

PREMIUM: CLASSIC TRIAL + GAMES

(qualify in all four classic elements to receive level title)

Trial Host: Nevermore K9 Scentology

Trial Location: Trinity United Methodist Church

4150 South Shade Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34231

Crating in vehicles or in shaded breezeway

Saturday, December 7, 2024 First dog on the line at 9:00 a.m.

Entry Closing Date: Monday, December 2 at 5 p.m. (EST)

CLASSIC TRIAL with 1 game class

Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Senior Levels Game: Go the Distance No Nesting

A Classic Trial includes all 4 element classes (containers, interior, exterior, vehicles). A Classic Title is awarded for qualifying runs in all 4 element classes. If a competitor does not earn their title at a Classic trial, any and all Q's earned will count toward

general USCSS title requirements.

High in Trial & High Rescue in Trial Awards: You must **enter all 5 classes** to qualify for High in Trial. One NQ is allowed.

ONLINE Entry ONLY uscaninescentsports.com Trial Limited to 130 Runs. Entries accepted in order received ENTRY FEE: \$25 per class

Trial Chair: Sally Booher/Marylou Carafello Trial Secretary: Kim McDonald Email: <u>Nevermoretrials@gmail.com</u> Chief Search Designer: Janet Wyatt Judge: Janet Wyatt

Steps for Joining USCSS, Registering Dog, and entering this trial

All competitors must become a member of USCSS, which is **FREE**! Competitors may join here: <u>members.uscaninescentsports.com/signup</u>

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: <u>members.uscaninescentsports.com/login</u>

- Competitors will receive email confirmation of entry from USCSS
- Competitors will also receive a confirmation of entry from Nevermore K9 Scentology with waiver form and payment instructions.
- Competitors should note that their spot in the trial is secure only when both payment and liability waiver are received by the trial secretary.

Important – must read!

It is the Competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the most current rules and regulations for USCSS (Ver. 3.1 September 1, 2023)

AWARDS: Ribbons will not be mailed. A qualifying ribbon will be given at the end of your run. The following ribbons will be awarded:

- 1st 4th place per Class
- Classic Title Ribbon Rosette (qualifying in all four elements)
- High In Trial Ribbon Rosette (you must enter all 5 classes to be eligible for high in trial.)

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG! Dispose of waste in appropriate containers. Please follow the dog walking area rules. Do not let your dogs eliminate anywhere near the buildings.

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. No electronic collars are allowed anywhere in the staging or search area.

- 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.

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 pants 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: Nevermore K9 Scentology accepts the entries of reactive dogs in USCSS trials.

- Reactive dogs will be run first or last in the trial, and all other dogs must be crated during that dog's run. Reactive dogs are again crated following their run.
- 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 a.m. 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 unless the vet letter is received.
- No refund in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from completion on the day of the event.
- 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.

SCHEDULE: Dogs will run novice through senior. The elements will be run back-to-back with the game in the middle. Schedule subject to change.

Check In starts at 8:15 a.m. Briefing will be at 8:45 a.m.

FACILITY: This is a Church campus. No smoking/vaping is allowed in any part of the search areas or inside buildings. Please pick up after yourselves. All areas are accessible. Searching will be indoors and outdoors.

VETERINARIAN: Blue Pearl: 7414 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL 34231; (941) 923-7260

VOLUNTEERS: Please email the Trial Chair, Sally Booher, at Lovalab3@aol.com if you are interested in volunteering.

FOOD: Light snacks and drinks will be provided.