



Games Trial

Sunday, July 21st 2024

**Location: Green River College
Auburn, WA**

Trial Host:

Northwest K9 Sniffers

Copy Cat

Go the Distance

Heap O'Hides

Scenting Sweepstakes

Pairs Challenge

Chief Search Designers and Judges:

Shelly Navarre (CSD and Judge)

Terri Gately (CSD and Judge)

Heather Rush (Judge)

Entry Fee:

\$27.50 per Game

Maximum number of Entries: 300 runs

Entries taken first come first served

Registration Entry and Closing:

Entries will be processed in order received.

Trial closes on July 14th 2024 or when trial is filled.

Entries received after classes fill will be put on a Waitlist.

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.

Steps for entering this trial:

- When logged into their 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.
- Competitors may then select which dog they are entering and select which classes and/or games they are entering.
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 - ★ Leave both boxes unchecked to earn legs and be eligible for placements/ribbons and High in Trial Awards.
 - ★ The FLO box would be checked if you are looking to earn legs that count towards titles, but are not looking to earn placements/ribbons or High In Trial Awards.
 - ★ The FEO box is typically checked off only for a second dog entering the same class as another dog. FEO teams do not earn legs or placements/ribbons.
- 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 (it will be via Square). Competitors should note that their spot in the trial will only be held once payment is made.

Classes (*please see the USCSS rulebook for all the information on the Games rules*) offered on Sunday, July 21st 2024:

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Check-in time for all handlers is 8:00 a.m.

Briefing time is 8:30 a.m.

First dog on the line at 9:00 a.m.

Brief overview of Games to be offered:

Copy Cat: There is one (1) hide and competitors may know where the hide is. The search area will be clearly marked. The handler may NOT enter the search area. Once a dog is released to search, the handler may NOT move OR talk after the initial search command is given.

Go the Distance: A test of whether a dog can successfully search away from their handler. May consist of any Element or combination thereof. The handler must remain outside the search area.

Heap O' Hides: (An endurance search where the search area can contain one to ten (1-10) hides, UNKNOWN.

- Search area: May consist of any Element or combination thereof.
- Rules: Competitors must find as many hides as possible within the allotted time. Each false alert deducts 5 points. Time will stop when the competitor calls "Finish", times out or accumulates too many faults. Points are earned as a percentage based on the number of hides.

Scenting Sweepstakes: (see below for the rules for Scenting Sweepstakes) The top four (4) placements divide 80% percent of the money pot from entry fees for this Game class at that trial.

- Search area: May consist of any Element or combination thereof.
- Search area will contain one to five (1-5) hides, UNKNOWN. Each competitor is scored on the total number of hides found and their overall time. The competitor must call “Finish” when they believe they have found all the hides or they wish to stop the clock. Points are earned as a percentage based on the number of hides.

Note: For this trial the Scenting Sweepstakes pot will be divided as follows: First place will receive 50% of 80% of the total entry fees collected for this class, second place will receive 25%, third place 15% and 4th place will receive 10%.

Pairs Challenge: Competitors will form their own teams and would then email the Trial Secretary by July 10th 2024 with details of team. If handlers don't submit their teammate choices ahead of time, they can select teammates at the morning briefing or the Trial Secretary may reach out via email. If they do not attend the briefing, or respond to the email, the host will set up any unmatched competitors by random draw **or** one handler has the option to sign up with two (2) dogs. If this is done, they need to have a second person to hold one of the dogs while the other is searching. The holder is acting as a “post” and may not contribute to the search in any way. Any assistance can result in a fault or a disqualification for double handling, based on the judge’s discretion.

Dogs must have valid USCSS™ registration numbers to compete in this trial. Handler may, space permitting, run multiple dogs; dogs competing for titles must run first; For Exhibition Only (FEO) dogs run afterwards.

Awards:

- Qualifying ribbons will be available, self serve, at the end of your runs.

High in Trial Awards:

- 1st through 4th place ribbons will be awarded per Game
- High in Trial rosette (1st - 4th) will be awarded for handlers who enter all five Games.

- High Rescue in Trial rosette will be awarded for the entire trial for handlers who enter all five Games
- Dogs must be entered in all classes offered and have no more than one non qualifying score to be eligible for any High In Trial awards

Parking:

Please follow direction from Parking Lot volunteer. There is plenty of space for parking, but there may be sight line issues if you aren't park in the right lot.

Trial Venue Information:

The trial will be held indoors and outdoors. Surfaces used for search will be concrete, black top, dirt, grass and gravel.

There may be long walks to some of the search areas.

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds are allowed for withdrawal from the trial after July 13th 2024, except in case of injured dog(s) (Veterinary note required).

Refunds prior to July 13th 2024 will be given if the spot in the class(es) entered can be filled from the wait list. The refund will be the enter fee(s) paid less a \$10.00 processing fee per class for those seeking a refund before July 13th 2024. 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, fire or civil disturbances, or any other causes beyond the control of the organizing committee, the event may be cancelled. We will make every attempt to contact entrants and inform them of the cancellation.

Volunteers:

Every trial relies on Great Volunteers to run smoothly & efficiently.

You can run your dog(s) and volunteer at these trials.

YOU CAN FIND DETAILS ON HOW TO VOLUNTEER ON WWW.NWK9SNIFFERS.ORG

Lodging:

We recommend you look on www.bringfido.com for dog friendly hotels.

Veterinarian:

The closest emergency veterinarian is:

Blue Pearl in Renton

4208 Lind Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057

Phone #: 425.496.1000

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: PLEASE READ THE RULES:

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

Video: TBD

Photographer: TBD

Self-cleaning trial. Please pick up after your dog. Bags can be deposited in outside garbage cans.

Trial Chairperson

Shelly Navarre at 206-418-8247 or nwk9sniffers@gmail.com

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