



Trial Affiliate: Canine Star Training Academy

VARIABLE Trial, NOT NESTED

Sunday April 6, 2025

ONLINE Entry ONLY- Entries accepted in order received

TRIAL Location: Former Car Dealership, 1850 E. Merritt Island Cswy, Merritt Island, FL 32952

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

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

CHIEF SEARCH DESIGNERS & JUDGES: Sharon Everson & Janet Scenna

ENTRY COST: \$25 per element/game
\$40 Detection Dog Extreme; \$10- FEO

CLASSES OFFERED: 2 rounds of Interior
1 round of each of the following:
Container – Exterior - Distance- Heap- Detection Dog Extreme

LEVELS: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Senior, Master

Closing Date: **March 28, 2025 3pm ET**

Multiple dogs with the same handler in the same level are allowed. Titling or FLO dog must be run first. For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries are accepted and run last.

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

info@USCanineScentSports.com

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](#).

This is a **VARIABLE Trial**. Any and all legs earned will also 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.
- **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.
- # Tabs are also awarded on the 2nd-5th title in the same element/game, ie. CN5, but not for CN6+
- **HIT- HIGH** in TRIAL 1st place will be offered at all levels. High Champion and High Rescue will also be offered. HIGH in Trial 2-4th are NOT offered.
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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 17.6B - 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: Indoor crating space is **NOT** available. Crating is from your vehicle. **Crating MUST BE in an enclosed crate.** 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

INELIGIBLE DOGS: See Section 6.4 of the Rulebook.

FOOD: There are numerous places nearby for food, or bring your own lunch. Typically we do NOT take an official lunch break, but may take a short break at the Judges' discretion.

PAYMENTS & WAIVERS: **Please bring your CHECK AND WAIVER TO THE TRIAL.**

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. Please notify the Trial Secretary if your dog is Reactive. 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: Should the trial be postponed or cancelled, we will make every effort to contact entrants. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee.

SCHEDULE: Final Judge assignments & run order will be determined after the closing date. 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 April 2, 2025.

SMOKING/VAPING/ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: are **NOT** permitted at this facility or on the grounds.

SITE: The trial will be held indoors & outdoors. Surfaces used for searches will be wood, metal, concrete, dirt, and grass. Booties on your dog are acceptable as the "showroom floor" may be slippery. Stairs "may" be involved.

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. 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. 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 **no placements/no 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 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.
4. Competitors will then receive a computer generated email with details regarding their entry. They will then receive a **2nd email confirmation from mitchstrout@yahoo.com** with further instructions. Please make sure to add mitchstrout@yahoo.com to your White List so messages do not end up in your SPAM folder.

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



Owner's Name: _____

Handler's Name _____ /Dog #1 _____
(if different from owner)

Handler's Name _____ /Dog #2 _____
(if different from owner)

Please BRING TO TRIAL

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