

**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

Entries will not be accepted before February 9, 2026 at 9:00 AM(Pacific). The Closing Date will be March 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM (Pacific).

**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. Any remaining entries after limits have been reached will be placed on a wait list (20 maximum).

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**PREMIUM LIST**



**GOLD COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB**

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

**Saturday March 28, 2026 – Event #2026504209**

Novice A & B Container & Buried  
Advanced Container & Buried  
Excellent Container & Buried

**\*\*\*\*EVENT LOCATION\*\*\*\***

**Butte County Fairgrounds  
199 E. Hazel St.  
Gridley, CA 95948**

**ENTRY LIMITS 125 or upon reaching judging time limits**

**Trial Hours:**

Saturday – 8:00am to 5:00pm To be held Indoors/Outdoors (Rain or Shine)

**Judges:**

Lisa Kretner (102395) Sacramento, CA



**CERTIFICATION**

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

Sheila Goffe, Secretary

**OFFICERS OF THE GOLD COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB**

President ..... Linda Emanuel  
 Vice President ..... Mary Lou Just  
 Treasurer ..... Rebecca Hahn DVM  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... Shari Setzer, PO Box 464 Browns Valley, CA 95918  
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**TRIAL SECRETARY**

Kathy Souza  
 503 Buena Tierra Drive  
 Woodland, CA 95695  
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 530-219-3065

**EVENT COMMITTEE**

Rebecca Hahn, Sara Albertson, Monica Haskins, Elaine Dal Bon, Linda Emanuel, Cyndy Pope

**JUDGE AND ASSIGNMENT**

**Lisa Kretner**

Novice Containers A & B  
 Advanced Containers  
 Excellent Containers  
 Novice Buried A & B  
 Advanced Buried  
 Excellent Buried

**VETERINARIAN ON CALL**

**Veterinarian:** Country Veterinary Clinic 4839 E. Butte Rd, Live Oak, CA (530) 674-1660  
Sat

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Fire/ Ambulance/Police - **911**

**Orchard Hospital, 240 Spruce St., Gridley, CA (530) 846-9000**

**DOGS 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. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Females in season may not participate, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

**ENTRY FEES PER DAY**

Each entry (includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee) \$28.00 for Novice/Advanced classes; \$33.00 for Excellent classes.

**Mail entry forms and fees to:**

Gold Country Kennel Club  
 Kathy Souza, Trial Secretary  
 503 Buena Tierra Drive  
 Woodland, CA 95695

Checks must be made payable to the **Gold Country Kennel Club or GCKC**.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email or fax. Any hand delivered entries **MUST** be placed in the locked mailbox at the above address. Do not disturb the home's occupants. **Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's**

**address. No signature required or return receipt deliveries will be accepted.** Inquiries may be directed to Trial Secretary Kathy Souza at [pwdlover@pacbell.net](mailto:pwdlover@pacbell.net). No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. Include email address for updates via email.

**Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Please make sure we can read your entry! A fillable form can be located at [www.oaklines.com](http://www.oaklines.com) Express Entries to print out and mail. 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

**Gold Country Kennel Club** is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of 20 entries will be placed on the Club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **CLOSING DATE January 29, 2026 at 5 pm**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on January 29, 2026. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Checks for any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will be shredded.

#### STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include 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 classes, 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 is 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.

A **warm-up area** will be available consisting of ONE labeled container of Birch for the Novice levels and Birch and/or Anise for the Advanced levels and may also consist of blank containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior to their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

#### SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

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.

**Search Area Sizes** will be specified in the AKC Rules and Regulations.

#### ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

**Trial Site** It is not appropriate to visit 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 26 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 at AKC Scent Work trials. Spectators will be allowed where space is available and COVID conditions and regulations permit.

**Crating space** will not be available. The Gold Country Kennel Club and the Butte County Fairgrounds will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.

**There is little to no shade at this location.** Exhibitors are cautioned to bring canopies and/or shade cloth and to exercise caution to assure their dogs are kept comfortable during the event.

**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 will be available but no disposal sites. All garbage and dog poop must be taken away by each handler at the end of the day. There will be no on-site trash disposal available.

**Food & beverages** are not available near the site of the event. There are eateries a short drive from the trial site.

#### RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons/rosettes will be awarded in all classes 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 Ribbon</i> .....	<i>Dark Green</i>
<i>New Title Ribbon</i> .....	<i>Green &amp; White</i>

There will be no High In Trial ribbons/rosettes offered at this trial. Only teams who participate in all elements offered (Container and Buried) and qualify in each are eligible to win High in Trial. One High In Trial winner is chosen for each 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 totaled and the faster-finishing team will win.

**All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website.**

## 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 Gold Country 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 Gold Country 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 Gold Country 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. The harness will be constructed of plain, pliable material and will be designed so there is minimal restriction of the dog's movement. No special training tools, such as electronic collars, prong collars, head halters, or no-pull harnesses will be permitted during the search. No odor-emitting collars (such as no-bark collars that spray citronella, or DAP calming collars) may be worn or present in the search area. 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, only if the area is completely enclosed.

### **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 conditions are not eligible for a refund.

**Bitches in season** will be refunded the full entry fee. 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.

***Checks submitted for wait listed entries will be shredded unless Trial Secretary is notified otherwise. Make checks payable to Gold Country Kennel Club or GCKC.***

### **RINGSIDE**

**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:** At check-in you will receive your armband number. Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email.

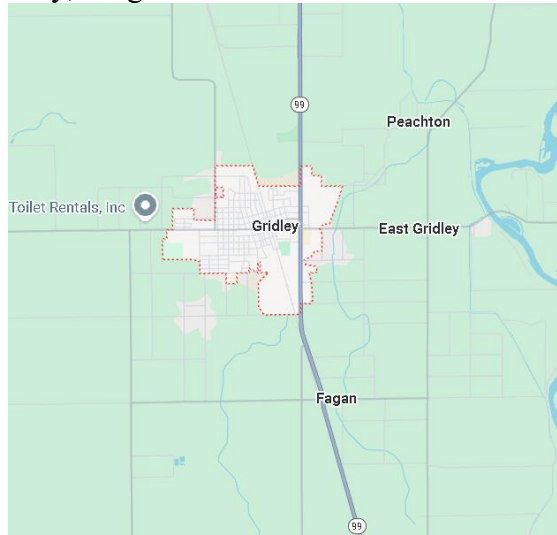
**Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.**

"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 will be held at: Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley, CA 95948

From the Sacramento area, take 99 North to Gridley, the fairgrounds will be on the right.

From the north, take 99 South to Gridley, fairgrounds will be on the left.



**Local Dog Friendly Hotel:**

Please check the individual hotel dog policy to confirm that dogs are allowed before booking.

**Gridley Inn & RV Park**

**1490 Highway 99,  
Gridley, CA**



**Gold Country Kennel Club**  
March 28, 2026

**AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)**

Containers	Sat	Buried	Sat
Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/>	Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Make checks payable to the GCKC** Entries must be sent to:

Kathy Souza, Trial Secretary, 503 Buena Tierra Drive, Woodland, CA 95695

**Entry fees: \$28 per Novice/Advanced class \$33 per Excellent/Master class**

**# of Novice/Advanced classes entered** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$28 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Excellent/Master classes entered** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$33 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Fees enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Gold Country Kennel 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.

AKC Registered Name		Registration #	
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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):	

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Please check the box for each class desired to be entered. Dogs may enter either the Novice "A" class (if eligible) or the Novice "B" class—not both.**

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

**SIGN HERE X:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Case of Emergency – Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED.**

**Fields marked in colored fields must be completed** if the information is known.

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