



Games Only Variable Trial

Saturday, 14th September 2024

Trial Host: 4 Points Scent Sports Club

Location: Community Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, Monroe, WA

Games Offered: Two rounds of Heap O'Hides & One round each of Copy Cat, Pairs Challenge, Team Spirit, and Ludicrous Speed

Chief Search Designer / Judge: Kathy Weaver

Judge: Donna Morgan Murray

Entry Fee: \$26.00 per Game

Maximum Number of Entries: 200

Trial Entry and Closing:

- Entries will open on Monday, 1st Jul 2024 at 12:01am PDT.
- Entries will be processed in the order received.
- Entries will close on Saturday, 31st Aug 2024 or when limit is reached.
- Multiple dogs are allowed - titling dog must be run first.
- For Exhibition Only entries will be taken.
- No Day of Show entries will be taken.

Contact trial secretary with questions: dmorganmurray@hotmail.com



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

1. All competitors must become a member of USCSS™, which is free:
<http://members.uscaninescentsports.com/signup>
2. Competitors must register their dog(s) with USCSS for a 1-time fee of \$25.00:
<http://members.uscaninescentsports.com/login?redirectTo=http://members.uscaninescentsports.com/dog/register>
3. When logged into your 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.
4. Competitors may then select which dog they are entering and select which Games to enter.
5. Competitors will receive a confirmation email with details regarding their entry and instructions on how to submit payment for their entry. All payments will be sent directly to the trial host, not USCSS™. The confirmation email will specify how payment will be made (e.g., via PayPal, mailed check). Competitors should note that their spot in the trial will only be held once payment is made.

Important Times

- Check-in will begin at 9:30 AM.
- Briefing will begin at 9:45 AM
- First dog on the line will be at 10:00 AM.

Awards

- Rosette for High in Trial - must be entered in all 6 games to be eligible
- Rosette for High Scoring Rescue Dog
- Rosette for High Scoring Champion of Record
- Rosettes for 1st - 4th place overall
- Rosettes for 1st - 4th place per Game
- Ribbons for Qualifying runs



Trial Venue:

This trial will be held indoors and outdoors. Search areas will be on concrete, dirt, gravel, and grass. **Please pick up after your dog!** This is a self-cleaning trial. **Please pack it in & pack it out!**

Food and Beverages

Hot cocoa, hot cider, coffee, bottled water, and light snacks will be provided. Lunch will not be provided.

Lodging

We suggest that you refer to <https://www.bringfido.com> for dog-friendly accommodations.

Veterinarian

The closest 24hr veterinarian is Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital, 11308 92nd St SE, Snohomish, WA

Cancellation / Refund Policy

No refunds will be given after entries close, except in the case of an injured dog. Refunds will be given prior to closing if the spot can be filled from the wait list. Entry fees will not be refunded if the dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the host club.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for behavior of their dogs, children and/or guests. Any exhibitor whose dogs, children and/or guests repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund on any entry will be made.



Rules

Please refer to the Rulebook for detailed rules of each Game:

<http://www.uscaninescentsports.com/rules/>

Brief Description of each Game offered:

Copy Cat – There will be 1 known hide. Once the handler releases the dog to search, the handler may not move or talk. The judge will call the “alert.”

Heap O’Hides – There will be 1-10 unknown hides. Competitors must find as many hides as possible within the allotted time.

Ludicrous Speed – There will be 5-10 unknown hides. The team will have 45 seconds to find the first hide. After that, the team has 30 seconds to find each subsequent hide.

Pairs Challenge – Teams of 2 locate an unknown number of hides, between 5 and 10. Pairs may be formed by:

- Competitor Choice: Competitors would form their own teams and would then email the Trial Secretary by 15th Aug 2024.
- If handlers don't submit their teammate choices ahead of time, the host will set up any unmatched competitors by random draw.

The search area may consist of any Element or combination thereof. Teammates strategize to determine how to search and clear the area. Only one team member may be in the search area at a time, and each team member must find at least 2 hides or be assessed a disqualifying fault. They may switch who is searching as many times as they chose, as long as only one team is in the search area at any given time. Calling finish is required to stop the clock; if finish is not called before time runs out, the team will receive maximum search time. Either teammate can call finish when they think they are done searching. Points are earned as a percentage based on the number of hides. Searches must be conducted on-leash. NOTE: A handler has the option to sign up with 2 dogs. If this is done, they need to have a second person to hold one of the dogs while the other is searching.



Team Spirit – Teams of 4 locate a total of 4 hides. Teams may be formed by:

- Competitor Choice: Competitors would form their own teams and would then email the Trial Secretary by 15th Aug 2024.
- If handlers don't submit their teammate choices ahead of time, the host will set up any unmatched competitors by random draw.

The search area may consist of any Element or combination thereof. Teammates assign their own running order. Only one team member may be in the search area at a time. Teams search until they call alert or pass if their dog is struggling to find a hide and can cycle through the run order multiple times. Two false alerts are allowed; each will be assessed a 5-point fault. Teammates can talk to each other during the search. All 4 hides must be found to earn a Q. Calling finish is required to stop the clock; if finish is not called before time runs out, the team will receive maximum search time. Searches must be conducted on-leash. NOTE: A handler has the option to sign up with 2 dogs. If this is done, they need to have a second person to hold one of the dogs while the other is searching.

Photographer: TBD

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