

Premium List
**The K-9 Obedience Training Club of
Essex County NJ Inc**



Accepting entries for All American dogs registered with the AKC Canine Partners Program

Saturday, November 15, 2025 – 2 **concurrent** Rally Trials

Trial 1 - #2025120907 & Trial 2 - #2025120908

All regular rally classes

Entries are limited to 8 hours of judging for each judge

Sunday, November 16, 2025 Obedience Trial #2025120909

Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B, UDX

Beginner Novice A & B, Preferred Novice, Preferred Open, Preferred Utility,

Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, Versatility, PUDX

Entries are limited to 8 hours of judging for each judge

Top Dog Training Facility

24 Bartley Road

Flanders, NJ 07836

(Indoors – Air conditioned/Heated)

Entries open at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday September 17, 2025

Entries close at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday October 29, 2025

or when entry limits are reached at the Trial Secretary's address after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules.

Trial hours 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Judging begins at 8:30 A.M.

**The K-9 Obedience Training Training
Club of Essex County NJ Inc**

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Veterinarian On Call

Animerge

21 Route 206N, Raritan, NJ 908-707-9077 animergevets.com

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Judges and Assignments

Kenneth Kincaid (91228), Orlando FL 32824

Saturday: Rally Trial 1: All Rally Classes

Sunday: Novice A & B, Preferred Novice, Open A & B, Preferred Open, Graduate Novice, Versatility

Kim Alexander-Thomson (100416), Snyder, NY 14226

Saturday: Rally Trial 2: All Rally Classes

Barbara Doering (32285) Hatboro, PA 19040

Sunday: Beginner Novice A & B, Utility A & B, Preferred Utility, Graduate Open



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC) CERTIFICATION

Permission has been granted by the AKC for the holding of these events under AKC Rules and Regulations. *Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary*

Entry fees:

\$35 for the first entry of each dog
\$32 for each additional entry of the same dog in the same trial.
Fees include all AKC event service and recording fees.

Jump Height is required for all classes with jumps.

Classes with jumps will run in **ascending jump height order**, beginning with the lowest jump in all trials. Exceptions to jump height running order may be made for handlers with multiple entries.

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to have the dog at ringside when its class is called.

Bitches in season are not permitted to compete in obedience trials. The club will refund entry fees for bitches in season that are unable to compete for that reason. Refund requests must be accompanied by a dated, signed letter on official business letterhead from veterinarian stating the reason the dog cannot compete.

Transfers: A transfer request from one obedience or rally class to another will be accepted prior to and after the trial closing date. Such requests should be sent through regular mail or email, or presented to the trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the trial, and should include the following information: Owner's name, dog's registered name, dog's registration number, jump height (if any), class moving from, class moving to.

Transfers made after the closing date will be judged at the end of each class. The Trial Secretary must be notified no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the first class in the trial.

No food or beverages available on site. Many fast food restaurants are available nearby.

Parking: All vehicles must be parked nose-in — not parallel with edges of parking area.

There will be no indoor crating for exhibitors in the Top Dog building. Indoor exhibitor crating will be available in the Top Dog Day Care. **Tarps/sheets/towels must be placed under all crates, no exceptions.**

The Top Dog building has mirrors that will NOT be covered.

Reminder to all competitors — read your final judging schedule for updated COVID rules. We will be following the latest information and will continue to adapt our policies as needed to stay in compliance.

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL OR HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS.

Ribbon Prizes

First Place	Blue Rosette
Second Place	Red Rosette
Third Place	Yellow Rosette
Fourth Place	White Rosette
Qualifying Score	Dark Green Ribbon
Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes	Blue and Gold Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in Open B and Utility Combined	Blue and Green Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in Preferred Classes	Blue and Gold Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in Preferred Open and Utility Combined	Blue and Green Rosette
Highest Combined Score Advanced B and Excellent B Classes	Blue and Green Rosette
Highest Triple Q Score Adv B, Exc B, Master Classes	Blue and Red Rosette

Special Title Prizes

A special title rosette will be awarded to those dogs earning a first OTCH or RACH. The K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ Inc. offers a medallion to any dog earning an obedience or rally title at this trial.

Special Rally Prizes (Each Trial)

Highest Combined Score Advanced B & Excellent B Classes	\$50 Cash
Highest Triple Q Score Adv B, Exc B, Master Classes	\$50 Cash

Special Obedience Prizes

Special prizes will be awarded to the highest score from the regular obedience classes unless otherwise specified.

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes	\$50 Cash
Highest Scoring Dog in Open B and Utility Combined	\$50 Cash
Highest Scoring Dog in Preferred Classes	\$50 Cash
Highest Scoring Dog in Preferred Open B and Utility Combined	\$50 cash

K-9 Obedience Training Club Challenge Trophy for the Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes donated by K-9 OTC Club Members in honor of Life Member and Benefactor Michael Marchese. For permanent possession must be won three times by the same owner but not necessarily the same dog. The Challenge Trophy will remain in the possession of K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ until it is won outright.

