

## What is Variable Surface Tracking?

From the AKC Rules and Regs:

The Variable Surface Tracking Test is a test of credibility, verifying the dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent while adapting to changing scenting conditions. The test is to be as practical as possible while demonstrating the dog's willingness and ability to follow a specific scent given to the dog at the start of the test. The training and conditioning of the dog must be designed to develop the inner drive, motivation, and determination necessary for the dog to work with intensity and perseverance. The dog must show ability to work on a non-vegetated surface.

Elements of a VST track:

- 600-800 yards long
- A minimum of three (3) different surfaces, which will include vegetation and two (2) areas devoid of vegetation.
- The track will use different surfaces and scenting conditions as afforded by the terrain. There will be no physical obstacles or obstructions such as those used on a TDX track.
- Aged 3-5 hours
- 4-8 turns
- The required 'moment of truth' turn is located in an area entirely devoid of vegetation.
- Tracks will utilize buildings and the diverse scenting conditions created by them. Tracks will also utilize any and/all other structures such as fences, breezeways, ramps, stairs, bridges, shelters, roofed parking garages, courtyards, and buildings with two or more openings and/or open buildings.

Articles:

- 4 articles are required, one each made of leather, plastic, fabric and metal.

**SPECTATORS WELCOME!**  
**GOOD LUCK and HAPPY SCENTING!**

**VST ENTRIES LIMITED TO 4 DOGS**    **Event # 2023256707**

ENTRIES CLOSE at: 97 Killington Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, at noon, Wednesday, September 20, 2023 after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as specified herein.

**(SEE NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS UNDER WITHDRAWALS)**

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### PREMIUM LIST

#### **TRACKING CLUB OF VERMONT**

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



#### **VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING TEST**

Unbenched

Drawing for VST tracks will begin promptly at 4:00PM.  
in front of the Birdseye Diner (590 Main Street) in Castleton, Vermont.

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Castleton College  
Castleton, VT 05735

Test Hours: 1:00 pm – 9:00pm

Visit our website at [www.trackingclubofvermont.org](http://www.trackingclubofvermont.org).

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### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION



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Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these events under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

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And members of the Tracking Club of Vermont

## VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Upstate Veterinary Specialties..... (518) 783-3198  
152 Sparrowbrush Road, Latham, NY 12110

## JUDGES

Mr. Ray Desmarais.....320 Hemlock Lane, Barrington, NH 03825  
Ms. Ilene Morgan ..... 107 Adams School Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458

## ENTRY FEES: For VST: \$125.00

Entry fees include \$3.00 AKC event service fee & \$0.50 AKC recording fee.

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME:** Noon, Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 97 Killington Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701 after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as specified herein.

**DRAWING FOR ENTRIES** will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1:45 pm at Warner Brook Training Center, 1040 Corn Hill Road, Pittsford, VT. All are welcome to be present for the draw. Preference in the drawings will be given to dogs without titles, otherwise the drawings will be completely random. There will be an alternate list with positions assigned according to the order in which they were drawn. The Test Secretary will notify all entrants of the results of the drawing by mail and/or email if a valid email address has been provided. The Worker Option draw will be in effect and 1 track will be set aside. Per AKC rules, the Test Secretary reserves the right to enter these events.

**WITHDRAWALS AND ENTRY FEE REFUNDS:** If an entry withdraws between the closing date and the test date, and is replaced by an alternate, the entry fee and certification will be refunded. Withdrawals must be made in writing to the Test Secretary. Any entrant who does not run in the test, but is replaced by an alternate who participates in the test, will have their entry fee and certification returned. Entry fees will not be refunded if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Test Committee. Note: Tests may be canceled or rescheduled in the event of extreme weather conditions.

**BITCHES IN SEASON** will be allowed to participate after all other entrants have been tested. They will be allowed on the tracking fields only immediately prior to the running of their tracks.

**Due to the scarcity of local VST tests, TCV requests that exhibitors limit themselves to one entry per handler.**

## TROPHIES

The Tracking Club of Vermont offers a Rosette and patch to each passing VST team.

The Tracking Club of Vermont offers a Rosette and patch to each passing CT team.

TCV offers a dog toy to each passing entrant who is a TCV member.

TCV offers the Shelvey Award, a mug to any passing team to commemorate the Shelvey Labrador pack.

Sandra Foley offers a collectible plate to the oldest passing German Shepherd Dog.

Mie Kingsley offers a breed related item to each passing Bernese Mountain Dog in memory of Stormy, Arfin of the Storm Edelweiss CDX RE TD.

Sharon & Anthony Kroker offer a figurine to the oldest passing Rottweiler.

Pets Etc of Manchester offers a sign to the oldest passing Dachshund.

Pets Etc of Manchester offers a sign to the oldest passing Greyhound.

Pets Etc of Manchester offers a sign to the oldest passing Schnauzer.

Joyce Smith offers note cards to each passing dog of the following breeds: Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd Dog, English Springer Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel, Doberman Pinscher, Collie, Border Collie, Shetland Sheepdog, German Shorthair Pointer and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Glenn Williams & Mie Kingsley offer a breed related item to each passing English Cocker Spaniel in memory of Niah, Whitfield BluVu Perigee VCD1 CDX RE TDX.

## COVID protocol that will be in effect

You are agreeing to abide by this protocol and any other posted COVID practices when entering this test.

Any exhibitor may be asked to leave without a refund if they are showing obvious signs of COVID. Please do not come if you are experiencing any symptoms.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Inn ..... (802) 282-4985  
401 US Route 7 South, Rutland VT 05701  
Quality Inn ..... (802) 773-3361  
4253 South Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701

Exhibitors are advised to check with management for current pet policies.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

From Route 7 in Rutland: Take Route 7 into southern Rutland, get onto US-4 W. Take Exit 5 towards Castleton. Turn left on East Hubbardton Road. Turn right onto Vermont 4A W/Main Street. Turn left onto South Street. Destination will be on the left.



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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: [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 above. 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 for 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.**

**Signature** of owner or his agent

duly authorized to make this entry:

Telephone

Email

### INSTRUCTIONS

- (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e., age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
- Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

*If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please enter the following information.*

AKC Junior Handler Number

Junior's Date of Birth

*The Junior Handler number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, it may be obtained from the American Kennel Club, phone (919) 233-9767.*

Junior Handler's Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country (if not USA)

**By signing the entry form, I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.**

**■ If this Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner?**

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I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my total entry fees

**IMPORTANT** Read *Instructions* on reverse side carefully before filling out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box (**PLEASE PRINT**). **Next**, be sure to **read** the Agreement and **sign** on the reverse. **No form will be processed without your signature!**

Breed <sup>5</sup>	Variety <sup>1</sup>	Sex	
Dog Show Class <sup>2,3</sup>	Class <sup>3</sup> Division (Weight, color, etc.)		
Additional Classes	Obedience Class (Jump Height)	Rally Class (Jump Height)	Junior Showmanship Class
Name of (See Back) Junior Handler (If Any)	Junior Handler Number		
Full Name of Dog			

<input type="checkbox"/> AKC® No.	<input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Reg No.	Place of Birth (Enter Country below) <i>Do not print the country in catalog</i>	Date of Birth
Enter number here				

Breeder
Sire
Dam

Actual Owner(s) <sup>4</sup> (Please Print)			
Owner's Address			
City	State/Prov	Zip/Postal Code	
Telephone #	Are you a new exhibitor? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Owner/Handler Eligible? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Email Address (An acknowledgement or receipt of entry may be sent to this email address)			

■ Name of Agent at the Show (If any)

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