



Trial Affiliate: *Canine Star Training Academy*

VARIABLE Trial, NOT NESTED

Sunday April 7, 2024

TRIAL Location: Canine Star Training Academy (CSTA),
3815 US-1 Suite#119, Cocoa, FL 32926

TRIAL CHAIR: Ken Mattson **email:** kmattson5@cfl.rr.com

TRIAL SECRETARY/Scoreroom: Marilyn Strout **email:** mitchstrout@yahoo.com

CHIEF SEARCH DESIGNERS & JUDGES: Natalie Duberow & Carol Happel

ENTRY COST: \$25 each run EXCEPT \$40-Extreme

No Day of Show Entries

CLASSES OFFERED: Exterior 1, Interior 1, Container 1, Container 2,
Distance 1, CopyCat 1, Extreme 1

LEVELS: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Senior, Master

ONLINE Entry ONLY

Entries accepted in order of payment/waiver received by Closing Date

Closing Date: 3pm ET April 1, 2024

Multiple dogs allowed by 1 handler, titling dog must be run first if in same level.

For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries accepted

Important – please read!

It is the Competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the Rules and Regulations for USCSS™. [USCSS-Rules-Ver.-3.1.pdf](#). For information about the organization, please email United States Canine Scent Sports at info@USCanineScentSports.com

SAFETY, COLLARS & LEASHES: Flexi/retractable leads are **ONLY permitted during a search**. All dogs must be on a 6' or shorter leash when not participating in a search. Dogs **MUST** be switched over to a 6' length or shorter leash when outside of the search area. Choke chains, prong collars or halti/head collars are **NOT** permitted during searches. Leashes of any length may be used while the dog is participating in a search. **EVERY** dog **MUST** maintain a minimum of 6' distance from all other dogs at **ALL TIMES**.

VETERINARIAN: . Animal Emergency & Critical Care Center of Brevard, 2281 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, FL (321) 725-5365

AWARDS: Ribbons will not be mailed.

- A qualifying ribbon will be given at the end of your run.
- 1st-4th place per class.
- **Title ribbons are given upon earning the 3rd qualifying leg in an element or game, or upon completion of a level.** See Section 15.1D for further explanation.
- **HiT- HIGH** in Trial, High Champion & High Rescue Awards will be offered. 2-4th HiT are **NOT** Offered. See Section 18.2 of the current Rulebook for requirements.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!: Dispose of waste in appropriate containers. Do **NOT** let your dog pee on items we have to touch! We are guests on this property, please be respectful.

DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE to Search Area: Section 17.7B -Handlers will be expected to make financial reparations to the event host or owner of the item that will cover the cost of replacement or repair to the damaged item. ie. vehicles, furniture.

CRATING: Inside air-conditioned crating space is available. **Crating MUST BE in an enclosed crate.** Exercise pens (xpens) are **NOT PERMITTED** for safety reasons. If crating from participant's vehicle, you must be prepared to provide shade and water throughout the trial. It's Florida, it's **HOT!**

ELIGIBLE DOGS: See Section 6.1 of the Rulebook. If bringing a bitch in season, **please inform the trial secretary prior to the trial** and inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing.

INELIGIBLE DOGS: See Section 6.4 of the Rulebook.

FOOD: Bring your lunch as the closest store is 5+ miles away.

PAYMENTS & WAIVERS: **Checks and Waiver GUARANTEE your spot in the trial.** Please make out to **CSTA** and mailed with the Waiver to **Marilyn Strout, 3794 Long Grove Ln., Port Orange, FL 32129.**

REACTIVE DOGS: **Canine Star Training Academy** accepts the entries of reactive dogs in USCSS™ trials. These dogs may not be crated in the general crating area and may have to be crated in the handler's car. Reactive dogs will be run first or last in the trial and all other dogs must be crated while the reactive dogs are preparing for the search. A 10-minute break will be given after the reactive dogs have run and are again crated to give the other teams time to prepare for their runs. USCSS™ suggests that reactive dogs wear red bandannas.

