
ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON March 2, 2026, at 8:00 am MST and may be mailed to the Trial Secretary's address listed in this premium OR be dropped off at Groomingdales, 1436 Central Avenue Billings, MT from 8 AM to 6 PM; there will be a clearly labeled box. Please be courteous to the business operations. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE ON April 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm MST 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 and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE PRE-ENTRY CLOSING DATE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRE-ENTRY DISCOUNTS.**

LATE AND DAY-OF-TRIAL ENTRIES will be accepted based on space available up until 8:00 am MST each day. PLEASE NOTE – All entries that are received BEFORE the closing date will be considered pre-entry, and waitlisted first come, first served. Entries received AFTER the closing date will be considered Day-Of Entry at that cost.

PREMIUM LIST



YELLOWSTONE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

An AKC Licensed Club



Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master & Detective

April 10, 2026 Events #2026023522 & # 2026023523

April 11, 2026 Event # 2026023501 April 12, 2026 Event # 2026023502

Huntley Project Museum

770 Railroad Hwy Huntley, MT 59037

ENTRY LIMITS

Friday entries 20 per trial, Saturday and Sunday 250 entries per trial

To be held Indoor and Outdoor

Trial Hours:

Friday 11:00am to 6:00pm, Check in at 11:00-11:30, Briefing at Noon, first dog to follow

Saturday & Sunday- 7:30am to 6:00pm

Check-in from 7:30-8:00 am, Briefing at 8:30am, first dog to follow



**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

Officers of Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club

President	Amber Lowry
Vice President	Patrick Jones
Secretary	Lacy Wood
	PO Box 277 Billings, MT 59103
Treasurer	Sheila Brown

Trial Chairperson	Trial Secretary
Annabelle Perkins 724 Burlington Ave. Billings, MT 59101 Nordlund.annabelle@gmail.com 406.290.4170	Rae Traver 3646 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT 59102 amandarae03@hotmail.com 406.861.4390

Event Committee

Annabelle Perkins, Stacey Hess, Sheila Brown, Rae Traver, Sienna Bell

Judges And Assignments

Kimberly Crowther #110953 Post Falls, ID	Scott Wenzel #112751 Stillwater, MN
April 10, 2026 Event #2026023522	April 10, 2026 Event #2026023523
April 11, 2026 Event # 2026023501 Exterior - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master Buried - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master	April 11, 2026 Event # 2026023501 Container - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master Interior - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master
April 12, 2026 Event # 2026023502 Container - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master Interior - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master	April 12, 2026 Event # 2026023502 Exterior - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master Buried - Nov A/B, Adv, Exc, Master

Judging begins at 12:30 for Trial 1 and 1:00 for Trial 2 on Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday

Move Ups between trials WILL be offered. Move up must be received by the trial secretary by 8:00 am the day of the trial.

Veterinarian On Call

Best Friends Animal Hospital and Urgent Care

1530 Popelka Dr, Billings, MT 59105
406-255-0500

Directions

Head northeast on Railroad Hwy. Turn left toward Hwy 312. Turn left onto Hwy 312. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit and stay on Hwy 312. Exit traffic circle onto Hwy 312. Turn left onto Bench Blvd. Turn right onto Popelka Dr.

Emergency Services

Yellowstone County - Fire/ Ambulance/Police

911

Billings Clinic Hospital

2800 10th Ave Billings, MT 59101
(19 miles away)

Entry Fees

An entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class. Entry fees include a \$4.50 per run AKC recording fee.

Pre-entry	\$28
Day Of Entry	\$33
Detective	\$50

Entries may be made in any combination of Mailed or Email with Check or PayPal as payment. (Please read PayPal requirements if using.)

Mail entry forms to **Rae Traver, 3646 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT 59102.**
Email entry forms to amandarae03@hotmail.com.

Make checks payable to the **Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club** or **YVKC**.
Send PayPal to YVKC277dogs@gmail.com with **YVKC Scent** in the note.

PayPal will be accepted under the following conditions: Exhibitors MUST use "**Friends and Family**" as the selection as YVKC is not responsible for any PayPal fees. Any PayPal entry/reservation that results in fees charged to YVKC will be considered an incomplete payment and must be paid before the entry/reservation is accepted. YVKC Scent must be in the note section.

