

**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED. LIMITED TO 8 HOURS JUDGING PER DAY, ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON January 21, 2026 @9 am PST, for Dalmatians only,** at the Trial Secretary's address or emailed to [spottedratpack@gmail.com](mailto:spottedratpack@gmail.com) but not before January 21, 2026 at 9 am PST. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed. These trials are open to all breed and canine partner registered dogs. **Dalmatian only entries accepted until February 17 @ 5pm PST, after which ALL other entries will be taken** in order received. Any other entries received before this date will be returned. **ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 5 pm PDT** 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.

Entry fees may be paid electronically on the DCA site but not before January 21 @9 am PST. A \$1 nonrefundable convenience fee will apply to each entry. To make your payment for emailed entries, go to <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product/scent-work-trial-entry-payment/> Completed entry form and fees **MUST** be received for the entries to be valid.

## Premium List



(Incorporated Member Club of the American Kennel Club)



### Marriott Meadowview Resort

1901 Meadowview Pkwy  
Kingsport, TN 37660

#### AKC ALL-BREED SCENT WORK TRIALS

Entry Limits: 8 hours of judging per judge per day

These trials are open to all breed and canine partner registered dogs.

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To be held Outdoors/Indoors.

**Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master and Detective Classes offered**

**Detective class limited to 8**

**May 5, 2026 - Trial 1 #2026188909 May 5, 2026-Trial 2 #2026188910**

**May 6, 2026 - Trial 1 #2026188911 Trial 2 May 6, 2026-Trial 2 #2026188912**

Trial hours: 7 am to 5 pm, Tuesday & Wednesday

Check in via Agility Gate, 1<sup>st</sup> dog 8AM



#### TRIAL SECRETARY

Laurie Isaacson

P.O. Box 20670 Castro Valley, CA 94546

408-210-8821

[spottedratpack@gmail.com](mailto:spottedratpack@gmail.com)



#### CERTIFICATION

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for holding of these events under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

**DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

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Vickie Mooney.....Treasurer  
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Charles Garvin, MD

**DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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**Performance Coordinator**.....Mary-Lynn Jensen, PhD

**Event Chair**

Cassandra Armstrong  
100 Old Hickory Ct, Longwood, FL 32750  
[cassarmstrong@aol.com](mailto:cassarmstrong@aol.com)  
407-920-6923

**Judges**

Nina Brown #110510.....Harmony, NC  
Carol Chase #103395..... Sparks, NV  
Ashley Cooper\* #108157.....Lewisburg, TN  
Connie Kniseley #108749.....Roanoke, VA  
Kim Williams #102718.....Clemmons, NC

\*= Provisional

**Scent Work Event Committee**

Cassandra Armstrong - Chair, Jeana Winterbottom, Nicole Curran, Kim McDonald, Barbara Garceau  
(observer), Laurie Isaacson (observer)

**Official Show Photographer**

**Phyllis Ensley Photography**  
1235 Lower Burris Rd, Canton, GA 30114 (770) 345-9738 [info@petactionshots.com](mailto:info@petactionshots.com)

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW**

**Marriott Meadowview Resort**

1901 Meadowview Pkwy, Kingsport, TN 37660 423-578-6600  
Please use GPS Directions

**SHOW VETERINARIAN OPTIONS**

Indian Ridge Animal Hospital  
 1100 Indian Trail Drive, Suite # 4659, Kingsport TN 37660  
 Phone: 423-378-4753 / Mon & Fri 7:30am-9pm; Tues – Thur 7:30am-6PM; Sat 7:30am-8pm; Closed Sun

Colonial Heights Animal Hospital  
 209 Colonial Heights Rd, Kingsport, TN 37663  
 Phone: 423/239-5116 / Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 7:30am-6:00pm; Wed 7:30am-4pm; Sat 8am-12pm; Closed Sun

Airport Pet Emergency Clinic  
 2436 TN 75, Blountville TN 37617  
 Phone: 423-279-0574 / 5:30pm-8:00am Monday-Friday; 24 Hrs Saturday & Sunday

