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**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

**Entries for Basset Hounds** will be accepted during entire entry period and given priority until closing. For all other breeds, entries will be accepted during the entry period in the order received behind all Basset Hound entries received.

**ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Thursday August 15, 2019 at 7AM Pacific Time** 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 18, 2019 at 5PM Pacific Time** 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**



**BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA**  
(American Kennel Club Member Club)



Basset Hound Club of America  
National Specialty Denver 2019

**Odor Elements (Novice A & B, Advanced and Excellent)**  
**Handler Discrimination (Novice A & B)**

**Trial #1 Tuesday October 1, 2019** Event # 2019004418

**Trial #2 Tuesday October 1, 2019** Event # 2019004419

**Trial #3 Wednesday October 2, 2019** Event # 2019004424

**Arapahoe County Fairgrounds**  
25690 E Quincy Rd., Aurora, CO 80016

**ENTRY LIMITS**

**150 Runs Per Trial**

*To be held Indoors/Outdoors*

**Trial Hours:**

Tuesday – 8:00 am to 5:00pm

Wednesday – 8:00am to 5:00pm

Check in and briefing times will be published in the judging program.  
Class levels will be run concurrently. Searches will be run consecutively



**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

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**OFFICERS OF THE BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA**

President .....Richard Nance  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President .....Gene McDonald  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....Anne Testoni  
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**EVENT COMMITTEE**

Erin Fosler, Jane Reed, Freda Burks, Susan Steinway, Christina Orlikowski, Carolee Brown  
 And members of the Basset Hound Club of America

**JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

<p><b>Ruth Ann M Stricker #102245</b>                      36677 View Ridge Dr., Elizabeth, CO 80910  <u><b>Trial #1 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Interior – All levels Offered  <u><b>Trial #2 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Containers – All levels Offered                      Handler Discrimination - Novice  <u><b>Trial #3 Wednesday Oct 2, 2019</b></u>                      Exterior – All levels Offered</p>	<p><b>Deanna Bunn #102839</b>                      1715 Lashley St., Longmont, CO 80504  <u><b>Trial #1 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Exterior – All levels Offered  <u><b>Trial #2 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Buried– All levels  <u><b>Trial #3 Wednesday Oct 2, 2019</b></u>                      Interior – All levels Offered</p>
<p><b>Sally Dunphy #103463</b>                      900 Lochview Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80524-9624  <u><b>Trial #1 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Containers – All levels offered                      Handler Discrimination - Novice  <u><b>Trial #2 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Interior – All levels Offered  <u><b>Trial #3 Wednesday Oct 2, 2019</b></u>                      Buried – All levels Offered</p>	<p><b>Roy Fair #28930</b>                      PO Box 339, Noti, OR  <u><b>Trial #1 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Buried – All levels Offered  <u><b>Trial #2 Tuesday Oct 1, 2019</b></u>                      Exterior – All levels Offered  <u><b>Trial #3 Wednesday Oct 2, 2019</b></u>                      Containers – All levels Offered                      Handler Discrimination - Novice</p>

**VETERINARIAN ON CALL**

Veterinarian On Call (not in attendance)  
 Animal Emergency & Specialty Clinic  
 17701 Cottonwood Dr., Parker, CO 80134  
 (720) 842-5050

Directions: Leave fairgrounds and go west (left) onto Quincy. Turn left onto Southbound E470 to Parker Rd exit. Go right (north) on Parker Rd .25 (1/4) mile to Cottonwood Dr. Left to clinic. Clinic on right in King Soopers Parking lot.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Fire/ Ambulance/Police  
**911**

## **CLASSES OFFERED**

Container Novice A/B	Container Advanced	Container Excellent
Interior Novice A/B	Interior Advanced	Interior Excellent
Exterior Novice A/B	Exterior Advanced	Exterior Excellent
Buried Novice A/B	Buried Advanced	Buried Excellent
Handler Discrimination Novice A/B		

### **CLASS ELIGIBILITY**

Refer to Chapter 2, Section 2. Dogs may only be entered in classes for which they are eligible. Dogs that have previously earned the same or higher level AKC Scent Work titles may enter lower level classes.