No entries will be accepted by phone 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 Rae Traver - 3646 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT 59102 or amandarae03@hotmail.com. No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which 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 the Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

Dogs Eligible to Enter

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate. Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.

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.

Handling More Than One Dog

Per Chapter 2: Owners/Handlers and their Responsibilities: Section 10. **Handling More Than One Dog.** Handlers may not handle more than one dog in each class (with the exception of Handler Discrimination classes). Multiple dogs from the same owner may be entered in the same class, provided they are run by different handlers.

Wait List Information

Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **50 entries per day** will be placed on the club's wait list. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on **APRIL 1, 2026**. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund.

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.

Handler's Briefings 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 areas will be designated by the club. 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.

Search Area Sizes: will be as required in the *Regulations for AKC Scent Work*.

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.

Crating will be in the parking lot out of your vehicle.

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.

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 dogs finishing a title.

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**. One High in Trial winner is chosen per difficulty level. There is no separate High in Trial for the Novice A and Novice B sections. The High in Trial is determined by adding the team’s faults across the elements. If there is a tie based on faults, then the team’s times across the elements will be summed and the faster-finishing team will win. The High in Trial award is not recorded by the AKC Teams winning High in Trial will earn a rosette.

Notice To Exhibitors

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading them here:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/regulation-resources/>

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 Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. 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, 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.

All 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.

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.

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 are determined all exhibitors will be notified by email.

Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.

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

Hotel Information

ALL MOTELS/HOTELS ASKED THAT NO DOGS BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN THE ROOMS.

Please ask about dogs when calling, management changes, can mean dogs are no longer accepted.

Billings Hotel	(406) 248-7151	1223 Mallowney Ln • \$25.00 charge
Days Inn	(406) 252-4007	843 Parkway Ln • \$10.00 per day per pet
Hampton Inn	(406) 248-4949	5110 Southgate Dr • 1 dog limit
Dude Rancher Lodge	(406) 259-5561	415 N 29th • \$7.00 fee per dog
Holiday Inn	(406) 248-7701	5500 Midland Rd
Kelly Inn	(406) 252-2700	5610 Frontage Rd • 2 dogs per room
Quality Inn Homestead	(406) 652-1320	2036 Overland • \$15.00 per night
Super 8	(406) 248-8842	5400 Southgate Dr • \$15.00 per night
Comfort Inn	(406) 652-5200	2030 Overland Ave • \$15.00 Refundable
Ramada Limited	(406) 252-2584	1345 Mallowney Ln • \$5.00 per pet
Sleep Inn	(406) 254-9878	4904 Southgate Dr • \$25.00 per night
Baymont By Wyndam	(406) 642-5200	2030 Overland Ave • \$30 per night

Campgrounds

K O A	(406) 252-3104	547 Garden Ave
Yellowstone River Campground	(406) 259-0878	309 Garden Ave

Directions To the Trial Site

From I-90 South: Take exit 462 on I-90. Turn Rt. on Pryor Creek Road/MT522. Stay on this road for 8.5 miles, then continue on Old Hwy 312 for 2.7 miles. Turn Right on S. 8th Road and then Right on Railroad Hwy.

From I-90 North: Take ramp onto I-90 East, then take I-94 toward Bismark for 5.8 miles. Take exit 6 to MT522/Pryor Ck Road and go 2.3 miles, then continue on Old Hwy 312 for 2.7 miles. Turn Right on S. 8th Rd and then right on Railroad



AKC Official Entry Form (See All Pages)
 Send to: Trial Secretary, Rae Traver
 3646 Broadwater Ave, Billings, MT 59102

Friday 4/10/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Detective Trial #1		<input type="checkbox"/> Detective Trial #2	
	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried
Saturday 4/11/26	<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
Sunday 4/12/26	<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: \$28 per Regular Class, \$50 per Detective Class

Make checks payable to the Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

of Regular Classes Entered _____ X \$28 = A\$ _____ A+B=Total Due

of Detective Classes Entered _____ X \$50 = B\$ _____ \$ _____

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

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 Classes are open to dogs who have not completed any title for that particular element, who have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and whose handlers are neither Scent Work judges, nor have ever worked as professional detection dog handler. • Novice B Classes are open to all dogs. • Higher classes are only open to dogs who have achieved a title for the previous element level. • To be eligible for High in Trial a dog must be entered in all the elements.

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

SIGN HERE: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency: Name: _____

Phone #: _____