**EMERGENCY SERVICES - USE 911 FOR ALL**

In case of Emergency Call 911  
 Holston Valley Medical Center  
 130 W Ravine Rd, Kingsport, TN 37660 - 423-224-4000

**JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS**

Nina Brown	Carol Chase	Ashley Cooper	Connie Kniseley	Kim Williams
<b>Tuesday, May 5, 2026</b>				
<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Novice Buried                      Advanced Interior                      Excellent Interior</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Interior                      Master Interior</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Detective                      Excellent Container</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Advanced Container                      Master Container</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Novice Interior                      Novice Container                      Advanced Container</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Exterior                      Advanced Exterior                      Advanced Buried</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Novice Exterior                      Advanced Exterior                      Excellent Exterior</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Buried                      Master Buried</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Advanced Buried                      Excellent Buried</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Container                      Advanced Interior                      Master Exterior</p>
<b>Wednesday, May 6, 2026</b>				
<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Novice Exterior                      Advanced Exterior                      Excellent Exterior</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Buried                      Master Buried</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Advanced Buried                      Excellent Buried</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Container                      Advanced Interior                      Master Exterior</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Novice Interior                      Novice Container                      Advanced Container</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Exterior                      Advanced Exterior                      Advanced Buried</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Novice Buried                      Advanced Interior                      Excellent Interior</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Novice Interior                      Master Interior</p>	<p><b>Trial 1 –</b>                      Detective                      Excellent Container</p> <p><b>Trial 2 –</b>                      Advanced Container                      Master Container</p>



Your dog  
Your poop

BE A RESPONSIBLE dog owner and exhibitor.  
 Pick up after your dog on the grounds.

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**ENTRY FEES**

ALL ENTRY FEES INCLUDE A \$4.50 EVENT SERVICE FEE

Novice & Advanced - \$29. Per class

Excellent & Master - \$33. Per class

Detective-\$50. Per class

Hand delivered to Trial Secretary will be accepted.

**MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS** payable to **DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC (DCA)**

Foreign exhibitors must make fees payable in U.S. funds.

*Checks will not be deposited until after April 1, 2026.*

**By mail, send to Laurie Isaacson**

**P.O. Box 20670 Castro Valley, CA 94546**

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<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product/scent-work-trial-entry-payment/>

**Completed entry form and fees MUST be received for the entries to be valid.**

Entry forms may be emailed to [spottedratpack@gmail.com](mailto:spottedratpack@gmail.com) but not before January 21, 2026 @ 9 am PST

No entries will be accepted by phone or fax. Express mail delivery methods must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary’s address. Inquires may be directed to the Trial Secretary. 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.

**CLASSES OFFERED BY TRIAL**

Tuesday May 5, 2026		Wednesday May 6, 2026	
Trial 1 - 2026188909	Trial 2 - 2026188910	Trial 1 – 2026188911	Trial 2 - 2026188912
<b>Novice A &amp; B</b> Container Interior Exterior Buried			
<b>Advanced</b> Container Interior Exterior Buried	<b>Advanced</b> Buried Container Exterior Interior	<b>Advanced</b> Buried Container Exterior Interior	<b>Advanced</b> Buried Container Exterior Interior
<b>Excellent</b> Container Interior Exterior Buried		<b>Excellent</b> Container Interior Exterior Buried	
	<b>Master</b> Buried Container Exterior Interior		<b>Master</b> Buried Container Exterior Interior
<b>Detective</b>		<b>Detective</b>	

### **DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER**

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months 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. Where 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.

### **STAGING AREA, HANDLER’S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION**

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s).

**The Handler’s briefing may be done collectively or individually just prior to search.**

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.

