ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2026, at 12:00 AM CST at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2026, at 5:00 PM CST 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.

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PREMIUM LIST

AKC Scent Work Trials

AKC DPCA 2026 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SCENT WORK TRIALS

Doberman Pinscher Club of America

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Event # 2026075910, 2026075911

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

Stormont Vail Events Center

One Expocentre Drive, Topeka, KS

Indoors & Outdoors

Trials are open to Doberman Pinschers Only

Trials run concurrently

TRIAL HOURS:

Wednesday - 7:30 am to 6:00 pm

Unlimited Entries: Novice – Master

Detective: Maximum 15 Runs

The times for level briefing(s) / walk through(s) will be determined once all entries have been received and the Trial(s) have closed.

JUDGES:

Joanne Soyke, Rock Island, IL

Chris Eblen, Des Moines, IA

Melanie Herbst, Chicago, IL

Susan Mikel, Barwick, IA

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 & BOARD OF THE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA

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EVENT COMMITTEE

Janet Nyce Stavrides, Fallon Houser, Sue Dehner, Sharon Sikorksi, Judi Furlong, Drew Styring, Abby Lang, Jan Stephenson, Chris Dale, Andrea Draper and Sue Dehner

Club site – https://www.dpca.org/
Please check the web sites for trial information and updates

PHOTOGRAPHER

EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN

Burlingame Road Animal Hospital 3715 SW Burlingame Road Topeka, KS.66609 785-267-1012 Manager, Stephine Hours- Mon- Fri 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM Sat- 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM .	**Emergency Animal Clinic of Topeka** 5501 SW 29th St, Suite 3 Topeka, KS 66614 785-272-2926 Mon- Fri 5:30 PM – Midnight Saturday - Noon – Midnight Sunday – 8:00 AM - Midnight

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/Ambulance/Police
911

JUDGE

Joanne Soyke #102477……. Rock Island, IL

Chris Eblen #103194……... Des Moines, IA

Melanie Herbst #102384 ……Chicago, IL

Susan Mikel #108041……... Barwick, IA

CLASSES OFFERED

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Trial 1

Class	Judge
Container Novice	Melanie Herbst
Container Advanced	Melanie Herbst
Container Excellent	Melanie Herbst
Container Master	Melanie Herbst
Interior Novice	Susan Mikel
Interior Advanced	Susan Mikel
Interior Excellent	Susan Mikel
Interior Master	Susan Mikel
Exterior Novice	Chris Eblen
Exterior Advanced	Chris Eblen
Exterior Excellent	Chris Eblen
Exterior Master	Chris Eblen
Buried Novice	Joanne Soyke
Buried Advanced	Joanne Soyke
Buried Excellent	Joanne Soyke
Buried Master	Joanne Soyke
Detective	Joanne Soyke

Trial 2

Class	Judge
Container Novice	Joanne Soyke
Container Advanced	Joanne Soyke
Container Excellent	Joanne Soyke
Container Master	Joanne Soyke
Interior Novice	Chris Eblen
Interior Advanced	Chris Eblen
Interior Excellent	Chris Eblen
Interior Master	Chris Eblen
Exterior Novice	Susan Mikel
Exterior Advanced	Susan Mikel
Exterior Excellent	Susan Mikel
Exterior Master	Susan Mikel
Buried Novice	Melanie Herbst
Buried Advanced	Melanie Herbst
Buried Excellent	Melanie Herbst
Buried Master	Melanie Herbst
Detective	Melanie Herbst

Judging assignments may be adjusted to allow for load balancing and efficiency after the close of entries. Please see final confirmation for final assignments.

ENTRY FEES PER DAY

All Detective Entries..... $50.00
The first regular class entry of each dog in each trial $35.00
Each additional class entry of each dog $25.00
(each entry fees includes a $4.50 AKC recording fee)

https://www.dogshow.com
(There is a handling fee per entry for entering online.)
OR
Mail entry forms and fees to:
Paige Graumann, Trial Secretary
14240 SW 48th St
Yukon, OK 73099

Make checks payable to Doberman Pinscher Club of America or DPCA

E-mail confirmations will be sent to those listing a **PRINTED** e-mail address on the entry form. If you need a paper confirmation and would like to know the status of your entry prior to the issuance of the judging schedule upon closing, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard along with your entry.

All entries, requests for move-up, etc. are promptly responded to. If you do not receive a response within 48 hours, please email Paige. (weekends excepted).

Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address **(max 10 entries per envelope).** No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted that specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. **No entries will be accepted by phone, fax or email.**

Payment must accompany entry. No hand deliveries will be accepted in the first twenty-four hours following the opening date and time. Inquiries may be directed to Paige Graumann at paigegraumann@gmail.com.

