
ENTRY METHOD: UNLIMITED BRITTANY ONLY

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Tuesday September 1, 2026, 8:00am EST at the Trial Secretary's address. No online/emailed entries will be accepted. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON Wednesday November 11, 2026, 8:00pm EST 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.

PREMIUM LIST



American Brittany Club

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

Container and Buried: Novice and Advanced Levels ONLY
TRIALS WILL RUN CONCURRENTLY

November 18, 2026 - Event # 2026027638

November 18, 2026 - Event # 2026027639

KAY RODGERS PARK

4400 Midland Blvd, Fort Smith, AR 72904

ENTRY LIMITS

200 runs or 6 hours of judging time per trial (Whichever is met first)

To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours:

Wednesday 7:30am – end of trial

Check-in from 7:30 – start of each class

Handler's Briefing at 8:00am – first dog to follow

Judges:

Erica Wells #102498

Monroe, WA

CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.



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KENNEL CLUB**

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EVENT COMMITTEE

Hanna Brewer (Chair), Jacob Brewer, Erin Sneed, Jaclyn Callaghan, Nickie Redick, and other club members of the ABC present at the event.

JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Erica Wells #102498 Monroe, WA	Novice & Advanced Container Novice & Advanced Buried
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VETERINARIAN ON SITE/EMERGENCY

Dr. Barbara Pepin PO BOX 612 Booneville, AR 72927 502-548-4482	Fort Smith Animal Emergency Clinic 4301 Regions Park Drive Fort Smith, AR 72916 479-649-3100
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ft. Smith Fire/Ambulance/Police – CALL **911**

CLASSES OFFERED & JUDGING TIMES

WEDNESDAY TRIAL 1 & 2
Erica Wells
Novice Container
Advanced Container
Novice Buried
Advanced Buried
There will be no move-ups between Trial 1 and Trial 2.

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all BRITTANY'S SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration or Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP).

Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Bitches in season are not eligible to compete. See below for more information about bitches in season refund policy.

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. 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.

Effective January 1, 2013: All dogs entered in American Brittany Club sponsored events must have a DNA profile on record with the AKC. The AKC DNA number must be included on all entry forms. Dogs whelped prior to January 1, 2011 may provide American Field DNA profile. Entrants into the American Brittany Club National Specialty Show, with the exception of dogs registered with an ILP/PAL number, and dogs under the age of 2 years at the start of the event, must provide a DNA number. DNA kits may be ordered from AKC. If the DNA number is unknown at the time of entry, please email the trial secretary BEFORE CLOSING with the number to add to entry form.

"TRY IT" RUNS

At the conclusion of the Independent Specialty Show & Scent Work Trial on Wednesday November 18th, the members of the scent work event committee will offer a try it event. Dogs and handlers can come at their leisure to work on the beginnings of a small container search. Basic details of AKC scent work will be discussed. All levels welcome. A sign-up sheet will be available and announced at a later time. Handlers may bring as many dogs to "try it" as they would like for a contribution of \$15 per dog. Funds generated from this event will help support future scent work trials at the ABC National Specialty. Bitches in season (wearing britches) may participate in the "try it" ONLY and will run at the end.

ENTRY FEES

Each entry*.....\$25

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.

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Karen Vanderburgh
3941 Maider Rd
Clay, NY 13041

Please make checks payable to **American Brittany Club**

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 Karen Vanderburgh at 315-382-3519 or Klvander45@gmail.com. If you do not receive a confirmation email within a week of mailing your entry, please email the trial secretary to confirm receipt. 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 \$35.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

American Brittany Club is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **15 entries per trial** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **November 11, 2026**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after the closing on **November 11, 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.

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 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** shall be designated. One labeled 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. The trial will take place indoors in the same building as the ABC Independent Specialty Show. Indoor crating is available through the reservation of a grooming space for the specialty week. Please see the conformation premiums for information about reserved crating/grooming space. There will be a concession stand in the Expo center with limited food options and beverages available to purchase.

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 except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide.

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. This includes the cost to replace, repair, or clean up damages. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

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. A rosette will be awarded to High in Trial for both trial 1 and trial 2 for Novice A, Novice B, and Advanced levels. A customized drinkware item will be awarded to HIT for Novice A and Novice B levels and a customized bag will be awarded to Advanced HIT. The judge will also award a “Judge’s Choice” award to a team or teams they feel are deserving. The judges choice award recipient could come from any level and may be awarded for sportsmanship, teamwork, skill, or other qualities deemed deserving by the judge.

HIGH IN TRIAL

Only teams who participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered (Container and Buried) and qualify in each are eligible to win **High in Trial**. One High in Trial winner is chosen per difficulty level. There will be a separate High in Trial for Novice A and Novice B. 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.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading them here:
<http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

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 American 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 American 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 American 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.

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 eligible for a refund (minus AKC fees) with a veterinary note. 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.

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.

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.

ANYONE IN VIOLATION of a restriction pursuant to AKC rules or policies, or the law can be asked to leave the grounds. If the person fails to leave, the local authorities will be contacted. In addition, if the club believes laws, restrictions, or conditions of release are being violated by an individual's attendance or participation in AKC events, the local authorities will be contacted immediately as they have the authority of enforcement.

RINGSIDE

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. Reasonable accommodations will be made for dogs and handlers entered in the ABC Independent Specialty show. If there is a ring conflict, the scent work trial will wait.

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.

RUN ORDER: Run order by classes will be posted at check in. Please notify stewards if you have a conflict. There may be changes in the run order to accommodate handlers showing in the Independent Specialty. The club will make every effort to make sure each dog entered in the scent work trial is able to complete their runs.

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

HOTEL & RV/CAMPING INFORMATION

Room Blocks are often reserved under the American Brittany Club as well as camping available at Kay Rogers Park. Please see the American Brittany Club National Specialty Show premium for more information about lodging accommodations.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

From the North: I-540W/US-71S via EXIT 7 toward Van Buren/Fort Smith (0.9 mi) Merge onto US-64W/US-71 BR S via EXIT 2A toward Van Buren (2.0 mi) Turn slight LEFT onto Broadway St/US-64/US-71 BR. Continue to follow US-64/US-71 BR. (2.3 mi) 4400 Midland Blvd. Enter at second gate of the fairgrounds.

From the East: I-40W via the ramp on the LEFT toward Fort Smith. Merge onto I-540 W/ US-71S via EXIT 7 toward Van Buren/Fort Smith (0.9 mi) Merge onto US-64 W/US-71 BR S via EXIT 2A toward Van Buren (2.0 mi) Turn Slight LEFT onto Broadway St/US-64/US-71 BR. Continue to follow US-64/US71BR (2.3 mi) 4400 Midland Blvd. Enter at second gate of the fairground

AKC Official Entry Form



Mail to: Karen Vanderburgh
3941 Maider Rd
Clay, NY 13041

	Container	Buried
Wednesday Trial 1	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced
Wednesday Trial 2	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced

Entry fees: \$25 per class
Make checks payable to American Brittany Club
of classes entered: _____ x (\$25) = \$_____ (total due)

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number	
		☐ AKC/PAL	
Call Name	Date of birth	Sex	
Breed BRITTANY	DNA # *if unavailable at time of entry, please provide by 11/11/26		
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!

****If DNA # is unknown at time of entry, it must be provided to the secretary before closing: Nov 11, 2026

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. 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

Please check box for each class desired to enter. Dogs may be in Novice "A" OR Novice "B" – not both. **Handlers may not handle more than one (1) dog in each class. Multiple dogs for the same owner may be entered in the same class only if they are run by different handlers.**

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

SIGN HERE

X: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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