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 blank 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. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

### **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 cement, matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

### **SEARCH AREA SIZE REQUIREMENTS IN SQ FT**

	Novice	Advanced	Excellent	Master	Detective
Container	150-400	400-600	600-800	600-800	
Exterior	200-400	400-800	N/A	N/A	
Interior	100-200	200-400	2 areas 400-800 total	3 areas 600-1000 total	
Buried	150-200	150-200	300-400	400-500	
					2000-5000 total

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We need your help to make these trials a success. If you would like to volunteer to work these trials, please contact Cassie Armstrong [cassarmstrong@aol.com](mailto:cassarmstrong@aol.com)  
Priority running will be given to those who volunteer.

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**

### **ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION**

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to visit the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments, and such visits may risk the host losing opportunity to use the location in the future.

**Possession of Odors and Training.** Chapter 5. Section 26 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. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search with handlers who have not run.

**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 Show 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.

#### **Wait List**

- The Dalmatian Club of America is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trials' closing date/time. A maximum of 25 entries will be placed on the clubs wait list for each Trial.
- All entries, including waitlisted entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to the closing date.
- Any waitlisted entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a refund of the entry fee, 7 -10 days after the trial.

#### **Withdrawn entries**

No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after the closing on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 5PM PDT.

If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry, a refund of the entry fee less a 5% processing fee will be issued for the withdrawn entry. All requests to withdraw must be received by noon **PDT, Tuesday, April 28, 2026** to be replaced with a waitlisted entry if available.

#### **Move Ups**

All pre-trial move-ups must be received by no later than **noon PDT, Tuesday, April 28, 2026**. The AKC requires move-ups to be in writing. Please send an email to [spottedratpack@gmail.com](mailto:spottedratpack@gmail.com) to request your move-up. Same day move-ups will not be allowed. Day to day move ups will be allowed provided the class is available and has not reached its limit, and the Trial Secretary receives your move-up form no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the last class of each trial.

### **RIBBONS and AWARDS/TROPHIES**

**The Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. offers the following rosettes/ribbons unless otherwise indicated.**

A rosette for first (blue), second (red), third (yellow), and fourth (white) placements in each class, new titles earned during these trials and for High in Trial. A Qualifying Score ribbon (dark green) will be awarded to all who qualify. A qualifying score is required for all ribbons/awards. “Dog” means either sex.

**The Dalmatian Club of America, Inc., unless otherwise indicated, offers the following awards/trophies to Dalmatians only.** All award/trophy sponsors will be listed in the catalog. Awards/trophies not awarded become the property of the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. Unless specified, all awards/trophies must be claimed on the day of the show. None will be mailed, except for those awards/trophies that have been specified herein. The Dalmatian Club of America may substitute an award/trophy of equal or greater value.

The following awards/trophies are offered:

- First Place - 3D Printed Wood Twig Scent Vessel
- Second Place - Acorn Scent Vessel
- Third Place - Magnetic Scent Vessel
- Fourth Place - 1.5ML Microcentrifuge Tube with Snap Cap

#### **High in Trial**

Only teams who participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered and qualify in each are eligible to win **High In Trial**. One High in Trial winner is chosen per 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. If a Dalmatian team wins High in Trial, the team will earn a Rosette and a 10” Glass Art Piece bearing the DCA Logo. Teams of other breeds winning High in Trial will earn a Rosette.

#### **High Combined Division**

There will be no high combined.

## SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD - THE TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE

If you and your dog are a multi-tasking team, set your sights on the Specialty Triathlete Challenge, a special award given to EACH Dalmatian/handler team that earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three (3) or more performance/companion venues during the National Specialty. The eligible events are Road Trial – all titling classes; Agility—all titling classes; Obedience - all titling classes; Rally - all titling classes; Barn Hunt - all titling classes; Scent Work- all titling classes; Fast CAT; and CABT. Only one score or performance in each venue will count toward this award, and the performance must be at the titling level, although the dog/handler team may already have earned the relevant title. If your dog can hock, heel, sniff, run, or jump, just pick your venues and go for the challenge!

**Triathlete Forms must be turned in before 7pm EDT on May 6. All awards must be picked up at the Performance Breakfast. NO AWARDS WILL BE MAILED.**

## SPONSOR A TROPHY

To see which special awards and classes for all events are available to sponsor and make your donation online, go to <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product-category/2026-national-specialty/specialty-trophy-sponsorship/>.

