



HAPPY DOG COLLEGE

**Trial Affiliate:** *Happy Dog College*

**CLASSIC Trial – NOT NESTED**

**Monday March 4, 2024**

**ONLINE Entry ONLY-** Entries accepted in order received

**TRIAL Location:** 12830 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ocala, FL 34480

**TRIAL CHAIR:** Beth Hundreiser **email:** myconan14@gmail.com

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

**CHIEF SEARCH DESIGNER & JUDGE:** Natalie Duberow

**ENTRY COST:** \$25 a class, **No Day of Show Entries**

**CLASS OFFERED:** Container, Interior, Vehicle, Exterior, Double Dog Dare, Heap O'Hides & Team Spirit

**LEVELS:** Novice, Intermediate, Advanced

**Closing Date: March Feb 23, 2024 [3 pm, EDT]**

For information about the organization, please email United States Canine Scent Sports at

[info@USCanineScentSports.com](mailto:info@USCanineScentSports.com)

Multiple dogs with same handler allowed, titling dog must be run first.

For Legs Only (FLO) entries, NO RIBBONS/NO PLACEMENT. For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries accepted

**Team Spirit** – Teams formed by Competitor Choice no later than Feb. 26, 2024.

If Teammates have not been chosen, Trial Secretary will reach out via email. If you do not respond, Secretary will set up any unmatched competitors by random draw at 7 pm on Feb. 26, 2024.

## Important – please read!

**It is the Competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the Rules and Regulations for USCSS™.**

[USCSS-Rules-Ver.-3.0.pdf](#)

This is a **CLASSIC Trial**. You **MUST** enter all 4 elements at a single level in order to earn the Classic Title. However, any and all Q's earned will count towards the general USCSS Variable title requirements. If you have any questions, after checking the rule book contact the Trial Secretary for additional clarification.

**SAFETY:** All dogs must be on a 6' or shorter leash when not participating in a search. EVERY dog **MUST** maintain a minimum of 6' distance from all other dogs at ALL TIMES.

**AWARDS:** Ribbons will not be mailed. A qualifying ribbon will be given at the end of your run. 1st - 4th place per class. All legs earned at a higher level, without previously earned titles at the lower levels, are banked. Keep in mind that the progression through the levels in variable vs classic is separate. HIGH in TRIAL 1<sup>st</sup> place will be offered at all levels. High Champion and High Rescue will also be offered. HIGH in Trial 2-4th are NOT offered.

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!:** Dispose of waste in appropriate containers. Do NOT let your dog pee on items we have to touch!

**DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE to Search Area:** Section 17.6B - 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.

**COLLARS & LEASHES:** **Flexi/retractable leads are ONLY permitted during a search.** 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. Dogs **MUST** be switched over to a 6' length or shorter leash when outside of the search area.

**CRATING:** Crating will be from participant's vehicle. You must be prepared to provide shade and water throughout the trial. It's Florida, it's HOT!

**ELIGIBLE DOGS:** The following dogs are eligible to compete in USCSS™ events:

- Dogs 6-months of age or older
- Dogs of any breed, purebred or mixed breed
- Blind, deaf or dogs with amputations or who use ambulatory carts
- Bitches in season, but they must wear panties and be kept separate from all other dogs and will be run at the end of their class/trial. If bringing a bitch in season, **please inform the trial secretary prior to the trial** and inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing

**FOOD:** Bring your lunch as the closest store is 5+ miles away. If you'd like to share a bowl/plate of munchies, that would be awesome!

**PAYMENTS & WAIVERS:** Checks made out to **Happy Dog College** and mailed with the Waiver to **Marilyn Strout, 3794 Long Grove Ln., Port Orange, FL 32129**. Both must be received *within 10 days AFTER Date of Entry Confirmation* Email from Trial Secretary. **If not received on time, the competitor falls to the bottom of the entry list until 2pm on Closing Date.**

**REACTIVE DOGS:** **Happy Dog College** 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:** No refunds allowed after the pre-entry closing date except in the case of injured dogs (**Veterinary note required**). Refund will be 50% and those seeking a refund must request by 8:30 am on the day of the trial. Vet note must be received by Monday after trial and can be sent to the Trial Chairman. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. 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.

**SCHEDULE:** Final Judge assignments & run order will be determined after the closing date on 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. Details will be emailed in Welcome to Trial on Feb. 28, 2024.

**NO SMOKING/VAPING/ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** At this facility or on the grounds. The trial will be held indoors & outdoors. Surfaces used for searches will be wood, metal, concrete, dirt, and grass. No stairs are involved.

**VETERINARIAN:** .Bellevue Veterinary Hospital, 10725 SE 36th Ave, Belleview, FL 34420 (352) 347-3900

**VOLUNTEERS:** Every Trial relies on great volunteers to run smoothly and efficiently. THANK YOU in advance for volunteering! Email: [mitchstrout@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Competitors will then receive the 1<sup>st</sup> email confirmation email with details regarding their entry. They will then receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> email confirmation with PAYMENT DETAILS from the Trial Secretary [mitchstrout@yahoo.com](mailto:mitchstrout@yahoo.com) and instructions on how to submit payment for their entry. Payments will be sent directly to the Trial Secretary, not USCSS™. The confirmation email will specify WHERE to mail payment. Competitors should note that their spot in the trial will only be held once payment is made.

### **HOTELS**

1. Hampton Inn & Suites Ocala Belleview, 2075 SW Highway 484 Ocala, Florida 34473 352-347-1600 (Pet Fee \$75/night)
2. Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Ocala, 1770 Southwest 134th Street, Ocala, Florida 34473 +352-261-0024 (Pet Fee \$20/Night)
3. CHOICE Sleep Inn & Suites Ocala – Belleview, 13600 SW 17th Ct, Ocala, FL 34473 +352-347-8383 (Pet Fee: \$25/night)

## Happy Dog College Release of Liability (Waiver)



HAPPY DOG COLLEGE

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 rule book dated July 2018 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™), Happy Dog College (HDC), 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™), Happy Dog College (HDC), 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)