
ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED (No Hand Deliveries)

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON noon Aug 1 Pacific Time at the Trial Secretary's address. Entries will be **FIRST RECEIVED**. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON 9:00pm September 10 Pacific Time after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.



Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

Sat: Two trials of Novice and Advanced, including HD. One trial of Excellent (with HD), one trial of HD Master, and two trials of Master Interior.

Sun: Two trials of Novice and Advanced, including HD. One trial of Master (with HD) and one additional trial of Master Interior.

DATES Saturday September 20, 2025: Event #2025130412 and Event #2025130413

DATES Sunday September 21, 2025: Event #2025130414 and Event #2025130415

Name of Event Location

Sonoma County Fairgrounds Santa Rosa California 95404

ENTRY LIMITS

Detective limited to 10; Master Interiors limited to 12 each trial

8 hours of judging per judge

To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours:

Saturday- 7:30am to 5:00pm

Sunday- 7:30am to 5:00pm

Check-in from 7:30-8:00 am daily

Handler's Briefing if needed at 8:00am, first dog to follow

Judges:

Susan Abel	(111777)	El Sobrante, California
Kelly Boyer	(105977)	Sebastopol, CA
Patti Garcia	(107971)	Modesto California
John Strassner	(102707)	Gilroy, California



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB**

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

OFFICERS OF THE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

PresidentKaren D'Augusta
 Vice PresidentTina Laster
 Corresponding Secretary.....Linda Bianco, 4247 Cantelow Rd., Vacaville, CA 95688
 Treasurer.....Rachael Shaffer

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
Kimberly Strassner 6361 Greenfield Drive Gilroy, CA 95020 (510) 813-7208 kstrassner@earthlink.net	Laurie Isaacson P.O. Box 20670 Castro Valley, CA 94546 (408) 210-8821 spottedratpack@gmail.com

EVENT COMMITTEE

Rachael Shaffer, Ellen Fletcher, Patsi Nelson, Scot Zamvil, and Kimberly Strassner

JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday	Novice A/ B (T1/2)	Advanced (T1/2)	Excellent (T1 only)	Master (T1 only)
Container	Garcia	Garcia	Garcia	Not offered
Interior	Garcia	Garcia	Abel	Strassner(T1/2)
Exterior	Abel	Abel	Boyer	Not offered
Buried	Boyer	Boyer	Garcia	Not offered
Detective				Strassner
HD	Garcia	Garcia	Abel	Strassner
Sunday	Novice A/ B (T1/2)	Advanced (T1/2)	Excellent	Master
Container	Abel	Garcia	Not offered	Abel (T1)
Interior	Garcia	Garcia	Not offered	Strassner (T1/2)
Exterior	Abel	Abel	Not offered	Abel (T1)
Buried	Boyer	Garcia	Not offered	Boyer

HD	Garcia	Garcia	Abel	Strassner (T1)
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Judges assignments may change for load balancing. In accordance with AKC regulations, exhibitors affected by a judge change will be notified and are entitled to a full refund for the affected classes.

Move Ups between trials WILL be offered. Fill out a class transfer form after each trial.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police- Somna County: **911**

DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/ Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate. Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.

Condition of the Dog. 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.

ENTRY FEES

*An entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class.

Novice and Advanced: Each entry/class (includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee)\$25

Excellent and Master: Each entry/class (includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee).....\$30

Detective: each entry (includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee).....\$45

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Laurie Isaacson
P.O. Box 20670, Castro Valley, CA 94546
(408) 210-8821

Please make checks payable to the **Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California**.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, or fax. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Laurie Isaacson at spottedratpack@gmail.com. No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California IS offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **25 entries per day** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **September 10, 2025**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on **September 10, 2025**. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 **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.

SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

A **warm-up area** 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.

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

Search Area Conditions. Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

NO SMOKING IS PERMITTED AT THE TRIAL SITE.

Trial Site. 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.

Possession of Odors and Training. 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".

Spectator Area. 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 from the spectator area, **at the JUDGE'S DISCRETION**. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide.

Crating space will NOT be available in the building. Please crate your dogs in your car. Please bring shade cloths, fans, and monitor your dog for heat safety at all times. Please keep dogs quiet, if barking cannot be controlled you will be asked to leave. Keep dogs on leash while not working. Note this will be in horse barns, there could be vermin and horse waste.

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 Event 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.

Space for unentered dogs will **not** be provided at these trials.

RIBBONS AWARDS AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Red</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Yellow</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Qualifying Score</i>	<i>Dark Green</i>

A **New Title rosette** may be awarded to dogs finishing a title. Awards are available for each show the day you achieve it and must be claimed by the Exhibitor the day it is earned.

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 difficulty 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. Teams winning High In Trial will earn a High in Trial rosette.

HIGH IN TRIAL COMBINED

Only teams who participate in all elements, in the same level offered (Container, Interior, Exterior, Buried) plus Handler Discrimination, and qualify in each, are eligible to win High Combined Division. One High Combined Division winner is chosen for each level; there is not a separate High Combined Division for the Novice A and Novice B sections. The High Combined Division is determined by adding each team's faults across all classes. If there is a tie based on faults, then each team's times across the classes will be summed and the faster finishing team wins. Teams winning High Combined Division will receive a rosette

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading them here: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, 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 American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will 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 American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness or worn by the exhibitor if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, but only if the area is completely enclosed.

