# ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED ENTRY LIMITS: 80 RUNS per TRIAL

Entries Open: 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2025 Entries Close: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2026

at the Trial Secretary's address or online at

https://otcpbc.org/scent-work-trials-and-nose-work-practice/

after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, 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.



# OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY



Interiors: Novice to Excellent Buried: Novice to Excellent Containers: Novice to Excellent Concurrent Trials, Indoors and Outdoors

Saturday, January 24, 2026; Event # 2026028403 Saturday, January 24, 2026; Event # 2026028404 Sunday, January 25, 2026; Event # 2026028405 Sunday, January 25, 2026; Event # 2026028406

## **LOCATION**

1250 Gateway Road, Lake Park, FL 33403

E-mail: otcpbc.sw.trialsec@gmail.com (Inquiries and notifications from the Trial Secretary)



#### **American Kennel Club Certification**

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

-Gina DiNardo, Secretary

## OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Scent Work Trial Hours: Saturday and Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Check-in from 8:00 am - 8:30 am daily General Welcome and Handler's Briefing at 8:15 am, first dog to follow NO DOGS present at the Briefing

OFFICERS OF OTCPBC							
President	Betty Gansky						
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EVENT COMMITTEE							
Frances Smith, Mary Wright, Cindy Lou Ponga, Lindsey Smith, Judy Wetzel							
and members of the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County							

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES - DIAL 911**

Town of Lake Park-Sheriff's Office: (561) 881-3326 Fire Rescue: (561) 748-4730

**LOCAL HOSPITAL:** Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Burns Road Use Alt A1A or Prosperity Farms Road north to Burns Road

## **VETERINARIAN ON CALL**

Pet Emergency & Referral Center OPEN 24 hours 3579 Northlake Blvd Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33403 (561) 691-9999

Located on the North Side of Northlake Blvd between Congress Ave and I-95

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. Participants should travel with proof of current Rabies vaccination.

	Marti Hohman (p)	Judy McPartland,	Carol Happel #113563	
	#106337	#102524	Full Nov-Adv;( p) Exc.	
	Lake Worth, FL	Boynton Beach, FL	Merritt Island, FL	
Saturday, January 24, 2026	INTERIOR	INTERIOR	BURIED	
Trial 1 #: 2026028403	Novice-Advanced	Excellent	Novice-Excellent	
Saturday, January 24, 2026	INTERIOR	INTERIOR	BURIED	
Trial 2#: 2026028404	Novice-Advanced	Excellent	Novice-Excellent	
Sunday, January 25, 2026	BURIED	BURIED	CONTAINER	
Trial #1 #2026028405	Novice-Advanced	Excellent	Novice-Excellent	
Sunday, January 25, 2026	BURIED	BURIED	CONTAINER	
Trial #2 #2026028405	Novice-Advanced	Excellent	Novice-Excellent	

## **Classes Offered and Judging Times**

Judging begins following the Handler's Briefing each day. Elements will run simultaneously. Levels will run concurrently: (NOV T1, NOV T2, ADV T1, ADV T2, EXC T1, EXC T2). This schedule may be adjusted depending on entries, space available and weather. Classes will run Novice to Excellent.

ay	Sunday			
OUTDOORS	INDOORS	OUTDOORS		
BURIED	CONTAINER	BURIED		
T1, T2	T1, T2	T1, T2		
Novice-Advanced	Novice A/B - Advanced	Novice A/B- Advanced		
Carol Happel	Carol Happel	Marti Hohman (p)		
Excellent	Excellent	Excellent		
Carol Happel (p)	Carol Happel (p)	Judy McPartland		
	OUTDOORS  BURIED  T1, T2  Novice-Advanced  Carol Happel  Excellent	OUTDOORS INDOORS  BURIED CONTAINER  T1, T2 T1, T2  Novice-Advanced Novice A/B - Advanced  Carol Happel Carol Happel  Excellent Excellent		

# CLASSES LIMITED TO 80 RUNS PER TRIAL INTERIOR and CONTAINER searches are all INDOORS in AIR-CONDITIONED space. BURIED searches will be held OUTDOORS on concrete or grass.

CRATING will be outdoors in or at your vehicle. GASOLINE generators are not allowed, and gasoline running vehicles must be parked away from other exhibitors.

Handler Discrimination will not be offered at these trials.

#### **TRANSFERS**

**Transfers are not allowed between TRIAL 1 and TRIAL 2 on Saturday or Sunday.** The request for a transfer from Day 1 to Day 2 must be in writing and presented to the Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each day. Transfers may be approved provided the next level class and the judge is available and the class has not reached its limit. Transfer forms will be available at the check-in table or download it from AKC.org (downloadable forms). Only the Buried element is offered both days.

## **ENTRY FEES PER TRIAL**

Each entry (includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee): \$25 per dog per class per trial Additional entries of the same dog in the same trial: \$25

Note: Same fee for each entry.