Dogs are able to enter up to two (2) difficulty levels in each element, in each trial.

### **CLASS TRANSFER / MOVE UPS**

**Pre-trial class transfers** must be received by 5:00 pm, Monday September 23, 2019. AKC requires transfer requests be in writing. You may send email with subject line "Scent Work Class Transfer" to trial secretary. You must include: Dog's registered name and AKC #, Class dog is entered in, which class the dog is to be transferred and which trials the transfer is to apply. Transfer will be acknowledged by return email.

**Trial to Trial class transfers** require a completed transfer form be turned into trial secretary within 30 minutes of the completion of the current trial for subsequent trial(s).  
Refer to Chapter 3, Section 19

### **ENTERING MORE THAN ONE DOG**

Handlers may not handle more than one dog in each class with the exception of the Handler Discrimination classes. Multiple dogs for the same owner(s) may be entered in the same class provided the dogs are run by different handlers.

## **HANDLER DISCRIMINATION DIVISON**

Handler Discrimination classes are titling classes in which the targeted scent is that of the handler themselves. Handlers are required to provide their own scented articles in a plastic bag, for the Novice class, one cotton glove or cotton sock.

## **DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER**

This trial is open to all dogs 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), 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.

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.

## ENTRY FEES

\*an entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class.  
Entry fees include a \$3.50 per run AKC recording fee.

First entry\* .....\$26  
Additional entries\* in the same trial.....\$23

**Mail entry forms and fees to:** Melody Fair  
PO Box 339  
Noti OR 97461

Please make checks payable to the **BHCA**.

Contact trial secretary for hand delivery or Express, UPS or FedEx address. Hand delivery or Express mail, UPS or FedEx entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Melody Fair at heirdog@gmail.com. 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. This fee and entry fee will need to be paid by cash or money order by 5 pm Monday September 23, 2019 before entry will be considered valid. No day of trial payment will be accepted.

**Acknowledgments:** Entries will be acknowledged after entries close, with acknowledgment and judging program to address on entry. **If you provide an e-mail address on your entry you agree that judging programs and armband numbers may be sent to you via e-mail.** Should exhibitor NOT receive an acknowledgment within a reasonable time, contact the Trial Secretary.

## WAIT LIST INFORMATION

BHCA is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **10 entries per day** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to September 18, 2019 at 5 PM. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on September 18, 2019 at 5 PM. 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.

## CHECK-IN, STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

**EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN:** At check-in you will receive your armband number. Running order will be posted. The time and location for check-in will be published in the judging program.

**Exhibitors MUST check-in for each trial in which they are entered as published in the Judging program.**

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results. Crating and warm up areas will be posted. Exhibitors may need to crate in their vehicles.

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each trial, 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's 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.

## SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

Searches may be indoors, on tiled or dirt surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, dirt, concrete, or asphalt surfaces. Outdoor areas may or may not be covered.

## ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to visit the trial location to practice 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.

**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 until the completion of the class.

**Integrity of searches.** If anyone is found to be discussing a search before classes have ended, all parties in the discussion will be penalized with a “not qualified” NQ for all classes entered that day, and will forfeit entry for subsequent days as well. For persons not entered, the Event Committee may ask those involved to leave.

**Crating space** may NOT be available in doors.

**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. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

**Photos and Videos.** Exhibitors are welcome to photograph and/or video their own dogs either by another person or using a Go-Pro camera or the like as permitted by AKC. Exhibitors are encouraged to share their own dogs searching on social media and/or website upon completion of that day’s trials. No person should post photos or video of dogs they do not own without explicit permission from that dog’s owner. Judges may photograph and/or video searches they are judging for the purpose of their own education. Judges photos and/or videos may not be displayed or used for any purpose other than their own viewing without explicit permission of BHCA and the dogs owners. Similar penalties as explained in the section “Integrity of Searches” may be imposed for violation of photo/video rules. Photographers/Videographers authorized by BHCA to document it’s Nationals events may be present at these trials. You may decline their taking video or photos of you and/or your dog.

**NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO MAY BE POSTED, DISPLAYED OR SHOWN  
UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TRIALS.**

## RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place.....	Blue
Second Place.....	Red
Third Place.....	Yellow
Fourth Place.....	White
Qualifying Score.....	Dark Green

A New Title ribbon will be awarded to any dog finishing a Scent Work title..

**HIGH IN TRIAL will not be awarded at these trials.**

**All awards must be claimed the day of the trial. None will be mailed.**

### **SPECIAL AWARD – BASSET HOUNDS ONLY**

A BHCA logo plate will be awarded to Basset Hounds earning Scent Work titles.

All exhibitors should obtain and read the most current version of Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading from AKC website.

## 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. BHCA 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. BHCA 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 BHCA 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 while on fairgrounds. Retractable leashes may not be used when on fairgrounds (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 not eligible for a refund (exception see 'Wait List'.

**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 first trial entered.

### SEARCH STAGING

**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 staging area when required.

**Exhibitors must notify staging steward of conflicts should they need to run out of order.**

"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." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

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

## DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

### Directions to Arapahoe County Fairgrounds 25690 East Quincy Ave, Aurora CO

From the North: From I70 take E470 south to the Quincy Ave Exit. Turn left and go 2 miles to the Fairgrounds entrance on your right.

From the South: From I25 or Parker Rd. take E470 northeast to Quincy Ave Exit. Turn right and go 2 miles to the Fairgrounds entrance.

From Crowne Plaza Denver Airport: (no tolls) use Go south on I225 to CO 83 Go east on E Quincy to Fairgrounds access road.

## **HOTEL AND CAMPING INFORMATION**

### **RV Parking**

#### **RV PARKING FOR BHCA NATIONALS AGILITY/SCENT WORK TRIALS**

RV parking at the Agility/Scent Work trial site (Arapahoe County Fairgrounds) is by advance reservation only. There are 24 sites. Electric hookups (50/30/20amps) ARE available but there is no water or sewer hookup. RV parking at this site is limited to the nights of September 30, October 1 and 2, 2019. No other nights are available. Please plan to arrive after Noon on September 30, 2019.

Please make reservations and payments online through the Nationals website: [www.basset-bhca.org/.....](http://www.basset-bhca.org/)

If you are unable to reserve online, please print the form and fill it out (write legibly please) and mail with payment PRIOR to September 10, 2019 to:

Norine Noonan, 1329 Tropicana Road NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

### **Nationals Host Hotel**

Crowne Plaza Denver Airport 15500 East 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver CO 80239

1-303-371-9494

For more information See Nationals link on website: [www.basset-bhca.org/](http://www.basset-bhca.org/)

## **PARKING INFORMATION**

Parking is a privilege extended by BHCA and Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. The Club reserves the right to withdraw this privilege from any person(s) who resorts to abusive language or does not abide by the rules and decisions of the Club or Fairgrounds.

All parking is at your own risk. The Club and Fairgrounds assumes no responsibility for fire, theft, and/or damage to any vehicle, its occupants or cargo.

There is no charge for day parking at these trials. Everyone is expected to leave their parking area clean. No parking in designated fire lanes or loading/unloading zones.

RV or oversized vehicles will be directed to a posted area. Handicapped parking will be designated. A valid handicapped permit is required to be displayed.

### **DOGS IN UNVENTILATED VEHICLES**

All persons attending this event hereby waive any claim for damages against BHCA or its members in the event a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.

### **FOOD ON SITE**

Noke Aloha Food truck will be on site Tuesday and Wednesday.