Please consider sponsoring trophies for performance events as well as conformation

**Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Road Trial - 1<sup>st</sup> Place is \$75;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place is \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place is \$45, 4<sup>th</sup> Place is \$40  
Sponsor full classes for Barn Hunt and Scent Work for \$50 each.  
Scent Work HIT Sponsorships are \$75**

Sponsorship deadline for inclusion in the catalog is March 16, 2026.

## PERFORMANCE AWARDS CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Celebrate the versatility of our beautiful athletic breed! Make your reservations to attend the Performance Continental Breakfast on Thursday May 7 at

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product/companion-performance-award-reception/>

## 2026 PERFORMANCE FUND

Without your continued generous support of the Performance Fund, it would not be financially feasible for DCA to offer Agility, Fast CAT, CABT, Tracking, Obedience, Rally, Road Trial, Scent Work, and Barn Hunt at our National. These events showcase the incredible versatility of our breed! Sponsors are acknowledged in the show catalog. For full details about the great 2026 Performance Fund merchandise, please visit:

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product-category/2026-national-specialty/2026-national-specialty-performance-fund-logo-items/> **Order deadline is March 13!**



## ACCOMMODATIONS

DCA Hotel Policy — Any exhibitor who allows his/her dogs to be loose & unattended in a room or to damage hotel property and does not immediately contact the hotel management to make proper restitution will be subject to a Show Event Committee action which could result in the loss of AKC privileges. If it is determined by the Committee hearing that rules are being neglected & destruction and/or misuse of property is taking place, the Committee has the authority to correct the problem or seek AKC suspension.

Please Note: Any hotel or motel listed in the premium list is subject to Show Event Committee Rules. We expect our exhibitors to be responsible guests. A report that an exhibitor at this show has abused hotel or motel property during the dates of our event may result in disciplinary action. Clubs reserve the right to decline future events from the offending party in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

### Host Hotel

Marriott Meadowview Resort  
1901 Meadowview Parkway,  
Kingsport, TN, 37660, (423) 578-6600  
\$145 per night +17.5% tax  
Non-refundable pet deposit fee of \$50, per guest room  
For Reservations, go online to:

[Book your group rate for Attendees - Dalmatian Club of America](#)

or call

**1 (888) 632-3697**

Tell them you are with the Dalmatian Club of America Group in May 2026. **RESERVATIONS SHOULD ONLY BE MADE THROUGH THIS LINK OR PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON AN INTERNET SEARCH FOR LEGITIMATE RESERVATIONS.**

## RV PARKING

RV Dry Camping on site for up to 50 rigs.

Potable water for tank refills will be available as well as Honey Wagon service. RV guests have access to the fitness center, showers and pool.

\$40 per night/\$45 per night for spaces with grass.

Reserve through the DCA website.

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product-category/2026-national-specialty/2026-national-specialty-rv-parking-honey-wagon/>

There are three full hook-up RV Campgrounds within 20 Minutes of the Marriott Meadowview Resort:

Rocky Top Campground & RV Park - 496 Pearl Ln, Blountville, TN 37617

Bristol / Kingsport KOA Holiday – 100 Sportsway Dr, Bristol, TN 37620

Moody Bluff Campground: Situated within Warriors' Path State Park – Hemlock Rd, Kingsport, TN

## Grooming/Crating (Saturday May 2 - Thursday, May 7)

Set-up may begin **no earlier than 4 pm EDT on Saturday, May 2, 2026.**

For those who enjoy the comfort of knowing you have the grooming space you want and need, we offer Reserved Grooming/Crating in Convention Center B. These spaces will be 10" x 10" and situated closer to the Conformation, Obedience and Rally Rings. The cost is \$50 per space for the week. Free Grooming/Crating will also be available on a first come first served basis. These will be 5' x 10' spaces and are limited to one per exhibitor.

Reservations may be made at <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product/2026-reserved-crating-space/>

The building is fully air-conditioned.

