



Trial Affiliate: *Happy Dog College, LLC*

NESTED Searches--Exterior 1&2 Nov. & Adv.
Exterior 1&2 Interm. & Senior

VARIABLE Trial- *Novice, Intermediate, Advanced,
Senior & Master*



HAPPY DOG COLLEGE

Sunday October 3, 2021

***NOTE:** Trial limited to 100 runs

Entries accepted in order received, 1st come, 1st serve

TRIAL Location: 625 Gladiola Dr., Merritt Island, FL 32953

<http://happydogcollege.com>

TRIAL CHAIR: Elizabeth Hundreiser (Beth) email: myconan14@gmail.com

TRIAL SECRETARY: Marilyn Strout email: mitchstrout@yahoo.com

CHIEF SEARCH DESIGNERS & JUDGES: Natalie Duberow & Marilyn Hulme

ENTRY FEE: \$20 a class; \$25- DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES if available

CLASSES OFFERED: Container 1 & 2; Exterior 1&2 @ ALL LEVELS; Go The Distance 1

Novice A & B, Interm., Adv., Senior & Master

ONLINE Entry ONLY

Opening Date: Sept. 1, 2021 **Closing Date:** Sept. 24, 2021 [3 pm, EDT]

DO NOT SEND \$ OR WAIVER UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION EMAIL from

mitchstrout@yahoo.com

Important – please read!

This is a VARIABLE Trial. You are eligible to earn legs in the elements towards a Variable Title (DDN, DDI, DDA). Three (3) legs are needed in each element to earn a Variable Title. If you have any questions, please contact the Trial Secretary.

Hides and searches at a trial CAN NOT be talked about in any way shape or form while the trial is still running. **Exterior Searches are NESTED for Novice Advanced are nested and Senior & Master Levels. DO NOT DISCUSS** Hide location AFTER YOUR CLASS is complete as the next level of competitors may HEAR YOU. Pg. 10 of Rules. It is not cool, not fair and down right disrespectful to do so. It's also not cool to visit the trial site prior to the trial. **It is the Competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the Rules and Regulations for USCSS.** <http://www.uscaninescentsports.com/>

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 or fire, or civil disturbances or any other causes beyond the control of the organizing committee, the event may be canceled. We will make every attempt to contact entrants and inform them of the cancellation.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: 100 runs per day in this trial. Multiple dogs by one handler allowed, but Titling dog must be run first, 2nd dog must run FEO. FEO & Day of Show entries allowed if there is room. MOVEUPS will be allowed.

PAYMENTS & WAIVERS: must be received by 3:00pm EDT on the closing date. If not received on time, the competitor forfeits the on-line entry and must do day-of-entry (if trial is not full) with the increased entry fee. **Payment methods** include Payment by PAYPAL to happydogcollege@gmail.com. **Please use "Sending to a Friend Option". If you choose Paying for Item or Service, please include additional \$3.50 processing fee.** Checks mail to: Happy Dog College, 3794 Long Grove Lane, Port Orange, FL 32129

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

NO SMOKING/VAPING: At this facility or on the grounds. The trial will be held outdoors. Surfaces used for searches will be wood, metal, concrete, dirt, and grass.

CRATING: Indoor crating is available, or out of your vehicle. Just remember, it's Florida, it's HOT!

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

VOLUNTEERS: Every Trial relies on great volunteers to run smoothly and efficiently. We are asking that competitors who are entered in the novice level serve as volunteers for the intermediate level and competitors at the intermediate level serve as volunteers at the novice level. THANK YOU in advance for volunteering! Email: mitchstrout@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Workers needed for each level

2 Timers/ AND 1 Asst. Staging Coordinator

COVID 19 Protocols: Current as of 10/3/2021 CDC Protocols will be followed. **MASKS MUST COVER YOUR NOSE and social distancing required.**

POT LUCK: There will be NO POTLUCK.

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.

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.

LEASH AND COLLARS: All dogs must be on a short leash and under control while on trial grounds except while showing. **Flexi/retractable leads are not permitted on USCSS™ sanctioned trial grounds.** No choke chains, prong collars or halti/head collars are permitted during searches.

Leashes of any length may be used while the dog is participating in a run during a Class, but they must be switched over to a 6' length leash when outside of the search area.

SCHEDULE: The order of the classes and judge assignment will be determined after the closing date or on the day of the trial. Social Distancing is REQUIRED. Anticipated Check In time "around 8:45am" for Novice Exhibitors.

You are responsible for anything that is said at the briefing regardless of whether you attend it. You also are responsible for ensuring your entries are correct. Any changes should be emailed to the secretary before the closing date.

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 should choose “Trials” at the top, then scroll down to the “Upcoming USCSS 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 Classes and/or Games they are entering. Note: For Legs Only (FLO) is used AFTER you earn your title at that level and wish to earn additional legs for national standing / additional titles.
5. Competitors will then 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, etc.). Competitors should note that their spot in the trial will only be held once payment is made.

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

info@USCanineScentSports.com

AWARDS A qualifying ribbon will be given at the end of your run. Other ribbons WILL NOT be mailed

1st - 4th place per class.

HIGH in Trial, High Champion & High Rescue Awards are NOT offered if there are less than 25 dogs entered in the trial.

If more than 25 dogs...

High in Trial rosette dog must be entered in ALL classes offered at a given Level (minimum of 4) & qualify in at least 3 classes. **2nd, 3rd & 4th OVERALL, ARE NOT OFFERED.**

High Champion Of Record entered in ALL classes offered, qualify in at least 3

High Rescue Dog entered in ALL classes offered, qualify in at least 3

Please see Pg. 21 for the Rule Book for eligibility for these awards. To be eligible send proof of Champion/Rescue with Dog's USCSS # to info@USCanineScentSports.com



HAPPY DOG COLLEGE

Release of Liability (Waiver)

Owner's Name: _____

Handler's Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

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 LLC, 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.

I further certify that to my knowledge, I have not been exposed to anyone known to have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days; that I have not tested positive in the last 14 days for COVID-19, and that my temperature is in the normal range.

Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

In consideration of this entry, I hereby grant to United States Canine Scent Sports (USCSS), Happy Dog College LLC, 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 _____