

PREMIUM LIST

AKC All-Breed INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES

This event accepts entries for Mixed Breed Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program



ISC ONLY EVENT

Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club

April 24-25, 2026

AKC Event #2026048408, #2026048409

Course Design by Marko Mäkelä

#4281911 – Nokia, Finland

Judge: Inga Hooper #104662 – South River, NJ



One ring trial 110' x 100' | 300 runs per day

Orchard Hills Training Center

45 Bella Vista Lane, Barto, PA 19504

Indoors on Sprinturf

Opening date: Monday, February 23, 2026, at 9:00 AM

Closing date: Friday, April 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Accepting ENTRIES ONLINE through LabTestedOnline.com or via Paper Entry

Entries must be received by the closing date – NOT postmarked.

Entry Method – First received

Trial Hours

7:30 AM to 30 minutes after the trial ends.

DO NOT ENTER PROPERTY BEFORE 7:30AM

Briefing 8:15am, Judging 8:30am.

12 ISC classes are offered over 2 days. FEO allowed.

Grade 1, 2 and 3 classes offered each day.

Please note that bitches in season are permitted to compete at this trial



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, Executive Secretary

DELAWARE VALLEY GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB

President: Dara Conklin
Vice President: Barb Jennings
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EVENT COMMITTEE

Bev Melcher, Dara Conklin, Barb Jennings, Andrew Conklin, Gloria Sinclair, Zoe Backman, Sue Sacco

TRIAL CHAIR

Bev Melcher
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Barto, PA 19504
grushtes@aol.com

TRIAL SECRETARY

Dark Storm Services
419 Woodhill Road
Newtown, PA 18940
melissa@darkstormservices.com

ORDER OF CLASSES

Friday

International Standard (A1) – 4", 8", 12", 16", 20", 24"
International Standard (A2) – 8", 12", 16", 20", 24" 4"
International Standard (A3) – 12", 16", 20", 24", 4", 8"
International JWW (J1) – 16", 20", 24", 4", 8", 12"
International JWW (J2) – 20", 24", 4", 8", 12", 16"
International JWW (J3) – 24", 4", 8", 12", 16", 20"

Saturday

International JWW (J1) – 24", 4", 8", 12", 16", 20"
International JWW (J2) – 20", 24", 4", 8", 12", 16"
International JWW (J3) – 16", 20", 24", 4", 8", 12"
International Standard (A1) – 12", 16", 20", 24", 4", 8"
International Standard (A2) – 8", 12", 16", 20", 24" 4"
International Standard (A3) – 4", 8", 12", 16", 20", 24"

Classes will run the above order unless the trial committee finds it necessary to make an adjustment

VETERINARIAN

Perkiomen Animal Hospital – 919 Gravel Pike, Palm, PA 18070 215-679-7019
Quakertown Vet Clinic – 2250 N. Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951 215-515-8810
Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to ensure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

ENTRY FEES PER DAY

First entry of each dog EACH DAY: **\$26**
Second through sixth entry same dog: **\$24**

Online Entries:

This trial is accepting online entries through LabTestedOnline.com. During the first 48 hours after opening, the initial limit of entries designated as either online or paper will be as follows. 240 runs online (80%), 60 runs paper (20%) each day. If either form of entry has not filled at the end of the 48-hour period, the club reserves the right to decrease or increase either one accordingly.

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Dark Storm Services – 419 Woodhill Road, Newtown, PA 18940

Make checks payable to **Dark Storm Services**. 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 Melissa Berde at melissa@darkstormservices.com. No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. Fees include AKC recording fee of \$2 per run.

Payment must accompany entry:

No hand deliveries will be accepted in the first twenty-four hours following the opening date and time. Telephone, email and fax entries cannot be accepted. Entries not on Official AKC Entry Forms or Entry forms without the Agreement and Rules on the reverse side of the form are not acceptable. Unsigned Entry Forms cannot be accepted nor are entries which specify any conditions as to its acceptance. Entry Forms MUST be filled out completely. Incomplete entries do not constitute a valid entry. Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may make such errors, and no entry will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY.