- Grooming area must be kept clean. All garbage should be placed in the proper receptacles.
- Excessive barking will not be tolerated. Crating is near the rings, and it is not fair for barking dogs to interrupt judging or disturb the dogs in the ring. We will implement a three-strike rule, and all excessively barking dogs will be asked to leave.
- Reserved space will be strictly enforced.
- Spaces will be reserved in the order the reservation is received. Make your Reservation using the Store located on

the DCA Website. Reservations will close on Saturday, April 18, at 9 pm PDT. Monies will not be refunded & reservations cannot be changed after this time. Confirmations will be published in a listing of all reservations along with a map on the website following the closing of entries. No confirmations will be mailed or emailed. A poster of reservations along with a map will also be posted at the show.

- Dogs may not be left in the grooming area overnight.
- Dogs may be left in the grooming area until the conclusion of evening scheduled events.
- Dogs may be left in the building until the conclusion of evening scheduled events.

## PARKING

Exhibitor and visitor parking is located on blacktop parking lots in front of the Marriott.

- Vehicles are limited to ONE PARKING SPACE.
- No ex-pens or crates allowed on blacktop but are allowed on grass areas.
- No cones allowed in parking areas.
- NO PARKING IN ROADWAYS or next to building.
- ONLY cars with RV Parking Permits allowed in the RV lots.
- Please respect parking marked as reserved for judges, and handicapped spaces.

### EVENT SPECIFIC NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

***The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations will govern this show, and exhibitors must make themselves familiar with the agreement of the American Kennel Club, referred to on the reverse side of the entry blanks that accompany this Show Premium List.***

- There will be indoor restrooms in buildings.
- **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.
- DCA 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 DCA 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.
- This event is open to all dogs six (6) months of age and older.
- Any of the Judges of Record for this event may be used to judge any of the classes at this event at the discretion of the Club under the rule provisions for load balancing, relief judging and splitting. Qualifying scores are assigned to the official Judge of Record for that class.
- Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on their entry forms. Illegible, incomplete or inaccurate entries will not be accepted.
- Exhibitors are responsible for being in the staging area when it is their turn to run.
- **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.
- No entering of search areas during off-trial times.
- **EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN:** Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email. **Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.**

### REFUNDS/ENTRIES

- **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 Show Event Committee.
- Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund unless replaced by a waitlisted entry.
- All entries must be accompanied by entry fees in US funds to be valid.

- A declined payment or returned check does not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$25 fee for any returned check or payment.
- Checks must be made payable to Dalmatian Club of America (DCA). There is a \$1 nonrefundable convenience charge per class entry for online payments.
- **Bitches in season** will be refunded the full entry fee less a 5% processing 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.

