



SCENT WORK TRIAL - SUNDAY, 8 MARCH 2026

- Trial Manager:** Julie Cutts (0438 931 712)
- Judges:** Marion Leaver (ACT) Master Interior
Rhonda Daley (ACT) Advanced Vehicles
- Dogs ACT Rep:** Mr Andrew de Plater
- Check-in:** **7.30am – 7.45 am – late check in will not be accepted!**
Pls don't arrive before 7.15 am to allow time for set up without interruption
- Briefing:** **7.50 am**
- Judging:** **8.00 am**
- Venue:** **ENTRY - Gate 9, Old Wells Station Rd (Caravan and Camping entrance)** – to minimise line of sight issues during set-up. Turn left when you see caravans parked in front of you and follow the road around to the Dogs ACT car park – about 400m
Dogs ACT, EPIC, cnr Federal Hwy and Stirling Ave, Mitchell
- Parking:** park behind the Dogs ACT offices – leave marked areas for officials

Running Order

- Dogs ACT Regulation Part 20 provides that *“A contracted Scent Work Judge may compete in Scent Work competition at the same trial for which they are contracted providing they are not competing in the class/s they have been contracted to judge.”*
 - We want to be able to optimise the trial searches so that they can also compete.
- The trial will be operating with minimal stewards so please be ready when your number is called.

NOTE:

For those competing in both Classes, we have tried to ensure that you will not have clashes in cataloguing between your searches. If that happens, we will fit you in.

If you finish your search in one Class or have to wait for your turn, please check the status of the other Class to see if you are due to run your search there.

Presentations

Paper qualification cards will be provided before leaving the search area. You are free to leave via Gate 9 when you have finished your search. E-qualification cards will be sent out via Show Manager after the trial.

Sashes will be provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and titles – available at the next trial or by arrangement. Results will be posted on Canberra Canine Nosework.

Catering

Bring your own. You cannot visit the service station/McDonalds during the trial due to line of sight issues.

Managing your dog

- Dogs and handlers must stay in the designated car park area unless preparing to search, searching or returning from their search to avoid contaminating search areas, interrupting a search underway, or from viewing a search area. Dogs should either be in the car or a crate near the car when not being toileted or getting ready for a search.
- Dogs must be on lead at all times during the trial. There are no off-lead exercise areas – including across the road between Dogs ACT and the open air market structure – even if you have finished your searches!
- Clean up after your dog.
- Please respect other handlers and their dogs as they move around the venue and keep a reasonable distance between you. If your dog is reactive, please think about selecting a spot further away from the main parking area while avoiding any potential line of sight issues.
- The handler is responsible for having their dog ready when it is due to search.

Additional Handler Information

- Catalogue numbers were emailed to you via Show Manager. Please print out and bring with you.
- Please notify the Trial Manager of any errors in your catalogue entry. This information has been derived from Show Manager and will be used to finalise any qualification cards.
- Do NOT bring target odour to the trial. Anyone found in possession of target odour at the trial will be disqualified.
- No scent work training on the grounds during the trial.
- Handlers should not visit the trial location prior to the trial date.
- Spectators will NOT be permitted.
- Bitches in oestrus may NOT be trialed. Vetting arrangements will be provided as required.
- **ACT Government COVID rules to apply. Please do not attend if you feel unwell.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A huge shout out and thanks to our judges and officials for contributing to the success of this trial. Your willingness to volunteer is very much appreciated!!!