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 **\$35** collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

Closing Date:

Entries close Friday, April 10, 2026 at 6 p.m., after which entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules and in Chapter 1, Section 14 of the AKC Agility Trial Rules and Regulations.

Cancellations:

In order for cancellations sent via email to be valid, exhibitors must receive an acknowledgement from the trial secretary. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, assume that your request has not been received. No refunds or changes will be made without the trial secretary's acknowledgement.

Entry form changes, additions, corrections and cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE APRIL 10, 2026 CLOSING DATE** at 6:00 PM, be legible and include the AKC number, or no refund will be issued. No telephone changes accepted.

WAIT LIST

There will be a wait list (maximum 75 runs) to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial closes on Friday, April 10 at 6 p.m. Entries withdrawn BEFORE the trial closes on April 10 at 6 p.m. will receive a full refund. Entries withdrawn after trial closes on April 10 at 6 p.m. but prior to Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m., will be replaced with an entry from the waitlist if one is available. Any withdrawn entry replaced by an entry from the waitlist will receive a refund subject to a \$5.00 processing fee. Any wait-listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial by Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m. will receive a refund.

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.

Bitches in season are permitted to compete in this agility trial. BIS will run in their original running order. Exhibitors need to use their own mats at the start line. No panties in the ring. No special rules for crating or pottying for BIS.

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER TRIALS

This trial is open to all dogs fifteen (15) 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.

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.

AKC REGULAR HEIGHT DIVISIONS

REGULAR	PREFERRED	HEIGHT AT WITHERS
Handlers may opt to run their dog in a higher height division	Handlers must run their dog in their proper eligible height	Owners are responsible for entering their dog in the proper height divisions.
8 inches	4 inches	11" & under at withers
12 inches	8 inches	14" & under at withers
16 inches	12 inches	18" & under at withers
20 inches	16 inches	22" & under at withers
24 inches	20 inches	Over 22" at withers

Jump Heights:

All AKC heights will be offered, except for 24C. Dogs may enter their regular AKC jump heights or may choose to run in their FCI height category. Dogs entered in their regular AKC Preferred height category will be scored with dogs running in the corresponding Regular height.

Please consult the AKC Regulations for Agility Trials for a complete description and eligibility for entry into these classes. The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class(es)/height divisions. Dogs running in a lower height division than they are eligible for will be eliminated.

Obstacles and Ring Conditions:

Obstacles will meet the specifications for obstacles in the current edition of the regulations for Agility Trials. All classes will take place indoors on SprinTurf. The ring size is 110x100. Entry to/from the rings will be from outside, under tenting. All equipment is provided by Orchard Hills Training Center. Classes will have 5' jump bars. Any classes that have a broad jump will be using the ascending (FCI) style broad jump and any ISC classes that have a tire will be using the saloon tire with FCI heights.

Measuring and Height Card Information:

Effective January 1, 2010, exhibitors are no longer required to provide proof to Trial Secretaries that their dog has a valid jump height card as part of the check-in process. Furthermore, this change eliminates the need for a copy of the jump height card to be submitted with an entry form. Dogs without a valid Jump Height Card/Form may still compete; but they must be measured/wicketed by the Judge of Record PRIOR to running in their class and this measurement will be valid for that weekend of trials only. The exception to this requirement is a dog entered in the 24" height division. However, if a Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO) or an Agility Field Rep is present; ALL dogs without a valid Jump Height Card/Form must be measured at some time during the trial or cluster of trials. This does not preclude having the dog wicketed by the Judge of Record if the VMO or Rep is not available to measure the dog before its first run of the trial or cluster of trials. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their dog measured prior to running and failure to do so will result in the cancellation of any qualifying scores.

ISC INFORMATION

Purpose:

The International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) is a non-regular class providing the dog and handler an opportunity to demonstrate their advanced training and handling skills on various international style Standard and Jumpers with Weaves courses. The rules for This class are generally based on international rules. The variety in international agility Course designs is very diverse, so handlers should be prepared to meet the "Challenge Of The Day" when competing in the ISC class. The total challenge level may be easier, more difficult, or simply different from what is currently allowed in excellent / master Class. Complete rules for the ISC are available from the AKC website (<http://www.akc.org>).