## Two OPTIONS for submission of entries:

1. The link for online entries and payment\* will be available on this page (click the link):

https://otcpbc.org/scent-work-trials-and-nose-work-practice/

If the link does not work, please back entirely out of your browser and retry or try a different browser.

\*Online entry requires successful payment processing using PayPal. A PayPal Account is not necessary. <u>Payment does not mean you are successfully entered into the trial(s)</u>. You must receive a Confirmation from the trial secretary. If you do not receive a Confirmation within seven (7) days of payment, please contact the trial secretary at otcpbc.sw.trialsec@gmail.com.

2. Mail entry forms and payment (check only made payable to OTCPBC) to:

Mary Wright, Event Secretary 5557 SW Cherokee St Palm City, FL 34990 (772) 521-1222

otcpbc.sw.trialsec@gmail.com (Inquiries only)

Overnight deliveries must be sent with no signature required at delivery. No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. No entry shall be accepted that 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 a \$25.00 collection fee will be added to the amount for each returned check.

#### **WAIT LIST**

OTCPBC is offering a wait list to fill openings created by entries withdrawn after the trial's closing. A maximum of 20 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 the posted closing date/time. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after the closing date/time unless a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait-listed entry. The wait list closes at 6:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at which time entries remaining on the wait list will be contacted by the secretary and may choose to have refund requests submitted at that time.

## RIBBONS, AWARDS, and PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place	Blue Rosette
Second Place	Red Rosette
Third Place	
Fourth Place	White Rosette
Qualifying Score	Dark Green flat

A **New Title** rosette will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title. First Place and HIT will be awarded a Small Swag of Scent items or items useful for trialing.

## High in Trial (HIT) (Ch 6, Section 8)

**This show is eligible for HIT awards.** *HIT* is awarded at each level to the teams with the fewest faults with qualifying scores in all elements at the same level offered in that trial.

Prizes are offered by the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County and its friends and members. A qualifying score is required for all ribbons & prizes. Awards and prizes must be picked up in person or by a designated representative on the day of the Trial. No awards will be mailed. Unclaimed awards become the property of OTCPBC. OTCPBC reserves the right to substitute an award or prize of equal value.

Qualifying ribbons will be provided by the table steward after the search is successfully completed. Placement ribbons will be awarded at the check-in area after the class is completed and results are tabulated.

## DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

**AGE:** This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older.

**REGISTRATION**: Dogs must be 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 PAL/ILP, Canine Partners must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. "Dog" refers to both sexes.

**CONDITION:** Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provide 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 able 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.

TITLE: Dogs entering upper-level searches must hold the title in prior level class. Three qualifying scores are required to earn a title.

## All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials at www.akc.org/rules

## **STAGING AREA**

Staging area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting areas, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and class results. The staging area extends along a path from the club front and side doors through the parking lot to the back door and entrances to the practice field.

#### **CHECK-IN**

**EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN**: Check-in is from 8:00 am - 8:30 a.m. daily. The General Welcome is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. and will be immediately followed by the Handler's Briefing. Judging will begin following the Handler's Briefing. If you are only entered in later classes and do not attend the Handler's Briefing, you are responsible for the content and for arriving on time for your classes.

## Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.

## 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. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Volunteer-Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Volunteer-Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search with handlers who have not run. Volunteer-Spectators should not cheer or applaud until the team is leaving the search area once the judge has indicated the search is completed.

#### HANDLER'S BRIEFING

The Handler 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 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.

## 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. Each team should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less. The run order will allow each team time at the warm-up area prior to moving to the staging area for their search(es).

## SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

**Interior and Container Search Areas** are indoors, with overhead HVAC vents and black mat flooring. There is one step down at the exit door.

Buried Search Areas are on concrete or grass.

The temperature in Lake Park in January is usually in the low to mid-70s. It can, however, still reach 80° Fahrenheit or higher. The parking area is not shaded.

Search Area sizes will be as required in the "Regulations for AKC Scent Work."

## **CRATING**

Indoor crating space will **NOT** be available. Participants are required to crate at their vehicles. Participants should expect to spend most of the day outside or in their vehicles as there are no indoor crating options at these trials. The parking lot is a paved surface with no shade. Please be prepared for you and your canine partner to deal with all of these varying environmental challenges. In order to preserve the integrity of the search areas, exhibitors will not be able to walk freely throughout the site.

RVs are not allowed on OTCPBC property. GASOLINE generators and gasoline running vehicles must be parked off the property and away from other exhibitors.

## **CLEAN UP**

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Please use the pea gravel elimination area. Please do not allow your dog(s) to eliminate on any manicured lawns, shrubbery, or buildings in the region. 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.

## **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, 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. 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. For Novice-Excellent classes, an off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge if the area is completely enclosed.

## 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 Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC) 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. OTCPBC 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 OTCPBC or any official thereof.