REFUNDS & EVENT CANCELLATION: Every attempt will be made to hold this event as scheduled. In the event of an “act of God” such as flood, hurricane or fire, or civil disturbances or any other causes beyond the control of the organizing committee, the event may be canceled or postponed. We will make every attempt to contact entrants and inform them of the cancellation or postponement. Should you need to scratch, please contact Trial Secretary. Any refunds will be processed as soon as conveniently possible.

SCHEDULE: Judge assignments & run order will be determined after the closing date and prior to the day of the trial. Anticipated Check In time “around 8:30 am” with a CSD Briefing at 8:50 am. First Dog Team(s) on the line at 9am. Staggered Arrival Times are planned. The trial will be held indoors & outdoors. Surfaces used for searches will be wood, metal, concrete, dirt, and grass. No stairs are involved. Run Order will be emailed by April 3, 2024.

NO SMOKING/VAPING/ ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES at this facility or on the grounds.

VOLUNTEERS: Every Trial relies on great volunteers to run smoothly and efficiently. THANK YOU in advance for volunteering! Email: mitchstrout@yahoo.com if you are interested. **We need 2 Timers/ AND 3 Stewards**

Steps for Joining USCSS™, Registering Dog and Entering this Trial

1. All competitors must become a member of USCSS™, which is **FREE!** Competitors may join here: <http://members.uscaninescentsports.com/signup>.
2. Competitors must then register their dog(s) through the USCSS™ website. Each registration includes a one-time \$25.00 fee. Competitors may register their dogs here: <http://members.uscaninescentsports.com/login>
3. When logged into their account on the USCSS™ website, competitors may then scroll down to the “LOCAL EVENTS” section, find the trial they are interested in entering and click on the ENTER button. Or, enter via the “Enter This Trial” option for the trial, on the [Upcoming USCSS Events](#) page on the website.
4. Competitors then select which dog they are entering and select which Classes and/or Games they are entering.
 - **T (Titling)** is for teams wanting to earn qualifying legs (scores) towards titles, placements/ribbons and be eligible for High in Trial awards (if all criteria are met).
 - **FLO (For Legs Only)** is for teams wanting to earn qualifying legs (scores) towards titles, but not placements/ribbons. You might choose this if you already have your title or are running an upper level dog at a lower level and possibly allowing less experienced teams a better chance to place. **Judges MUST run FLO in any trial in which they are judging.** FLO runs are not credited towards High in Trial (HiT) awards.
 - **FEO (For Exhibition Only)** is for a team wanting to run two (2) dogs in the same class/level, or a team wanting to “practice”. No qualifying leg (score) is earned, and no placement/ribbon is awarded. If you are running two (2) dogs in the same class/level, the dog running for “practice” MUST be selected as FEO and will run AFTER the titling dog.

Competitors will then receive a 1st computer generated confirmation email with details regarding their entry. They will then **receive a 2nd email confirmation with PAYMENT DETAILS from the Trial Secretary** mitchstrout@yahoo.com and instructions on how to submit payment for their entry. Payments and Waiver will be sent directly to the Trial Secretary, not USCSS™.

Canine Star Training Academy (CSTA) Release of Liability (Waiver)



Owner's Name: _____

Handler's Name (if different from owner): _____

Dog's Name: _____

Please mail to: Marilyn Strout, 3794 Long Grove Lane, Port Orange, FL 32129

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 above. In consideration of entering this United States Canine Scent Sports (USCSS™) trial, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of United States Canine Scent Sports (USCSS™) in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the current rule book for this event, and further agree to be bound by this liability waiver for all dogs in my care at this event, entered or not. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard (dog or human aggressive) to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all United States Canine Scent Sports (USCSS™) Rules and Regulations and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the organization holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the organization shall deem sufficient. I (we) agree to hold United States Canine Scent Sports (USCSS™), Canine Star Training Academy (CSTA), their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the trial premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties 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 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 persons.

In consideration of this entry, I hereby grant to United States Canine Scent Sports (USCSS™), Canine Star Training Academy (CSTA), and the Owner and/or Lessor of the Trial Premises, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my dog and I in photographs or videos, for the promotion of scent sports trials.

Owner's
Signature: _____ Date _____

Handler's
Signature: _____ Date _____

(if different than owner)

This Waiver is a Canine Star Training Academy (CSTA) document and may not be altered in any way.

If altered, the competitor's entry will be refused. © 2024