Dog Training Club of St Petersburg, Inc.
4400 34th Street N (US 19), Unit B
St Petersburg, FL 33714
www.dtcsp.org
Licensed by the American Kennel Club

Two trials per day, Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
November 20th, 21st & 22nd 2026
Events # 2026054436 / 2026054437, # 202604441 / 202604438
and # 202604439 / 202604440

Friday: Detective & Handler Classes Only
Saturday/Sunday: Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master Element Classes Only

Opens: September 1st at 9:00 AM EDT
Closes: November 9th at 6:00 PM EDT

Held indoors in Air Conditioning and in Adjacent Areas Outdoors. Crating indoors on site.

Trial Hours: Friday 8:30 AM- 6:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday – 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Check in – 8:30 AM Friday, 8 AM Saturday & Sunday or 30 min prior to estimated class start time. Sat & Sun Handler's briefing 15 min prior to first dog, after white dog runs

Trial Secretary: Bill McDonald, 25592 Hayman Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION**

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club Rules and regulations. Sheila Goeff Secretary

## ENTRY INFORMATION

Friday: Detective & Handler Classes only offered.
Entry method: First received

Saturday and Sunday:
Entry method: First received

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PAPER ENTRIES ONLY
Mail: Bill McDonald, 25592 Hayman Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602
Any entries received before September 1st will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the 'No Signature Required' waiver signed. **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AT DTCSP**

## PRE-ENTRY CLOSING & LATE ENTRIES

Entries close on November 9th, 2026, at 6:00 PM EDT. Trial Secretary: Trial Secretary Bill McDonald. For questions, he can be reached at 813-416-6035 or Email at GSDBonjon1@aol.com

## ADDITIONAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries received will be entered automatically when received until the registration limit per judge per day reached. The Trial Secretary shall use all information available and her best judgement to determine the order in which entries are received. Entries with a legible email address will be acknowledged by email.

Payment for entries – The AKC requires that entries must be accompanied by a valid payment.

## WAITING LIST INFORMATION

Waiting list available – For these trials, the Dog Training Club of St Petersburg is offering a Waiting List to fill openings created by entries that are withdrawn after the trial closes or the registration limit is reached. A maximum of 10 entries per trial will be placed on the Waiting List for Friday and 40 entries per trial will be placed on the Waiting List for Saturday and Sunday. Entries received after the registration limit is reached will automatically be added to the Waiting List until that limit is reached. Wait listed entrants will be notified to opt out if they so choose.

Waiting list refunds – if a withdrawn entry (after closing) is replaced by a wait listed entry, the withdrawn entry will be entitled to a full refund. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the waiting list into the trial will be entitled to a full refund. Withdrawn entries that are not replaced by a wait listed entry will not receive a refund. See REFUNDS below for additional refund information.

## ENTRY FEES

Friday: Detective Class, two trials. $50 per run.
Saturday and Sunday: Novice through Master Classes Only. Two trials each day. $28.00 per run for Novice & Advanced $35 for Excellent & Master

## CLASSES OFFERED

The following classes are offered on Friday, November 20th 2026.
Trial 1 & Trial 2: Detective class & All levels of Handler.

The following classes are offered on Saturday, November 21st, 2026. Trial 1 & Trial 2: Interior & Exterior: Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master

The following classes are offered on Sunday, November 22nd, 2026.
Trial 1 & Trial 2: Container & Buried: Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master

Trial to run concurrently: Nov T1, Nov T2, Adv T1, Adv T2, Exc T1, Exc T2, Mas T1, Mas T2 This allows for move ups between Trial 1 & Trial 2.

The A/B Sections – The Novice A class is for beginners. Those dogs who have earned a title in that element from the AKC or from another organization and those handlers who have worked as professional detection dog handlers must enter the B section. The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class(es)/divisions. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of qualifying scores.