## Claims will NOT be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

By entering these shows, you release the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County and AKC of any liability relating to Covid-19. State and County Covid-19 policies will be strictly enforced. Masks are not required at our shows and are completely voluntary at this time.

#### 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.

## 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."

## **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. 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.

## ENTRY FEE CALCULATION SAMPLE

Each entry\* is \$25.00.

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

Number of classes you enter in all trials x \$25 = Total Entry Fee.

Example A: Four trials (2 Sat & 2 Sun) one class entered in each trial 4x \$25 = \$100

Example B: Two trials (1 Sat & 1 Sun) two classes entered in each trial  $4 \times \$25 = \$100$ .

The elements for this trial are INTERIOR, BURIED and CONTAINER.

Dogs may not enter the same class/element/level within the same trial more than once.

Dogs may enter two different levels within each element, at each trial. Dogs entering the Advanced or Excellent levels must have earned the required title, as stipulated in the AKC Scent Work Regulations. Dogs may enter either the Novice "A" class or the Novice "B" class—not both.

## DO NOT SELECT A CLASS FOR WHICH YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE AT THIS TIME!

## **Examples:**

Q: I only need 1 more leg in Novice, should I enter later trials in Advanced?

A: No, you are only eligible for Novice (until you earn the Novice title). Once you earn the 3 Novice legs, you may complete a transfer form and submit it to the Trial Secretary. See the section on Transfers.

Q: I have a Novice Interior title. I would like to work toward Novice Interior Elite and also trial in Interior Advanced. What do I enter?

A: You may enter Novice B Interior and Advanced Interior in the same trial.

Please email the Trial Secretary for any other entry combinations that require assistance.

## **VIDEO**

Lindsey Smith (www.lsphotosmith.com) will be taking photos and videos during the trial.

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800. 656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

When making reservations, please double check for changes to the local pet policy.

Red Roof Inn (561) 697-7710 2421 Metrocentre Blvd E West Palm Beach, FL 33407

**La Quinta Inn by Wyndham** (561) 575-7201 34 Fisherman's Way, Jupiter, FL 33477 La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham West Palm Beach Airport (561) 689-8540 1910 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33409

**Best Western** (561) 844-8448 11360 US Hwy 1, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408

## LOCAL CAMPGROUNDS

RV Parking is NOT available at OTCPBC. No overnight parking.

Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Hobe Sound, FL

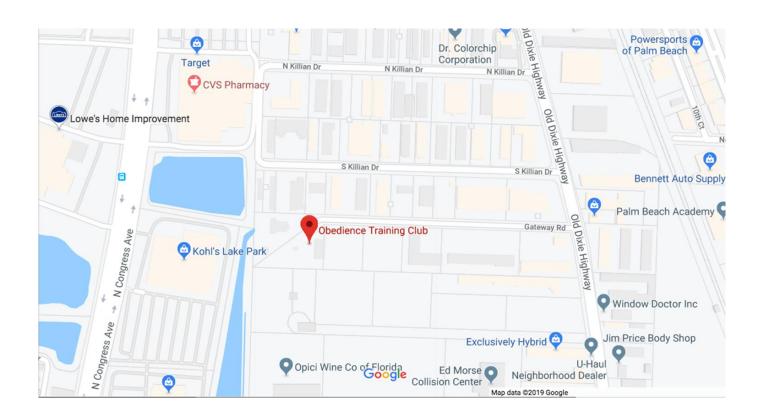
MacArthur Beach State Park, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

## DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

**Note:** There is a building on Old Dixie Highway with "1250" on it. That is not OTCPBC. Keep going until you get to the end of Gateway Road. Gateway ends in a cul-de-sac.

For GPS Directions: 1250 Gateway Road, Lake Park, FL 33403

**From I-95:** Take exit #77 (Northlake Blvd.) go East to Old Dixie Hwy. Turn Right on Old Dixie (just before RR tracks) and proceed to 3rd right. At Gateway Rd. turn right. **From the FL Turnpike:** Take exit #107 (Beeline Hwy. **NEED SUNPASS**) turn right, after exit go to 1st light Northlake Blvd turn right (East). Turn right on Old Dixie Hwy (just before RR tracks) and proceed to 3rd right. At Gateway Rd. turn right. Proceed to end of road. OTCPBC clubhouse is the last building on the left.





## AKC OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Mail this entry to:

Mary Wright, Trial Secretary
5557 SW Cherokee St.
Palm City. FL 34990-5090



Saturda	ay Trial 1		Sunday Trial 1					
Interior	Buried		Containe	r Buried			Make checks payable to:	
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Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is Be sure to read and sign the Agreement page. 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:

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Phone #:	
Email:	
Emergency Contact: Name:	
Phone #:	

INCOMPLETE OR ILLEGIBLE ENTRIES WILL <u>NOT</u> BE ACCEPTED. AGREEMENT <u>MUST</u> SIGNED.