Eligibility:

This cup is open to dogs that are eligible to compete in AKC agility trials. Dogs may be entered in their Regular or Preferred jump height. However, there is no Preferred option for ISC; dogs entering in the Preferred jump height will be scored against their respective regular jump heights peers. Grade 3, 2, and 1 classes will be offered and available for entry for all competitors. (Grade 3 classes are the usual ISC Master level classes, Grade 2 is the Open, and Grade 1 is the Novice level ISC class.)

Jump heights:

Dogs may be entered in their regular jump heights. However, the FCI/ISC cutoffs for those heights are as follows:

- 12" - Small team – shoulder height = 13 3/4" or less (35 cm is the FCI cutoff)
- 16" - Medium team – shoulder height = 16 7/8" or less (43 cm is the FCI cutoff)
- 20" - Intermediate team – shoulder height = 18 7/8" or less (48 cm is the FCI cutoff)
- 24" - Large team – shoulder height = greater than 18 7/8" (greater than 48 cm)

Qualifications:

Clean run scores from ISC classes may be used toward fulfilling the minimum requirements for *WTT/EOTT. A "clean run" consists of a run without time or course faults. These legs must be earned at your FCI height. Minimum YPS requirements are waived for these scores, as long as the dog is under the course time set by the judge for that class.

*As of January 2023, ISC A1 and J1 clean runs do NOT count toward WTT entry requirements – only ISC A2/J2 and J3/A3. All grades may be used for EOTT.

Please review the AKC European Open Team USA and AKC/USA World Team Tryout rules for further details.

THIS EVENT IS NOT A REGIONAL WORLD TEAM QUALIFYING EVENT, MEANING THERE WILL NOT BE AN AUTOMATIC INVITE OF THE COMBINED WINNERS TO WTT.

ISC PRIZES AND AWARDS

FIRST PLACE.....	Purple Flat Ribbon
SECOND PLACE.....	Teal Flat Ribbon
THIRD PLACE.....	Fuchsia Flat Ribbon
FOURTH PLACE.....	Orange Flat Ribbon
CLEAR ROUND.....	Green Flat Ribbon

First through fourth place in each class will receive a flat ribbon.

Green flat ribbon will be awarded for clear rounds (no course or time faults)

ALL PRIZES, AWARDS, ROSETTES AND RIBBONS MUST BE CLAIMED ON THE DAY OF THE TRIAL. NO PRIZES WILL BE MAILED.

FEO & FIX AND GO ON

Entering For Exhibition Only (FEO):

For Exhibition Only may be offered at the option of the host club. FEO will allow exhibitors to work with their dogs in a trial environment. FEO is allowed in all classes. Participation in FEO is non-qualifying.

- FEO runs are treated as trial entries. The exhibitor must enter the class(es) prior to the closing date, pay class entry fee(s) and the Trial Secretary must record the entry in the Trial Catalog as part of the results for that class. FEO does not need to be noted on the entry form; the handler will declare the day of the show.
- Dogs may be entered in any jump height for FEO runs. If entered in an ineligible jump height, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show jump height changes are not allowed.
- The exhibitor must declare FEO in the ring prior to leading out to the scribe and the judge.
- Course time for FEO in ISC will be 45 seconds.
- Harsh verbal and/or physical corrections shall not be tolerated. Any determination of harshness by the judge shall be immediately whistled and the handler will be dismissed from the ring. A judge must monitor the entire run. Judges can stop a run at any time.

Fix and Go On:

Fix and Go On is not pre-entered; rather, it occurs during the course of the run. It allows exhibitors to immediately reattempt an obstacle at any time while on course when the dog's performance of an obstacle is not to their expectation. This allows the dog to successfully complete the obstacle then finish the course or leave the ring on a positive note. Using FNG will result in a non-qualifying score.

