
ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 12am, EDT at the Trial Secretary's address. **All entries received before this date will be destroyed and competitor notified via email of non-acceptance.** Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Friday, June 12, 2026, 11pm EDT 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 shall be treated as an invalid entry and **will be destroyed and competitor notified via email of non-acceptance.** Hand deliveries are accepted. Please see refund section for refund information.

PREMIUM LIST



Greater Boston Area Earthdog Club

An AKC Member Club

Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master Elements Trial

Detective Trial offered on Saturday only

Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, 2026

Events 2026525005 & 2026525006



Name of Event Location

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School
215 Fitchburg St, Marlborough, MA 01752

ENTRY LIMITS

Trials are limited to 650 entries per trial – First Received Method

To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours:

Saturday and Sunday- 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. **Check-in** from 8:00-8:30 am

Saturday - 8:30 am - General Briefing for Detective, Novice & Advanced (first dog to follow for Detective and Novice)

9:30 am - General Briefing for Excellent & Master (first dog to follow for Excellent)

Sunday - 8:30 am - General Briefing for all levels (first dog to follow for Novice and Excellent)

Planned order of classes is:

Saturday: Detective class and all Novice elements after 8:30 am briefing.

Interior, Exterior and Container: Advanced to follow Novice.

Excellent Interior, Exterior and Container will begin after 9:30 briefing.

Master to follow at completion of Excellent.

Buried will run Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master in succession.

Sunday: Novice and Excellent elements run concurrently beginning immediately after briefing. Advanced to follow completion of Novice and Master to follow completion of Excellent



**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.

Sheila Goffe, Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE GREATER BOSTON AREA EARTHDOG CLUB

President Nancy Goldman
 Vice President Kate Pfluke
 Secretary Louise Traska
 Treasurer Jan VanSyckel

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
Liz Lynch 39 Volkmar Rd. Worcester, MA 01606 lizlynch@gmail.com 617-784-2996	Julianne Bovat 50 Country Club Road Stoneham MA 02180 781-264-2922 juliannebovat@yahoo.com

EVENT COMMITTEE

Liz Lynch, Louise Traska, Monique Anthony, Nancy Sankus, Nancy Goldman and members of the Greater Boston Area Earthdog Club

JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Jennifer P. Anderson Judge's Number: 103461 Wyoming, RI Saturday: Detective Sunday: Master, Excellent Exterior	James Helems Judge's Number: 101745 Huntington, MA Saturday: Master, Excellent Interior Sunday: Master, Excellent Buried
Martha Campbell Judge's Number: 96355 Lunenburg, MA Saturday: Buried, all levels Sunday: Novice, Advanced Exterior	Jennieann E Mitchell Judge's Number: 108669 Parsonburg, MD Saturday: Novice, Advanced Interior Sunday: Novice, Advanced Container
Annete Tietz Milford, NH Judge's Number: 111651 Saturday: Master, Excellent Container Sunday: Master, Excellent Interior	Michelle Medeiros Judge's Number: 118431 Westport, MA Saturday: Novice, Advanced Container Sunday: Novice, Advanced Interior
Michelle Belio Judge's Number: 117575 Old Westbury, NY Saturday: Novice, Advanced Exterior Sunday: Novice, Advanced Buried	Natalie Lussier Judge's Number: 102403 New York Mills, NY Saturday: Master, Excellent Exterior Sunday: Master, Excellent Container

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Veterinarian (on-call)
Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals
55 Willard Street
North Grafton, MA 01536
Main: [508-839-5395](tel:508-839-5395)
Emergency Number: [508-839-5395](tel:508-839-5395) ([option 3](#))

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police – **911**
LOCAL HOSPITAL –
Marlborough Hospital
157 Union St, Marlborough, MA 01752

CLASSES OFFERED & JUDGING TIMES

Saturday June 27 and Sunday June 28, 2026

Detective (Sat only)	Container Novice A/B	Container Advanced	Container Excellent	Container Master
	Interior Novice A/B	Interior Advanced	Interior Excellent	Interior Master
	Exterior Novice A/B	Exterior Advanced	Exterior Excellent	Exterior Master
	Buried Novice A/B	Buried Advanced	Buried Excellent	Buried Master

Important Information About Class Limits:

Entries will be accepted according to the following class limits:

Detective	Saturday: 30	
Novice & Advanced Interior	Saturday: 100	Sunday: 100
Excellent & Master Interior	Saturday: 50	Sunday: 50
Novice & Advanced Container	Saturday: 100	Sunday: 100
Excellent & Master Container	Saturday: 80	Sunday: 80
Novice & Advanced Exterior	Saturday: 100	Sunday: 80
Excellent & Master Exterior	Saturday: 80	Sunday: 80
Novice & Advanced Buried	Saturday: 60	Sunday: 80
Excellent & Master Buried	Saturday: 50	Sunday: 80

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

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. ***Dogs in Season are ineligible to compete.***

ENTRY FEES PER DAY

Each entry (includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee): **\$50 Detective, \$30 All Other Entries**

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Trial Secretary: Julieanne Bovat
c/o GBAEC
50 Country Club Road
Stoneham, MA 02180

Please make checks payable to the **GBAEC**

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 Julieanne Bovat at juliannebovat@yahoo.com. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible and incomplete entries will not be processed and will be destroyed. The exhibitor will be informed via email of non-acceptance and reason therefore. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Trial Secretary will add a \$30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

Entry Confirmation

If your entry is accepted, you will receive a confirmation from the Trial Secretary with your entry and dog/owner information. It will come from the email address notifications@myk9t.com. Please make this a safe email address in your email program to ensure delivery. Confirmations will be sent out approximately one week after receipt. You are encouraged to communicate with the Trial Secretary if more than a week has passed.