## JUDGES FOR THE TRIALS

Wendy Hudson, #108643, Port Charlotte, FL
Bonnie McDonald, #15276, Brooksville, FL

## CLASS INFORMATION

Levels – Dogs that have previously earned the same or higher level AKC Scent Work titles may enter lower-level classes. Dogs may enter up to two (2) difficulty levels for which they are eligible in each element, in each trial.

Move Ups & Transfers – The Trial Secretary will accept requests for move-ups or other class transfers after entries have closed for these trials. Transfer requests will be approved provided the class is available and has not reached its limit. Any request for a move-up or other class transfer must be in writing and presented to the trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the trial, except as described below regarding CONCURRENT TRIAL CLASS TRANSFERS. The Trial Secretary will have forms available on site for transfer requests.

Order of Classes – The order of classes and the Judging Schedule will be determined after entries have closed and will be sent by email to entrants who have provided a legible email address.

Judging begins at 9:00 AM each day.

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, call 800-656-HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hot line) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7 confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

## ENTRY AND WAITING LIST CONFIRMATIONS

Exhibitors should not expect an immediate email confirmation of their entry in one or more of the trials. The calculation of the maximum number of entries allowed within the 8 hours of judging time per day limit for each judge, and the adjustment of judging assignments to maximize entries is expected to take several days.

Exhibitors will receive an email confirmation of their entry as soon as possible. Exhibitors will also receive an email confirmation of their inclusion on the Waiting List. If appropriate, as soon as possible. As judging assignments are adjusted to maximize entries, exhibitors will be notified as soon as possible if any of their wait listed entries have been confirmed as entered in one or more trials.

The Judging Schedule will be determined after the trial closes or the registration limit has been reached after judging assignments have been adjusted, whichever arrives first. The Judging Schedule will be provided by email to all exhibitors with confirmed entries or who are on the Waiting List as soon as it is available.

## JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

Friday, November 20th

Wendy Hudson T1 All Handler, T2 Detective

Bonnie McDonald T1 Detective, T2 All Handler

Saturday, November 21st

Bonnie McDonald

Trial 1 & Trial 2: Interior: Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent & Master

Wendy Hudson

Trial 1 & Trial 2: Exterior: Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent & Master

Sunday, November 22nd

Wendy Hudson

Trial 1 & Trial 2: Container: Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent & Master Bonnie McDonald

Trial 1 & Trial 2: Buried: Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent & Master

## RIBBONS, ROSETTES, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons or rosettes will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place……Blue Rosette
Second Place……..Red Ribbon
Third Place……..Yellow Ribbon
Fourth Place……White Ribbon
Qualifying Score……..Dark Green Ribbon

New Title Awards – A new title rosette will be awarded to all teams finishing a title.

HIT Awards – Teams must participate in all elements at a level to qualify in each are eligible to win a High-In-Trial award. There is no separate High-In-Trial award for the Novice A and Novice B sections. The High-In-Trial winners are determined by adding each team's faults across the applicable classes. For each award, the team with the fewest faults is the winner. If there is a tie based on faults, then each team's times across the applicable classes will be summed, and the fastest-finishing team will win. Each team winning will receive a commemorative award or ribbon.

## SEARCH AREAS AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

Many classes will take place indoors in air conditioning on matted, carpeted, turfed, tiled, or concrete surfaces. Exterior classes will take place in adjacent areas outdoors. Other classes may take place indoors, outdoors, or both as required or allowed for those classes. Therefore, handlers should be prepared for all potential weather conditions. The Judging Schedule will indicate which classes are to be run outdoors. Handlers should understand that outdoor searches will be conducted rain or shine unless dangerous conditions are present (such as lightning or clouding). Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended.