APRICOT CUP SCORING FOR PODIUMS

Scoring:

In addition to the flat ribbons offered for 1st through 4th placements in each jump height for each of the six classes each day, we will also have the following podium and overall awards:

Rosettes will be awarded for first through third placements for the following

- Level 3 combined (agility and jumping) high score in each jump height each day
- Level 2 combined high score in each jump height each day
- Level 1 combined high score in each jump height each day

Trophies: A trophy will be awarded as follows:

- The Apricot Cup Level 3 Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner for Level 3 combined each day
- The Apricot Cup Level 2 Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner for Level 2 combined each day
- The Apricot Cup Level 1 Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner for Level 1 combined each day

To be eligible for the combined rosettes and Apricot Cup trophies each day, teams must be entered in both agility and jumpers classes for that level.

A dog/handler that has won the overall Level 3 award is not eligible for the Level 2 or Level 1 overall award on that day. A dog/handler that has won a Level 2 overall award is not eligible for the Level 1 overall on that same day.

Scoring for the Apricot Cup is as follows:

R = 3 points

S = 5 points

Time Faults = 2 points for each second over time

E = 100 points

Fix and Go is scored as an E

FEO or Absent = 150 points

Scores are cumulative and are time plus faults

SITE INFORMATION

Orchard Hills is located on a private property and is NOT open to the public outside of trial hours. DO NOT arrive at the trial site prior to stated times. Waiting in the driveway or on Church Street is not allowed. If you find yourself arriving early, there is a Turkey Hill and a Wawa north on 100 and a Redners and Dunkin Donuts Sound on 100.

Please respect property boundaries.

There are sheep pens available for off leash exercise of dogs.

Music may be played during walkthroughs and lightly during running of classes.

All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, except when using the practice jump or while in the ring. A warm-up area with a warm-up jump is available indoors.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without a refund if the Trial Committee deems them in violation of this requirement.

Please be respectful and do not allow your dog to eliminate on or near building structures, equipment, or anything a person may have to touch. Any accidents inside a building or near a competition area must be cleaned up immediately.

As always, everyone must pick up after their dogs. **ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN THE RING OR IN THE DESIGNATED WARM-UP AREA.** Please be mindful of your dog and its behavior at all times, especially when waiting to go into the ring.

Please be aware there is a USDAA event also on the premises (in a separate building) on Saturday.

There will be a food vendor onsite both days. Food will be provided by The Wounded Warrior Project.

CAMPING & RV INFORMATION

Dry Camping Only.

Limited RV parking.

Contact Cindy Madeiros

cmadeiros4677@comcast.net

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

The Regulations for Agility Trials are available on-line at www.akc.org. For copies of the Regulations, contact the American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 2767-3390, by email at info@akc.org or call 919-233-9767.

Foreign Exhibitors must pay by international money order or credit card. Checks drawn on Canadian banks (US or Canadian funds) can no longer be accepted.

Dogs present will not be permitted to roam. Exhibitors are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances 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 cases, no refund of any fees will be made. All dogs present must be held on leash or confined to their crate at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area. The site will be monitored, and offenders will be asked to leave. In such cases, no refunds will be made.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW SITE

Directions from Allentown, Harrisburg, Central New Jersey:

78 east or west to Allentown exit, Cedar Crest Blvd. South to Emmaus past hospital, at "T" turn right (Chestnut Street or Rt 29 S) continue south on Rt 29 to Rt 100 South, continue to Hereford – 4 more miles to Bally. Middle of town is Longacre Electric (orange and blue sign) turn onto North Church Street, go up hill approx. 1 mile. See pond on left side, turn left onto Bella Vista Lane. Continue on gravel drive until you see the buildings.

From PA Turnpike:

NE extension to Quakertown exit bear right onto Rt 663 S. (heading to Pennsburg) In Pennsburg, at Wendy's Flowers, intersection of Rt 29, turn right onto Rt 29 N to town of Hereford (Turkey Hill convenience store and light). Turn left onto Rt 100 S to town of Bally (continue as above).

From Philadelphia:

Rt 422 or 73 to Rt 100 N to town of Bally. (continue as above).