When you receive your confirmation, you are responsible for confirming ALL information. If any details are incorrect and not reported by the deadlines outlined in the premium, a late fee will apply—regardless of the source of the error. You are strongly encouraged to verify all information and report any errors ASAP.

Move Ups

Requests to Move Up must be received by the Trial Secretary via email by Tuesday June 23, 2026 by midnight. Any changes requested after this time are subject to a \$5 fee per run. Under no circumstances will changes or move ups be processed day of show. This includes changes from Novice A/B. So be sure you are entering the correct classes.

Move Ups from day of trial Saturday June 27, 2026 to Sunday June 28, 2026 will be accepted up until a half hour after the last class is completed on Saturday June 27, 2026. A MANDATORY Move Up form (available at the Secretary desk) MUST be given to the Trial Secretary by this time for the Move up to be accepted and processed. Move up requests via email will not be accepted. Move Ups requested after this time will NOT be accepted. Under no circumstances will changes or move ups be processed day of show. This includes changes from Novice A/B.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

A maximum of 50 entries per day will be placed and/or added to the waitlist. All entries, (including wait listed entries) must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to the Closing Date. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after the Closing Date. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry, a refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Payment / Checks received for a wait listed entry that do not move off the waitlist (into the trial) will be shredded/destroyed by the trial secretary.

STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP 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.

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 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.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

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. 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. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search with handlers who have not run.

Crating will be out of your car. **Volunteers will have access to indoor crating.**

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.

Parking

Please park only in designated areas and within marked spaces. Fire lanes and other restricted areas must remain clear at all times. Handicapped parking spaces are reserved for vehicles displaying a valid handicapped plate or placard. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring these spaces remain available for those who need them. The parking area is paved and does not have natural shade. Competitors may use tents, which should be properly secured, or shade cloths on their vehicles.

Running Cars in Parking Lot

Exhibitors may run their vehicles to provide heating or cooling for their dogs. Please be respectful of your neighbors, including consideration of exhaust, noise, and spacing. If your vehicle is causing concern, you may be asked to turn it off. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the environment comfortable and safe for all.

RV parking

A limited number of spaces will be available for RV parking overnight at the trial site, in designated areas. Please contact the trial chair at lizlynch@gmail.com to reserve a space. Please note that you will not have access to electrical or water and are responsible for removing any waste/garbage.

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** will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title.

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**. Only one HIT for each "level" (Novice A & B combined). There is no separate HIT 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. Teams winning High In Trial will earn a rosette.

Special Awards

Turtle Award

On Saturday, The Turtle Award will be presented to the dog with the slowest qualifying time in a single run, defined as the qualifying run closest to the maximum time allowed. All qualifying runs from all classes will be eligible. A qualifying score earned at the maximum time is not eligible. In the event of identical times, the award winner will be determined by random draw from all qualified runs. The prize will be awarded at the briefing Sunday morning and will be mailed to the winner if they are not present.

Special Award sponsored by Trap Door Labradors, ribbon and trophy minimum value \$75

For many teams, scent work provides an escape from reality. It gives us time to enjoy team work, problem solving, and communication together, which ultimately strengthens our relationship with our dogs. With this special award, we seek to honor the team who, in the opinion of the judges, demonstrates exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship. Only competitors/dogs entered both days are eligible for the award. The winner will be announced on Sunday and will be mailed to the winner if they are not present.

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

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 Greater Boston Area Earthdog 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 Greater Boston Area Earthdog 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 Greater Boston Area Earthdog Club or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. 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 condition are not eligible for a refund.

Bitches in season will be refunded the entry fee. Notification in writing (**vet note not needed**) 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.

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: You will receive your armband # when you receive your confirmation. Please be sure to remember it for the show. Check in will be on the myk9q app. Instructions to be provided a few weeks before the trial.

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.

"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.

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

Please contact hotels directly to confirm pets are allowed and if there are any fees, etc.

Residences at Solomon Pond
880 Donald Lynch Blvd, Marlborough, MA 01752
(508) 460-1000

Red Roof Inn
Southborough, MA
508-802-4479

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

Directions from the North or South: Take 495 to exit 65A. Turn Right onto Fitchburg St. The destination will be on your left.



Send to:
Julianne Bovat
c/o GBAEC
50 Country Club Rd
Stoneham MA 02180

AKC Official Entry Form

	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried
Saturday 6/27/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B
	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master
<input type="checkbox"/> Detective				
Sunday 6/28/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B
	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master

Entry fees: \$50 Detective, \$30 – all other entries Please make checks payable to GBAEC.

of Detective classes entered: _____ **x \$ 50 = \$** _____

of classes entered: _____ **x \$ 30 = \$** _____
Total due

Trial Secretary will add a \$30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number	
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign	
Call name	Date of birth	Sex	
Breed	Variety		
Owner			
Owner's Address			
City		State	Zip
Telephone	Email		
Handler name (if different from owner):		Junior Handler # (if applicable):	

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray 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!

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.

INSTRUCTIONS

Novice A Open to dogs who have not completed any title for that particular element, who have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and who have never worked as professional detection dogs. • **Novice B** Classes are open to all dogs.

High in Trial: Entrants must run in all classic elements at the same level to be eligible for High in Trial.

Dogs must have prior AKC Scent Work title to compete in upper-level classes.

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

SIGN HERE X: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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