Exhibitor Behavior. All exhibitors are required to obey the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, which is printed on the back cover of the Regulations for AKC Scent Work. Any violations of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship will not be tolerated. The first violation will result in a warning, and the second

violation will result in the exhibitor being excused without a refund. Serious violations or repeat offenses may also result in a complaint being filed with the Event Committee for potential bench hearing proceedings in accordance with AKC misconduct procedures.

REFUNDS

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. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund.

Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee. Refunds will be processed 7-10 days after event. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: We will use agility gate. The gate steward can assist you if needed.

Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.
Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

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. Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements, for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

Trial Site and Accommodations

Travel to Santa Rosa Fairgrounds

Directions:

Take highway 101 to Santa Rosa. Exit onto highway 12 eastbound towards Sonoma. Exit highway 12 at the South E Street/Downtown exit. Upon reaching the surface street, Bennett Valley Road, you will come to a stoplight. On the right will be the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Turn right and travel to the stop sign. At the stop sign turn right. The back gate to the Fairgrounds will be on your right. If you are coming by highway 12 westbound, take the Downtown Exit and turn left at the top light and travel to the stop sign. At the stop sign turn right. The back gate to the Fairgrounds will be on your right. Parking is available inside the fairgrounds near the rings. There may be a parking fee to enter the grounds.

Motels that accept dogs-inquire about pet fees

Best Western: 6500 Redwood Dr., Rohnert Park, CA 94928 (707) 584-7435

Best Western: 1500 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (877) 945-5630

Comfort Inn: 2632 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 542-5544

Motel 6: 3145 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (844) 201-1059

Overnight Parking

RV Camping with 30 and/or 50 amp power and water onsite.

Volunteer Information

A successful trial depends on the help of its volunteers. If people sign up IN ADVANCE as volunteers, the volunteer coordinator can determine preferences and compare those to when people are running their dogs. Each accepted volunteer will receive ONE free entry per day.

Please indicate below if you would like to help in any of the following areas. Send complete application to Kim Strassner, 6361 Greenfield Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020 or kstrassner@earthlink.net. Send questions to kstrassner@earthlink.net.

Job Descriptions

Element Set up – Assists in the setup for assigned Element, at the Judges direction, including line of site, start lines, boundary marking.

Clean up – Site preparation for the next day, removal and loading of all trial gear at Trial(s) completion.

***Timer** – Timing competitor runs.

***Gate Steward** – Managing flow for the trial element area, assisting competitors positioning pre-search.

***Judges Steward** – Bring competitors to the start line, remind them of the time limit and leash options for the search.

Hide Steward (includes Hot Box Steward) must wear latex or nitrile gloves when handling odor containers/boxes, etc. to prevent contamination. Handles and places hides for those classes the judge requires a hide steward, including moving or adjusting hides during a class **at the Judge's direction**. Handles/sets warm-up boxes. Cleanup between buried hide competitors may be required, including sweeping, vacuuming, or returning spilled soil or sand to the container.

Score Runner - Carries score sheets from search areas to Score Table throughout the trial.

Registration – Check in of arriving Competitors and Volunteers. Assistance at Score Table with verification of score sheet completion before data entry.

	Volunteer	Application	
Positions Available	Experience Level	Days Available	Availability
<input type="checkbox"/> Element Set Up <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Gate Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Timer <input type="checkbox"/> Score Runner <input type="checkbox"/> Hide Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Experienced <input type="checkbox"/> Some Experience <input type="checkbox"/> I want to Learn Experience <i>Don't worry – we will train you</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday (set up) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	Exhibiting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No More than 1 Dog? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Classes/levels entered:
Your Name	Email	Cell Phone	

AKC Official Entry



Send to:
Laurie Isaacson
P.O. Box 20670
Castro Valley, CA 94546

	Containers	Interiors	Exteriors	Buried	HD
Sat., Trial 1 9/20/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Sat., Trial 1 9/20/25					<input type="checkbox"/> Detective
Sat., Trial 2 9/20/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
Sun., Trial 1 9/21/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Sun, Trial 2 9/21/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced

Trial Secretary will add a \$30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. Entry fees: \$25 per class for Novice and Advanced, \$30 for Excellent and Master, \$45 for Detective Make checks payable to the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California.

of classes entered: _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

of classes entered: _____ X \$30 = \$ _____

of classes entered: _____ X \$45 = \$ _____

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray must be completed if known.

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign
Call name	Date of birth	Sex
Breed		Variety
Breeder		
Sire		

Dam			
Owner			
Owner's Address			
City		State	Zip
Telephone	Email		
Handler name (if different from owner):		Junior Handler # (if applicable):	

Be sure to read the Agreement and sign. No form will be processed without your signature!**

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

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. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, 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 of 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 person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED

BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE

X: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ **Phone:** _____