

PREMIUM LIST



Akita Club of America

(AKC Licensed Akita Only Scent Work Trials)

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023

Trial 1 – 2023194722 Trial 2 – 2023194723

DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa

1011 W Holmes Ave, Mesa, AZ

ENTRIES OPEN – September 1st, 2023 at 8:00 am CST

All entries received before opening date will be returned.

ENTRIES CLOSE – October 11th, 2023 at 12:00 pm CST

Entries received after closing cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

ONLINE ENTRIES - www.akitaclub.org

MAIL ENTRIES – send entry form/check to Trial Secretary, payable to ACA

ENTRY METHOD – first received

ENTRY LIMIT – 62 per trial

ENTRY FEE - \$25 per class

MOVE-UPS - accepted between trials

TRIAL HOURS – 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

CHECK-IN – 7:00 am

BRIEFING – 7:30 am

JUDGING BEGINS – 7:45 am

Trial 1 and Trial 2 will run concurrently

To be held both indoors and outdoors

CLASSES - All levels and elements offered including Handler Discrimination

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
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ENTRY INFORMATION

Each entry* - \$25 (includes a \$3.50 per run AKC recording fee)

(*an entry is defined as a single run by a single dog in a single class)

Entries can be made online or by mail to the Trial Secretary on an official AKC entry form.

Entries are accepted in order of time stamp or post mark.

Overnight or certified mail must be sent "No Signature Required".

No entries will be accepted by phone, fax, or hand delivery.

A \$25 collection fee will be added to the amount of each returned check.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to exhibitor.

Returned checks or unpaid entries do not constitute a valid entry.

No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing date/time.



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EVENT COMMITTEE

Heathyr Aguilar, Martine Maitoza, Shannon Miller,
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JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Aleks Woodroffe (107961)
5802 E Tierra Buena Ln
Scottsdale, AZ

Will be judging entire entry for both
Trial 1 & Trial 2

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

VCA Animal Referral & Emergency Center of Arizona – open 24/7
1648 N Country Club Dr in Mesa 480-898-0001

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire / Ambulance / Police – Maricopa County 911
Banner Desert Medical Center – 1400 S Dobson in Mesa (2 miles away)

CLASSES OFFERED FOR TRIAL 1 & TRIAL 2

Buried	Container	Exterior	Interior	Handler Disc
Novice A/B	Novice A/B	Novice A/B	Novice A/B	Novice A/B
Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced
Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Master	Master	Master	Master	Master

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

AKITAS only who are six (6) months of age or older and are registered with the AKC, have an AKC Limited Registration, or a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) are eligible to participate. Akitas with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

WAIT LIST

If necessary, a wait list will be established to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of 10 entries per trial will be placed on the wait list. All entries, including wait list entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to October 11th, 2023, 12:00 pm CST. After closing date/time, if a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund.

BITCHES IN SEASON

Bitches in season MAY NOT participate. A refund of entry fees for bitches that come into season after the closing date/time may be obtained by notifying the Trial Secretary in writing no later than 30 minutes before the start of the trial.

CLASS TRANSFERS

A move-up transfer may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date/time of the trial in which advanced entry has been made. A move-down transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher level class for which it is not eligible. A lateral transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in Novice A and is not eligible. The request for a class transfer must be submitted in writing to the Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the trial. Transfers will be approved provided there is availability in the class.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Entries withdrawn for any reason, except bitch in season, after closing date are not eligible for a refund unless the entry is replaced by a wait listed entry.

Cancellation of entries must be in writing and received prior to the stated close of entries. A full refund will be issued.

SEARCH AREA & CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape and of the size as specified in the Regulations for AKC Scent Work for each class. Searches may be indoors or outdoors on any type of surface (such as matted, carpet, concrete, tile, grass, gravel, dirt, asphalt, etc.), so handlers should be prepared for natural or uneven surfaces. Handlers should also be prepared for all potential weather conditions and should understand that searches will be conducted rain or shine unless dangerous conditions are present.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN, BRIEFING, STAGING, WARM-UP

Exhibitors must check-in for each trial they have entered. At check-in, exhibitors will receive their armband number. Exhibitors will be kept apprised of order of go by text, if mobile number is supplied at check-in.

The Handler's Briefing will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides, and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The club shall designate a warm-up area. One labelled container per target odor being used in the trial on that day will be placed in the warm-up area. This will allow handler-dog teams to prepare themselves for the search prior to their run. Each team should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less so that others may be able to use the warm-up area as well. Clubs may also place blank containers.

SITE INFORMATION

It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

Chapter 5. Section 35 of the Scent Work Regulations state "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

Dogs must be on leash at all times while on trial grounds except during a search when the judge has approved off lead option.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Trial Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

Day crating space will be available on a limited basis. The event site requires a tarp to be placed on the floor underneath your crates. The Akita Club of America and the DoubleTree by Hilton Mesa Phoenix will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items.

Spectators are encouraged. Any person not handling a dog in the current class or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors in their class prior to their run. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Spectators should enter and exit the search area between searches so that they are not a distraction.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

By entering these trials, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The Akita Club of America and its officers, representatives, volunteers, the Event Chairperson/Secretary, Event Committee, and Event site assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The Akita Club of America reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression.

During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness. A wearable camera such as a GoPro may be mounted to the dog's harness. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this trial.

AWARDS

First Place	Blue ribbon	
Second Place	Red ribbon	
Third Place	Yellow ribbon	
Fourth Place	White ribbon	
Qualifying Score	Dark green ribbon	
New Element Title	Rosette	Treats
New Level Title	Rosette	Toy
High in Trial	Rosette	Lead

HIGH IN TRIAL

Only teams who participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered (Container, Interior, Exterior, Buried) and qualify in each are eligible to win High in Trial. One High In Trial winner is chosen per level; there is no separate High In Trial for the Novice A and Novice B sections. The High in Trial is determined by adding the team's faults across the elements. If there is a tie based on faults, then the team's times across the elements will be summed and the faster-finishing team will win. The High in Trial award is not recorded by the AKC.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Download the Rules & Regulations for Scent Work here: [Download link](#)

HOST HOTEL

DoubleTree by Hilton Mesa Phoenix
1011 W Holmes Ave Mesa, AZ
480-833-5555

Block room rate - \$124.00
[Hotel reservations link](#)

RV PARKING

RV parking available on site

[RV reservations link](#)

DIRECTIONS

From north – I-17 S to AZ-101 Loop E to US-60 E to exit 178 for S Alma School Rd
From south – I-10 W to US-60 E to exit 178 for S Alma School Rd
From east – US-60 W to exit 178 for S Alma School Rd
From west – I-10 E to US-60 E to exit 178 for S Alma School Rd