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## CHECK IN AND FIRST HANDLER'S BRIEFING

Check in – exhibitors must complete a separate check in for each dog entered in each trial. Exhibitors may begin check in at y⅂ол AM on Friday and y ! a on Saturday & Sunday 2₪ 30 min prior to the estimated start time for their class. Exhibitors who are unable to attend at all should let the Trial Secretary know as soon as possible so that their entries can be replaced by entries on the Waiting List, if available. Exhibitors will receive their armband number at check in and exhibitors should not expect that their armband number(s) will be available prior to check in. Exhibitors should come to check in prepared to verify all catalog information for their entries, including their contact information and the name, identification number, and other required information for each dog entered. A current copy of the Judging Schedule will be available at the check in table.

First Handler's Briefing – The first Handler's Briefing will take place at y:45 AM each day with the first dog in that class to run thereafter. The Handler's Briefing will take place in view of the search area(s) prior to the start of each class. In the search area(s), the number of hides, the maximum height of hides, and the maximum time for the search in that class and element. No dogs may be present during the Handler's Briefing.

## REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee.

Withdrawals – For females in season pulled after closing, the owner/handler must submit a written or emailed request to receive a refund of entry fees. For dogs pulled after closing due to injury or other medical condition, the owner/handler must submit a written or emailed statement from their vet as to the dog's condition to receive a refund of entry fees. For dogs pulled after closing due to a judge assignment change, the owner/handler must submit a written or emailed request indicating the class of the entry and stating that the withdrawal is due to a judge assignment change to receive a refund of entry fees. Any such withdrawal notifications must be submitted to the Trial Secretary in writing no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class on the first day the dog is entered in the trial to be eligible for a refund of entry fees. The Trial Secretary will have forms available on site for withdrawal requests. See Waiting List refunds above for additional refund information.

Timing of Refunds – Exhibitors who are eligible for a refund of entry fees, wait listed entry fees, or any other amount for any reason are advised that it may take up to three weeks after the date(s) of the trial weekend to receive their refund.

## TRIAL 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.

Spectator Area – A spectator area will be available at this trial. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search with handlers who have not run.

Crating space will be available indoors in air conditioning. Any dog left alone in the crating area must be crated. Crates may be left overnight, however, the Dog Training Club of St Petersburg will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the trial site. No dogs may be left overnight on the grounds of the trial site.

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.

## CLUB OFFICERS

President……Janice Smith
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2nd Vice President……Julia Lipsio
Treasurer……Loni Coleman
Secretary……Sandy Garcia
Trustee……Sheri Scott
Trustee……Amanda Ronning
Trustee……Joan Weesies
Trustee……Patricia Burch

## EVENT COMMITTEE

Kelly Hansen, Paul Kitwood, Marilee Biehle, Mardy Hornsby

## TRIAL CHAIRPERSON AND TRIAL SECRETARY

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## 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, have Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), are enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program, or are recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS). Wherever the word "dog" is used herein 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 taped or bandaged in any way or has anything attached to it for medical purposes. Refer to Chapter 2 of the Registration and Discipline Rules for the listing of registerable breeds that may participate. Puppies under four (4) months of age are strictly prohibited from the trial grounds.

## HANDLING MORE THAN ONE DOG

Handlers may not handle more than one dog in each class. Multiple dogs owned by the same person(s) may be entered in the same class, provided they are run by different handlers.

## WARM UP AREA

A warm-up area will be available consisting of one labeled container per target odor being used in the trial on that day and may also consist of blank containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to 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.

## 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.

Aggressive or Disruptive Behavior: 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 Event Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

Liability: The Dog Training Club of St Petersburg and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibility 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 DTCSP 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 DTCSP or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses: 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 when on trial grounds. 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.

The Dog Training Club of St Petersburg agrees to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

## NOTICES TO EXHIBITORS

Judges are not required to wait for dogs to be brought to the search area when required. The owner/handler of each dog is solely responsible for having their dog ready when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility for providing service through a public-address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs.

Possession of Odors and Training: Owner/handlers may not be in possession of any target odor on the grounds of the trial site. There shall be no training on the grounds of the trial site, other than the designated warm-up area.