Street Address for GPS:

45 Bella Vista Lane, Barto, PA or put in "Orchard Hills Training Center"

ACCOMMODATIONS

BEST WESTERN PLUS – POTTSTOWN

[Website - Best Western Pottstown Plus](#)

1600 Industrial Highway Pottstown, PA 19464, (610) 327-3300

25 minutes, under new ownership and now “pet friendly”

CAB MOTEL

<http://www.cabmotel.com>

Route 29 Palm, PA (215) 679-5955

10 minutes / No Pet Fee / Mention KineticDog

BUDGET HOST MOTEL

[Website - Budget Host Motel](#)

5 Spring Garden Drive New Berlinville, PA 19545 , (610) 367-2626

6 miles from Orchard Hills / \$10 per pet, additional discounts for 3+p

MOTEL 6

<http://motel6-pottstown-pa.com>

78 Robinson Street Pottstown, PA 19464, (610) 819-1288

25 minutes

COMFORT INN LEHIGH VALLEY WEST

[Website - Comfort Inn Lehigh Valley West](#)

7625 Imperial Way Allentown, Pa 18106 (877) 424- 6423

35 minutes

QUALITY INN & SUITES

[Website - Quality Inn Quakertown](#)

1905 John Fries Hwy Quakertown, PA (855) 809 3506

25 minutes

RED ROOF INN ALLENTOWN SOUTH

<https://www.redroof.com/property/PA/Allentown/RR1845>

2650 Moravian Avenue Allentown PA (855) 873-6562

25 minutes / pets free

MOTEL 6

[Website - Motel 6 KOP](#)

815 W Dekalb Pike King of Prussia PA (833) 435-0470

45 minutes / limited grass areas



CLUB'S NAME Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club

INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CUP

- Friday, April 24, 2026 [] ISC STD (A1) [] ISC STD (A2) [] ISC STD (A3)
[] ISC JWW (J1) [] ISC JWW (J2) [] ISC JWW (J3)
Saturday, April 25, 2026 [] ISC JWW (J1) [] ISC JWW (J2) [] ISC JWW (J3)
[] ISC STD (A1) [] ISC STD (A2) [] ISC STD (A3)

Entries open: Mon., February 23, 2026, 9 a.m. Entries close: Fri., April 10, 2026, 6 p.m.
Daily Entry Fee: 1st run \$26, 2nd run \$24

IMPORTANT: Carefully read instructions before filling out!

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED \$

Choose Either Regular or Preferred Classes

Check one jump height, and check class selections - Only one selection per class (both Master and Premier allowed)

Table with columns for REGULAR Classes (8", 12", 16", 20", 24") and PREFERRED Classes (4", 8", 12", 16", 20").

Non-Regular Classes International Sweepstakes STD JWW

Form with fields: This dog needs to be measured: Yes No, SEX, HEIGHT AT WITHERS, BREED, VARIETY, CALL NAME.

AKC® NAME (include AKC titles only)

Form with fields: [] AKC NO., [] ILP NO., [] PAL NO., [] FOREIGN REG. NO. & COUNTRY, DATE OF BIRTH, PLACE OF BIRTH (List Country).

BREEDER

SIRE

DAM

ACTUAL OWNERS

OWNERS ADDRESS NEW ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP + 4

HANDLER ENTER JR. HANDLER # if applicable

Exhibitor or owner MUST sign on the signature line beneath the instructions.

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...

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...

INSTRUCTIONS

Handlers whose dogs measure into the 8" through 20" regular jump height divisions may opt to enter in a higher or 24-choice height division for all Regular titling classes, but not in a division lower than their proper height division.

All dogs that have not been officially measured for an Agility Jump Height Card may still compete; however, they must be measured by a Judge of record, an Agility Field Representative, or a Volunteer Measuring Official, prior to running.

Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners ProgramSM may be eligible to enter all-breed AKC agility trials at the club's option. These dogs should be listed as All American Dog and must include their AKC number on the entry form and check the AKC No. box.

Junior Handlers should enter their Junior Handler Number on the front of this form. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, it may be obtained from the American Kennel Club (919) 233-9767.

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

SIGN HERE X

Telephone Number: [] New Email

Email:

In Case of Emergency - Name: Phone #: