125 runs / 8 hrs Judging Limit per day

Judge: Diane Quirk

All Levels Buried To be held Indoors; Exterior, Outdoors

Trial Hours: Sunday- 7:00am to 5:00pm (EDST)

Check-in starts at 7:30am - Handler's Briefing at 7:45, first dog to follow
(No Indoor Crating, please work from vehicles)

Coffee/Beverages/Food Truck (The Dirty Soda Shack) will be available on site to purchase beverages & food.

Fast Food also Available within 8 min. of site.



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB**

CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

PresidentAmy Sheehan
 Vice PresidentNancy Porta
 Secretary.....Darlene Ormsby, 151 Sage Drive, Roaring Spring, PA 16673
 Treasurer.....Kathie Crist

Trial Chair: Debra Dively	Trial Secretary
233 Martz Road	<i>Integrity Scoring for K9 Sports</i>
Duncansville, PA 16635	Cyndi Kepner
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Trial Co-Chairs:	717-250-6710
Nancy Porta & Susan Williams	www.integrityk9scores.com

EVENT COMMITTEE

Clare Burk, Gary Creamer, Debra Dively, Cheryl McMillian, Mary Lou Patrick,
 Tammy Perkins, Nancy Porta, Mary Kay Tomlinson, and Susan Williams

Judge and Assignments:

Diane Quirk: Carlisle PA

Exterior Advanced and All Buried Levels--Trial 1

All Buried Levels--Trial 2

Tentative Running/Reset Order: (final confirmations will confirm day of order)

- T1 – Novice A/B Buried, followed by**
- T2 – Novice A/B Buried; reset**
- T1 – Advanced Buried, followed by**
- T2 – Advanced Buried; reset**
- T1 – Advanced Exterior; reset**
- T1 – Excellent Buried; reset**
- T2 – Excellent Buried; reset**
- T1 – Master Buried; reset**
- T2 – Master Buried**

- Each Class Will Reset as listed above
- Move ups accepted when Q is earned in Trial 1 and dog was originally entered in Trial 2 before closing.
- Move up forms available near Ribbon’s Self-Serve area and must be turned in to the Trial Sec. no later than 15 min. after last run of Trial 1 completion.

*Proposed lunch-on your own. **Coffee/Beverages/Food Truck available on site.***

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Veterinarian (on-call):

Sylvan Veterinary Hospital. 2135 Plank Road, Duncansville, PA 16635 (3.9 mi/8 min)
814-935-8638

Directions: head SW on Basal Dr., Left onto Longview Dr., Left onto Carson Valley Rd., Right onto Colonial Dr., Left onto Municipal Dr., Left onto US-220 / Plank Rd., destination on the left.
Building is shared with “Poochey Chef” in the front; the Veterinary Hospital in the back.



Evenings and Weekends:

VCA Metzger Animal Hospital, 1044 Benner Pike, State College PA 16803 814-237-5333(51 min)

Directions: SW on Basal Ln to Longview Dr., Left onto Longview Dr., Left on to PA-416 / Carson Valley Rd., Right onto PA 764, take ramp on right and follow US-22 West, Keep Left, heading toward Altoona / Bedford, merge onto road and take ramp for I-99 North / US-220 North, Keep Left Heading toward Altoona, Keep Left to stay on I-99 N / US-220 N, At Exit 76, head on the reamp right and follow signs for Shiloh Road, bear right onto Shiloh Rd., Turn Left onto PA-150 / Benner Pike, Animal Hospital is on the right.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police- Name of County
911

LOCAL HOSPITAL – UPMC Altoona, 620 Howard Ave., Altoona PA 16601 (7.5 miles, 19 minutes)

CLASSES OFFERED & JUDGING TIMES

(125 total runs / 8 hrs Judging Limit)

Buried: Novice A/B—T1, T2; Advanced—T1, T2;

Exterior Advanced—T1; Buried Excellent—T1, T2; and Master—T1, T2

Briefing at 7:45 AM followed by first dog, Buried Novice A/B Trial 1

DOG 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.

Condition of the Dog. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

ENTRY FEES

*an entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class. Entry fees include a \$4.50 per run AKC recording fee.

Each entry* \$27

Mail entry forms and fees to: Cyndi Kepner / AAKA
118 School St.
Burnham, PA 17009

Please make checks payable to the **AAKA**.
Please write a separate check for each dog's entry.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, text or fax. Express mail entries must be "no signature required" allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to the Trial Secretary: Cyndi Kepner at ckrotteez@comcast.net. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible / invalid entries will not be processed. Exhibitor will be contacted and given the chance to re-enter if the trial has not filled by the time their entry is opened. If Exhibitor does not acknowledge, the ineligible entry will be returned to sender. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. will add a \$20.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

Refunds: Entry fees less \$4.50/run for bitches in season or less \$7.00 / run for injured/incapacitated dogs, will be refunded if veterinary certification is presented no later than 30 minutes before the start of judging of the first class.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

No After Closing Wait List Offered

STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include warm-up and waiting areas, as well as the gate sheet table for running order check-ins.

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. 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** with one labelled container per target odor being used in the trial on that day will be placed in the warm-up area. This will allow handler-dog teams to prepare themselves for the search prior to their run. Each team should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less so that others may be able to use the warm-up area as well.

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.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

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. Buried searches will be indoors, on matted flooring. Exterior search will be outdoors on grass and/or gravel.

Search Area Sizes will be as required in the *Regulations for AKC Scent Work*.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

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.

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 target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

Spectator Area. Spectators are encouraged. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide.

Port-A-Potty available on site. "NO" Indoor Restroom available.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Red</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Yellow</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Qualifying Score</i>	<i>Dark Green</i>

A New Title rosette will be available to those finishing a Title at this event.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading them here: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. **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 an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: Gate Sheets will be available to put a check mark beside your dog's name to let us know you are present and plan to run in that class.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

This trial will follow any current Public Health Protocols as announced by PADOH/CDC at the time of the trial. For questions on current CDC guidelines, see their website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>. Masks are NOT required, regardless of vaccination status, but exhibitors are welcome to wear a mask if desired. We ask that you please do NOT attend this trial if you were exposed to and have COVID-19 Symptoms. CDC suggests you stay home and away from others until your symptoms are getting better and are fever free without meds for 24 hours. By entering these trials and signing the entry form, the exhibitor acknowledges that AAKA, Inc.'s members, directors, officers and all persons connected or associated with AAKA, Inc. are in no way liable for any present or future illnesses incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, before, during or after these trials.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The following hotels accept well-mannered dogs and handlers. Please call ahead to verify Pet Policies / Fees. Please clean up after your pets at the hotels as they are considered extensions of the trial site.

Comfort Inn: 130 Patch Way Rd, Duncansville PA 16635; 717-496-0257 (3.6 miles/9 min. to trial site)

Quality Inn & Suites, 3306 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602; 814-944-9661 (5.4 miles/ 12 min. to trial site)

RV Parking is available at the training building—no electric or dumping; but please be respectful of others parking at the trial site.

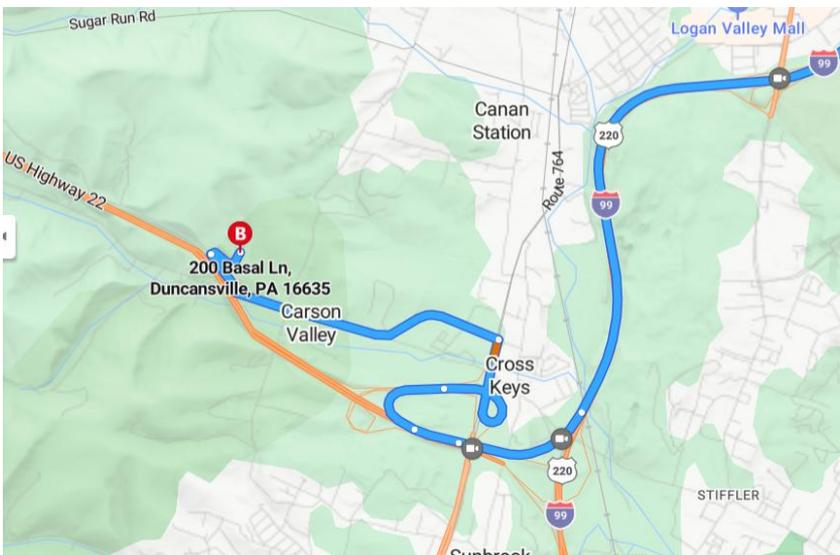
DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE

<https://aakainc.com/about-us/directions/>

FROM I-99 SOUTH OR NORTH:

Take Exit 28--Route 22 West Exit, to Ebensburg. Once on Route 22 West, take the First Exit, Hollidaysburg/Duncansville/Altoona for Route 764. Get into the left lane for Route 764 North to Altoona. Once you have merged onto Route 764 North, you should immediately get into the left lane as you will be making a left turn at the first signal light onto Carson Valley Road. (This intersection is marked by the Carson Valley Cemetery on your left, Beck Chiropractic on your right, and Harley Davidson is beyond the intersection on the right.) After making your left turn onto Carson Valley Road, proceed on Carson Valley Road for 1.2 miles. As you approach the 1.2-mile mark, you will notice the overpass (bridges) for Route 22, make a right turn onto Longview Drive adjacent to the overpass. Follow Longview Drive for 2/10 of a mile and turn right onto Basal Lane. This lane takes you straight into the building.

MAP



AKC Official Entry Form

Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc.



*Mail To: Cyndi Kepner / AAKA
118 School St
Burnham PA 17009*

Opens 2/13/26 @ 9 AM - Closes 3/31/26 @ 9 AM

Date:	Trial 1	Trial 1	Trial 2
4/12/26	Exterior Advanced	Buried Novice A	Buried Novice A
<i>Circle class</i>		Buried Novice B	Buried Novice B
		Buried Advanced	Buried Advanced
		Buried Excellent	Buried Excellent
		Buried Master	Buried Master

Please write a separate check for each dog's entry!

Entry fees: \$27 per class Total Fees: _____

Make checks payable to the AAKA

Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. will add a \$20.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number	
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign	
Call name	Date of birth	Sex	
Breed		Variety	
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
Owner			
Owner's Address			
City	State	Zip	
Telephone	Email		
Handler name (if different from owner):	Junior Handler # (if applicable):		

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED.

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known and listed on Registration papers.

*****Be sure to read the Agreement and sign on the reverse. No form will be processed without your signature!**

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

Day of Move ups require a qualifying score earned in Trial 1 and dog was originally entered in Trial 2 by closing.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE:

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____