K-9 Obedience Training Club Challenge Trophy for the Highest Scoring Dog in Open "B" and Utility Combined donated by Dr. & Mrs. Keith L. Samson. For permanent possession this Challenge Trophy must be won three times by the same owner but not necessarily the same dog. The Challenge Trophy will remain in the possession of K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, N.J. until it is won outright.

Directions to the trial site

Top Dog Training Facility
24 Bartley Road
Flanders, NJ 07836

From Rt 80 East or West (exit 27A) to Rt. 206 South:

Go 4 miles, turn right onto Bartley Rd, just before the railroad overpass. Go about a mile to Top Dog on the right.

From Rt 287 (exit 22B) to Rt 206 North:

Take 206 through the town of Chester and cross the intersection of 206 and 24 / 513. Stay on 206 to the second traffic light and make a left onto Bartley-Chester Rd. Cross over the railroad tracks. Turn right and then make an immediate left to Top Dog.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please double check their pet policies before booking.

Extended Stay America Mt. Olive Budd Lake (\$25 a night pet fee)

71 International Dr. S, Budd Lake, NJ 07828, 973-347-5522
www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/nj/mt-olive/budd-lake

Holiday Inn Budd Lake (\$75 per night; no limit on # of dogs)

1000 International Drive, Budd Lake, NJ 07828, 973-448-1100
www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/budd-lake/ewrbl/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-HI-USA-EWRBL

Econo Lodge (\$15 fee per dog/per night; 2 dogs max)

448 Route 206 South, Newton, NJ 07860, 973-383-3922
www.choicehotels.com/new-jersey/newton/econo-lodge-hotels/nj163?source=gyxt

Since many hotel policies on dogs being allowed in the rooms change, please check at time of booking for any policy changes. Please have your canine companions on their best behavior so these hotels will welcome our business again. We recommend dogs be crated in your room, and, as always, please pick up after your dogs.

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.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 for first entry for each dog; \$32.00 per additional entry same dog same trial. **EACH RALLY TRIAL IS A SEPARATE TRIAL with separate entry fees.**

OPENING DATE for entries is Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

CLOSING DATE is midnight Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at the trial secretary's office or when limits have been reached. A WAITLIST will be established to fill openings created by entries that are withdrawn prior to the closing date.

MAIL ALL ENTRIES with fees to Joni Primas, 72 Burnett Ter, West Orange, NJ 07052

MAKE CHECKS & MONEY ORDERS payable to K-9 OTC. US funds only please. Trial secretary assumes no responsibility for cash sent through the mail. Post-dated checks do not constitute a valid entry fee.

RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. A \$30.00 collection fee will be added to the amount of each returned check. ENTRIES NOT ON OFFICIAL AKC ENTRY FORMS and copies of AKC entry forms without the agreement and rules are NOT ACCEPTABLE. UNSIGNED ENTRIES will not be processed.

ENTRY FEES will not be refunded if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by the action of the trial committee. If, because of riots, civil disturbance, or other acts beyond the control of the management, it is impossible to open or to complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS such as, but not limited to, snowstorms, hurricanes, lightning, or extreme heat must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators. The well-being of dogs, exhibitors, and spectators is of paramount importance and in the event it is necessary to stop or cancel the trial before completion, no refund of entry fees will be made.

To find out about any AKC event cancellations, call the AKC Event Cancellation hotline — 877-252-3229.

JUMP HEIGHTS, where required, must be listed in accordance with AKC rules. AS SPECIFIED IN CHAPTER 12, SECTION 4 of the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows, information contained on the entry form is required to be published in the show catalog. This information is also subject to publication in other media.

DOGS MAY ARRIVE at any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging will be excused. ALL DOGS PRESENT must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged.

NO FLEXI-LEADS are allowed on show grounds.



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All Breed Obedience Trial
Top Dog Training Facility
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I have enclosed \$ _____ for my total entry fees _____ UDX Entry

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Breed ⁴	Variety ¹	Sex
Obedience Class ^{2,3}	Jump Height	Additional Obedience Class ^{2,3}
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Name of Junior Handler (If Any)		Junior Handler Number
Full Name of Dog		

☐ AKC® No. ⁴ Enter number here	☐ Foreign Reg No.	Place of Birth (Enter Country below) Do not print the country in catalog	Date of Birth
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
Actual Owner(s) (Please Print)			
Owner's Address			
City	State/Prov	Zip/Postal Code	Country (if not USA)
Telephone #		Are you a new exhibitor? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Email Address (An acknowledgement or receipt of entry may be sent to this email address)			
Name of Agent/Handler at the Show (If any)			

INSTRUCTIONS

- (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e, A or B division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
- Dogs listed in the **AKC Canine PartnersSM Program** may be eligible to enter all-breed AKC Obedience 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. Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: 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 above. 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 for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). **I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.**

Signature of owner or his agent
duly authorized to make this entry:

Telephone	Email
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