## CLUB RULES:

### ATTENTION ALL EVENT EXHIBITORS

- All dogs must be kept on leash except when being judged in off-leash events such as Agility, Barn Hunt, Fast CAT, CABT, Obedience, Rally, Road Trial, and/or Scent Work.
- At no time can dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to anything other than a human when outside a crate, car, or other secure enclosed confinement. Leashes cannot be left dangling or dragging. Standing or stepping on a leash is not allowed as a form of restraint (but may be used in an emergency to help secure a loose dog.) Accommodations to this rule may be made for differently abled handlers as determined by the Club.
- The grooming/crating areas will be made available to exhibitors, Saturday, May 2 **NOT BEFORE 4PM EDT.**
- No unentered dogs or puppies allowed in show areas per AKC guidelines.
- No working (practice) in rings before or after show hours. Dogs are allowed in rings only during judging hours and scheduled practice times.
- No crates at conformation ringside.
- Crates in the Obedience/Rally section of the ball room **MUST BE REMOVED BY THE END OF THOSE EVENTS ON MONDAY.**
- Crates in the Scent Work area of the facility **MUST BE REMOVED BY THE END OF THOSE EVENTS EACH DAY.**
- No washing of animal food containers in restrooms.
- Bathing of dogs limited to bathing area on the loading dock outside Convention Center B.
- **Pick up after your dogs and dispose in provided receptacles. Failure to do so may result in fines.**
- **No videotaping or photography during the events for resale is permitted without the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. approval.**
- **Please be advised:** when an exhibitor/handler brings a dog to the podium for a win/placement photo they are establishing a de facto contract with the show photographer to purchase that photo.
- **No baby strollers are allowed in the show areas or adjacent hallways during show hours.**
- **No dogs permitted in hotel bar or restaurant.**
- **Dogs must be crated when unattended in hotel guest rooms.**
- Unless otherwise specified, all trophies and awards must be claimed the day of the show. **None will be mailed.** The club reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value.
- **VACCINATIONS:** 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.
- **Waiver of Rights** Any dog found in an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way (for example, left unattended on a grooming table in a noose not attached to a safety release clip; left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way is considered mistreatment. All persons attending this show hereby waive any claim for damages against the host clubs, show superintendent, trial secretaries and Marriott in the event a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or improperly vented conditions.
- The club is not responsible for the products or actions of Vendors at this show.
- **PLEASE NOTE: It is expressly understood that exhibitors or spectators alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor or spectator whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior or whose equipment creates an impediment to the safe flow of traffic may, at the discretion of the Show Event Committee, be asked to leave the event site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made.**
- **LIABILITY. The show-giving clubs, their members, Marriott and its employees, show superintendent, trial secretaries, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children & further expect exhibitors and spectators to keep their children and dogs under strict control.**
- The hotels allowing exhibitors and their dogs to stay with them while attending these shows have been advised to report any misuse of their establishment by exhibitors entered in these shows to the 2026 Specialty Show Event Committee. Please be advised that if an exhibitor is reported and is found to be in violation of the hotel rules, such a report could result in an Event Committee Hearing.

- All AKC Rules and Regulations will be enforced by the Show Event Committee under AKC guidelines. Failure to comply with these rules and/or rules within this Premium List will result in charges being brought before the Show Event Committee. **Any event hearing, disciplinary action, rule violations, complaints, or charges will be resolved by the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. National Specialty Show Event Committee: Kris Benoit, Rosie Branaman, Mary-Lynn Jensen PhD, Toni Linstedt, & Michele Wrath (Chair).**



Your dog  
Your poop

Be A RESPONSIBLE dog owner and exhibitor.

Pick up after your dog on the grounds.

### DCA 2026 Logo Items! So Much to Choose...SO Little Time!

Bags, Polos, many styles of T-Shirts, Full Zip Hoodies, Sweater Jackets, ¼ Zip Sport Tek...so much to choose! Order your logo gear and apparel now to support the show and remind you of the good times you will have!

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product-category/2026-national-specialty/2026-national-specialty-logo-items/>

Order deadline is March 13, 2026!



Not the actual gift card baskets.  
For example only.

### Mountain Magic Gift Card Grab – Giant Gift Card Giveaway!

Our Ways & Means team is assembling themed gift card “baskets” for a fun, flexible fundraiser. Gift cards are easy to mail - you do NOT need to be present to be chosen to receive one as a Thank You gift for your donation.

Each basket will be worth at least \$300 and may include fun themes for dogs, foodies, self-care, travel lovers and more! You can even pick the theme for your donations so that if you are chosen, you get what you want!

- Donations are \$5 each or 5 for \$20
- Make your donations in the Mountain Magic Shop at <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product/giant-gift-card-basket/>

If you would like to donate a gift card (or a basket), please contact Sara Seitz at [Zoroastrian.dalmatians@gmail.com](mailto:Zoroastrian.dalmatians@gmail.com). Minimum amounts of \$50 per gift card. All basket sponsors who provide gift cards will be recognized in the show catalog.

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 HOPE to 64673 for free, 24/7 confidential services from trained crisis counselors.



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# AKC<sup>®</sup> Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC<sup>®</sup>) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.



Everything We Do,  
We Do for Dogs.

