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## ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 8am, 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 Monday, June 9, 2025, 6pm 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.

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## PREMIUM LIST



### Greater Boston Area Earthdog Club

An AKC Member Club

### Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master Elements Trial

Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, 2025

Event #2025525005

Event # 2025525006



### 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

**Handler's Briefing** at 8:30am, first dog to follow

### Planned order of classes is:

Buried: Novice, Excellent, Advanced, Master

Interior, Exterior and Container: Novice and Excellent concurrently beginning immediately after briefing, Advanced to follow completion of Novice and Master to follow completion of Excellent

Volunteers sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/GBAECVOL2025>

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**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 M. DiNardo, 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

### JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

<b>Mia MacCollin</b> Bend, OR Judges #102406 Saturday: Buried, all levels Sunday: Interior-Excellent and Master	<b>Stefanie Mount (P)</b> Carmel, NY Judges #113595 Saturday: Container-Excellent and Master Sunday: Exterior-Excellent and Master
<b>Summer Whittacre (P)</b> PENDING APPROVAL Judges #115161 Saturday: Interior-Novice and Advanced Sunday: Container-Novice and Advanced	<b>Heidi Dulac (P)</b> PENDING APPROVAL Judges #TBD Saturday: Container-Novice and Advanced Sunday: Exterior-Novice and Advanced
<b>Annete Tietz (P)</b> Milford, NH Judges #11651 Saturday: Exterior-Excellent and Master Sunday: Buried, all levels	<b>Judy Fishbach (P)</b> Attleboro, MA Judges #113249 Saturday: Exterior-Novice and Advanced Sunday: Interior-Novice and Advanced
<b>Holly Roche</b> Rollinsford, NH Judges #102513 Saturday: Interior-Excellent and Master Sunday: Container-Excellent and Master	

## 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 \(option 3\)](tel:508-839-5395)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

## CLASSES OFFERED & JUDGING TIMES

### Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22, 2025

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
Judging begins at 9:00am			

**Move-ups must be received by the Trial Secretary by end of day Tuesday June 17, 2025. Any requests made after this date are subject to a \$5 per run late fee to change. Move ups from Saturday to Sunday will be accepted on Saturday only by giving a move up form to the secretary by the end of the trial on Saturday. Move up requests from Saturday to Sunday will not be accepted via email. Move up forms will be available at the Trial Secretary office.**

## 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 \$3.50 AKC recording fee) ..... **\$30 - All 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, fax, or hand delivery. 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](mailto: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.

## 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 ask 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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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:

*First Place*.....*Blue*  
*Second Place*.....*Red*  
*Third Place*.....*Yellow*  
*Fourth Place*.....*White*  
*Qualifying Score*.....*Dark Green*

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.

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 Yankee Golden Retriever 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 Yankee Golden Retriever 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 Yankee Golden Retriever 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, less a \$5 admin charge per run. Notification in writing (**including a vet's note on letterhead**) 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:** 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.

"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 6/21/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Sunday 6/22/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master

**Entry fees: \$30 – all entries**

**Please make checks payable to GBAEC.**

# 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!\*\*\*

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## 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.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Dogs must have prior title to compete in upper-level classes when those are offered.

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

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

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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