Agreement on back of form MUST be signed. Photo-copies must be legible with original signature. Max 10 entries (dogs) per envelope (includes Express-mail-entries). **NO emailed forms, fax or telephone entries accepted.**

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 $30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check**. Be sure to include correct fees. Overpayments less than $10 will not be refunded.

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all Doberman Pinschers 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. Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) must be spayed or neutered to compete. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Females in season may not participate, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

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

TRANSFERS (MOVE UPS)

A move-up transfer may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the entry has been made. A move-down transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher level class for which the dog is not eligible. A lateral transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in Novice A and the dog is not eligible.

Transfers (including transfers between an "A" and "B" class at the same level) must be made in writing and must be received by the Trial Secretary in accordance with the applicable AKC Regulations. For transfers made prior to September 28, 2026, emails will be accepted as long as the email includes the dog's call name and AKC registration number, owner's name, original class entered, and new class requested. For transfers made at or on the days of the shows, the request must be made on AKC approved forms which are available online at the AKC's website, http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/Scent_Work_Transfer_Form.pdf, as well as from the Trial Secretary.

BIS REFUND INFORMATION

Any exhibitor with a bitch entered, which is in season on the trial date, will be refunded the entry fee, less $10.00 per run, upon written certification from a veterinarian. Notification with documentation from veterinarian must be in the hands of the Trial Secretary no later than 30 minutes before the start time on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

SEARCH AREA, STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class. Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces. Trial will take place rain or shine. Search area sizes will be as stated in the AKC regulations for all elements and levels. Depending on the search, there may be steps required to access the search area or possibly within the search area itself.

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include warm-up and waiting areas.

The **Handler's Briefing** may 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 is 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.

A **warm-up** area will be available consisting of ONE marked container of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blanks containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior to their run, or for recovery after the run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog. Please be considerate of others using the area.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

A preliminary confirmation will be sent once your entry is received. A final confirmation with trial details will be sent out about 5 days before the trial.

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 Doberman Pinscher Club of America 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 Doberman Pinscher Club of America 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 Doberman Pinscher Club of America or any official thereof.

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.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge (tags ok). Dogs are permitted to have 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.

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. Details about flow and run order progression will be covered in the briefing.

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

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN, LOCATION, AND CRATING

Check-in, briefing, start times and a detailed map will be provided in your final confirmation along with run orders. At check-in, you will receive your armband number. Your final confirmation will include specifics on where to find the trial secretary table and search locations for the day of the trial.

Crating will be available. Exact location will be provided in the final confirmation. All crates must be on a waterproof barrier. Please bring with you as there will be none available from the club.

The Ringside by Dogshow.com App will be utilized during the trial for purposes of run order and to keep everyone informed. If you are not familiar with this app, there will be a tutorial coming later.

RIBBONS AND AWARDS

Offered for Each Trial

- Rosettes ribbons will be awarded to the first through fourth place dog in each class.
- Qualifying flat ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score
- Qualifying rosettes will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score in the Detective Class
- High in Trial Rosette in each of Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master
- New Title Rosettes will be given to dogs earning a new title.
- New Detective Title Rosette will be awarded for a new title.
- High In Trial- 9" diameter Doberman Silhouetts for Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master

All ribbons and awards must be claimed by the end of the Trial; none will be mailed.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Trial Site/Host Hotel – Hotel Topeka at City Center
1717 SW Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, KS 66612

Please see the DPCA National Show Premium for specifics on motel and RV reservations.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

Directions to Show Site:

Directly behind the hotel in the Stormont Vail Events Center

PARKING

NOTICE to EXHIBITORS: Parking is available at the Events Center and Hotel.

AKC SCENT WORK ENTRY FORM

Doberman Pinscher Club of America
Stormont Vail Events Center
Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Open 7/15/26, Close 09/9/26
Doberman Pinschers ONLY

	Detective	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried
Wed 9/30/26 Trial 1	☐ Detective	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master
Wed 9/30/26 Trial 2	☐ Detective	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master

Entry fees: $50 for each Detective entry, $35 for the first regular class per trial per dog, $25 for each additional regular class per trial per dog

Make checks payable to Doberman Pinscher Club of America or DPCA
Mail to: Paige Graumann, 14240 SW 48th St, Yukon, OK 73099

AKC Registered Name			Registration Number ☐ AKC/PAL/ILP/CP ☐ 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! ***

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

Entering Novice A or B: The Novice A class is for beginners. The Novice B class is open to all dogs. Advanced classes are for dogs who have earned a title in that element. The exhibitor is responsible for entering the dog in the correct class(es). Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of qualifying scores. Exhibitors may handle only 1 dog in an element in each trial (unless Handler Discrimination is being offered).

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

SIGN HERE X:_____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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