7/2025

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DCA 2026

(Subject to Change)

All Events are located at Marriott Meadowview Resort unless otherwise noted.

<p><b>THURSDAY, April 30</b> Road Trial Familiarization – 2PM Road Trial CC/CCC Judging – 4PM</p>	<p>Magna Vista Farm – Bristol, TN Magna Vista Farm – Bristol, TN</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, May 1</b> Road Trial Agility (AB) CABT (AB) Fast CAT (AB)</p>	<p>Magna Vista Farm – Bristol, TN Ron Ramsey Ag Center, Blountville, TN Kominek Farm – Limestone, TN Kominek Farm – Limestone, TN</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, May 2</b> Agility (Dalmatians Only) CABT (AB) Fast CAT (AB) Marriott Meadowview Resort Move In – 4PM Welcome “Pajama” Party (7:30PM)</p>	<p>Ron Ramsey Ag Center, Blountville, TN Kominek Farm – Limestone, TN Kominek Farm – Limestone, TN  Onsite - TBA</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY, May 3</b> Fast CAT (AB) CABT Barn Hunt  Regional Specialty – Dalmatian Club of the Piedmont James W Smith Health Clinics Conformation Handling Practice OPEN EVENING</p>	<p>Kominek Farm – Limestone, TN Kominek Farm – Limestone, TN Marriott Executive Conference Center Parking Garage Convention Center A  Holston, Wataugo, Boone Rooms Convention Center A</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, May 4</b> DCA Sweepstakes DCA Futurity Obedience Rally Junior Handler Clinic Annual Meeting (7:30PM)</p>	<p>Convention Center A Convention Center A Meadowview Ballroom Meadowview Ballroom Convention Center A Cumberland Amphitheater</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, May 5</b> DCA Class Dogs DCA Non Regular Classes Scent Work (AB)  Top Twenty Draw / Rehearsal Betty Garvin Seminar – <i>Breed Standard Through the Eyes of a Judge</i></p>	<p>Convention Center A Convention Center A A variety of rooms near to and including Meadowview Ballroom as well as lower level exterior areas  Grand Ballroom Cumberland Amphitheatre</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 6</b> DCA Bitch Classes DCA Junior Showmanship DCA 4- Under 6 Month Beginner Puppy Scent Work (AB)  Judge Education Top Twenty DCAF Decorated Dals III Silent Auction</p>	<p>Convention Center A Convention Center A Convention Center A A variety of rooms near to and including Meadowview Ballroom as well as lower level exterior areas Blue Ridge Board Room Grand Ballroom Grand Ballroom</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, May 7</b> Performance Breakfast DCA Best of Breed Awards Banquet</p>	<p>Meadowview Ballroom Convention Center A Onsite - TBA</p>



**Official Entry**

Mail Entries to Laurie Isaacson, P.O. Box 20670, Castro Valley, CA 94546 with checks payable to DCA – Dalmatian Club of America  
Entry fees may be paid electronically at

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product/scent-work-trial-entry-payment/> not before January 21, 2026 @ 9 am PST. A \$1 nonrefundable convenience fee will apply to each entry. **Completed entry form and fees MUST be received for the entries to be valid.** Entry forms may be emailed to [spottedratpack@gmail.com](mailto:spottedratpack@gmail.com) but not before January 21, 2026 @ 9 am PST

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**ENTRY FEES** All ENTRY FEES INCLUDE A \$4.50 AKC RECORDING FEE  
Novice & Advanced - \$29 per class    Excellent & Master \$33 per class  
Detective-\$50 per class

<b>#of classes</b>		X _____ =	\$ _____	<b>Total due</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 and sign the Agreement. No form will be processed without your signature or payment!**

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, [www.akc.org](http://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 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 the box for each class desired to be entered. Dogs may enter two different levels within each element, at each trial. Dogs entering the Advanced, Excellent, Master or Detective classes must have earned the required title, as stipulated in the AKC Scent Work Regulations. Dogs may enter either the Novice "A" class or the Novice "B" class - not both.

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

SIGNHEREX: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of Emergency – Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_