## DIRECTIONS

SHOW SITE DIRECTIONS: Take I-275 to Exit #25 (38th Ave No.). Go west on 38th Ave. Turn right (north) on 34th St. N. (US 19). (Hardees is on the left). Go over the overpass and immediately turn left into the first parking lot. The DTCSP is in Unit B at the right end of the building.

## MOTELS

It is recommended that you confirm with hotels as to whether they allow dogs, have any size/weight restrictions, or charge any additional fees.

La Quinta Inn, 7500 Highway 19 North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781,
727-545-5611, 800-531-5900

LaQuinta South, 500 Lake Blvd, 49th St. Clearwater, FL 33760,
855 680-3239

Exhibitors are expected to follow all hotel rules. All dogs left alone in rooms must be crated. A plastic sheet or other barrier should be placed under crates in rooms. NO GROOMING OR BATHING IN ROOMS. No dogs permitted in hotel recreation areas including swimming pools or any other areas designated as "non-dog" locations.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire, Ambulance, or Police – 911

Northside Hospital, 6000 49th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 727-521-4411

VETERINARIAN (ON CALL)
Animal Emergency Clinic 3165 22 Ave North
727-323-1311

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites or any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

## ENTRY FORMS AND CHECKS

Mail checks and entry forms to: **Bill McDonald, 25592 Hayman Rd., Brooksville, FL 34602. DO Not Drop off entries at DTCSP**

Make checks payable to the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. The Trial Secretary may add a collection fee of up to $20.00 to the amount of each returned check.

No entries will be accepted online, by phone or fax. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. **NO ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO THE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG**

## INQUIRIES

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website at http://www.akc.org/rules/

Inquiries may be directed to Trial Secretary Bill McDonald at GSDBonjon1@aol.com

# DOG TRAINING CLUB OF ST PETERSBURG - SCENT WORK TRIAL

| Handler Classes | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master<br>$28 Nov & Adv,<br>$35 Ex & Master | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master<br>$28 Nov & Adv,<br>$35 Ex & Master |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Friday - Trial 1 | | Friday - Trial 2 | |
| | Entry Fee: $50/run | | Entry Fee: $50/run | |
| | ☐ Detective | | ☐ Detective | |
| | Saturday - Trial 1 | | Saturday - Trial 2 | |
| | Entry Fee: $28/run Nov & Adv. $35 Ex & Mas | | Entry Fee: $28/run Nov & Adv. $35 Ex & Mas | |
| Interior | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master |
| Exterior | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master |
| | Sunday - Trial 1 | | Sunday - Trial 2 | |
| | Entry Fee: $28/run Nov & Adv. $35 Ex & Mas | | Entry Fee: $28/run. Nov & Adv, $35 Ex & Mas | |
| Container | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master |
| Buried | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master | ☐ Novice A<br>☐ Novice B<br>☐ Advanced<br>☐ Excellent | ☐ Master |

I enclose $_____for entry fees. Submit one form per dog entered.

| **AKC Registered Name** | | **Registration Number**<br>☐ **AKC/PAL/ILP/CP** ☐ **Foreign** |
|---|---|---|
| Call name | Date of birth | Sex |
| Breed | | Variety |
| Breeder | | |
| Sire | | |
| Dam | | |
| Owner | | |
| Owner's Address | | |
| City | State | Zip |
| Email Address | | Phone |

PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY  Fields shaded in blue are REQUIRED

Signature:  Date:

Mail Entries to: Bill McDonald, 25592 Hayman Rd., Brooksville, FL 34602

AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause, which the club shall deem sufficient. 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 for 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 there from, 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 persons.

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 its 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

(Variety) If you are entering a dog of a breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e. Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (long-haired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).

A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a trial closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any trial for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information: JUNIOR'S DATE OF BIRTH

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 816-3776.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

NAME _____

Signature  Date _____

No form will be processed without your signature on this Agreement!

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____