

**Mat-Valley Fall Finale in Palmer, Alaska  
Sept 22 and 23, 2018  
Premium**



Permission has been granted by Performance Scent Dogs for the holding of this scent work trial under the PSD Rules and Regulations.

Hosted by  
**The Better Companion, LLC**  
And  
**MAT VALLEY K9 SCENTWORK CLUB**

**Trial Location:**  
RAYS Childcare and Learning Center  
173 N. Chet Circle  
Palmer, AK 99645

Trial will take place both indoors and outdoors. Be prepared for any weather condition.

**Target Odor Test (TOT)**  
Birch, Anise and Clove (\$10.00 per TOT)

**Trial Classes (Elements) Offered:**  
Buildings, Exteriors, Speed, Distance, and Containers (\$15.00 per element)

**Levels Offered:** Novice, Advanced, Excellent

**Divisions Offered:** FEO, Standard and Metallic

**Lead Judge for the day:** Mike Johnson, Soldotna, AK  
**Also Awesome Judge** Jan Johnson, Soldotna, AK

Entries are limited and accepted on a first received basis until classes fill.

**2 ways to enter:**  
**Enter and Pay online at [www.performancescentdogs.com](http://www.performancescentdogs.com)**

**OR: Mail registration and check to:**

Adrienne Levine  
PSD Trial Secretary  
10208 Thimbleberry Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99515

**Checks are made payable to The Better Companion, LLC**

**Entry open date:** Friday Aug 10, 2018

**Entry close date:** Friday Sept 7 or when classes fill

**Day of Show** entries are not allowed.

Please direct your trial questions to Adrienne Levine at [adrnlev@gci.net](mailto:adrnlev@gci.net)

**Each day is a separate trial. If you pay online you will be charged for each day in a separate transaction\***

**Performance Scent Dogs** is a national scent work non-profit organization dedicated to growing the sport of scent detection.

The PSD Rulebook can be found at [www.performancescentdogs.com](http://www.performancescentdogs.com)

*Please be sure to review it before entering and trialing*

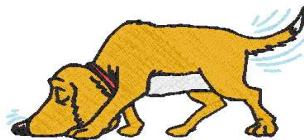
Performance Scent Dogs is a registry and certifying organization for the dog sport of scent detection. Teams can compete without being registered with Performance Scent Dogs, however in order to see results and qualify for titles, **dogs** must be registered with Performance Scent Dogs (PSD). **Registration** can be done instantly, online, at [www.performancescentdogs.com](http://www.performancescentdogs.com) or by mail - \$30.00 payable to Performance Scent Dogs along with the name, breed, date of birth of the dog, and your information (name, address, phone number, email) – **Performance Scent Dogs, Inc., PO Box 401026, Cambridge, MA, 02140**. The \$30.00 registration cost is for the lifetime of the dog. **You do not have to be a member, PSD registers dogs, not handlers.**

\*Pick and choose what classes are right for your dog\*

\*Videotaping allowed\* Earn legs toward titles\* Competitor feedback encouraged \*Watch and root for other competitors\* Spend time with your dog in a welcoming atmosphere\*

**\*Turn any search, at anytime, into training by asking the judge the location of the hide\***

**Come and have FUN with your dog!**



**Doors open at 8:00 am for sign-in**

**Judge's Briefing at 8:30 am**

**First dog on the line at 9:00 am**

**Venue** There will be no indoor crating. Vehicle crating is required. Ex-pens are not permitted at this venue. This is a no-smoking establishment. The trial committee reserves the right to remove any individual for any reason from the premises. Dogs must be kept on leash, crated or safely confined in the vehicle at all times (unless on a search that is approved to be leash optional).

**Collars** Any collar is allowed on the grounds except electronic or scent spraying collars. Only a flat, or martingale collar or leashes attached to a dead ring or harness are permitted to be used during a search.

**No tags on collars while searching.** All dogs must be leashed at all time, except during an off-leash search. Flexi-leads acceptable on trial grounds **unless** you are found to not be paying attention to spatial needs of other dog teams. You must remain vigilant so all teams may have a pleasant experience.

**Parking:** Parking available in the lot in front of the property on N Chet St and on the property owned by Greatland Welding, just behind the trial location. RV parking and overnight camping will be available there as well. **THERE ARE NO HOOKUPS FOR WASTE OR ELECTRICITY. They are letting us use their land, so please keep it clean and pack out everything you bring in.** Please watch for cone or signs indicating an area is off limits for parking.

**Volunteers** will help our Trial run smoothly We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to help out. At the trial we will need traffic, gate stewards, timers, and score runners. Are you willing to take pics or videos for competing teams? Do you want to help with hospitality? Lots of fun to help and play!!!!

**Food and Fun:** The hosts will provide Coffee, tea, water, light breakfast, and lunch items. Please bring a side or dessert to share. We have designated **Dollars for Dogs**. <http://dollarsfordogsalaska.org> as our charity again this trial and will have a donation container available.

**Facility, Bathrooms and Water** Climate controlled, water and bathrooms available on site.

**Accessibility** Handicap accessible parking will be available in front of the venue. Please let us know if you will need that so we can reserve enough spaces. Some searches will be outside on pavement, gravel or uneven ground. Greatland Welding has lots of large flat areas good for potty and walking. As always, please pick up after your dog.

**Dogs In Need of Space (DINOS)** are welcome. Parking for handlers with Dogs in need of space (reactive or in heat) will be marked and volunteers can help guide you there. Walk dogs at a distance at 10Ft. Volunteers will be onsite to help escort participants to and from the search area. All persons should be sensitive and respectful to all dog's spatial needs. A red bandana is preferred for dogs in need of extra space.

**Handler running multiple dogs** A handler can run multiple dogs in TOTs at any trial. At this trial, a handler may participate in only one qualifying search per class. If an alternate handler is available to run the 2<sup>nd</sup> dog, they may both earn qualifying searches in that level. One person can run one dog per level or one person can run each dog in separate levels.

**Who can compete?** Any and all dogs that are 10 months or older, on the day of the trial or the Target Odor Test (TOT), are eligible to compete. Dogs with disabilities are welcome. Please review the rules for proper steps to enter dogs with disabilities.

**What if I don't pass the TOT?** You can still play!! Dogs must pass a Target Odor Test (TOT) in order to compete in the Standard Division, however if you do not pass you are still allowed to enter the trial as FEO (For Exhibition Only) for the day.

**My dog has a title from a different scent detection organization (i.e. Nose Work), do I have to pass a TOT?** If you already have passed an odor test in another scent work organization you do not have to take the TOT Please include a copy of your test results when entering the trial.

**Do I have to compete in every class element at every trial?** Dogs do not have to compete in all five class elements to participate in the trial.

**If I successfully title in one element, must I stay in that class level until all 5 classes are finished at that level?** When successfully completing one class element title, you may move up to the next class level. You are not

required to complete all class elements first. For example, you finish title requirements in Buildings but not in Exterior. You may move up to Advanced Buildings while continuing to compete in Novice Exterior.

**The sign up sheet for move-ups will be available on Saturday for those who complete an element and wish to move up. This must be requested no later than the end of the ribbon ceremony on Saturday.** This will allow us time to adjust the teams in the computer and on run orders.

**Can I watch other competitors?** Yes, you can watch, either after you run or you can watch a different level compete.

**Can my friend videotape my searches?** Yes! And you may post them anywhere you like once the judge calls "All Clear."

**Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded for Q's in all classes to those that qualify. Rosette placement ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place in Novice, Advanced and Excellent classes.. High in trials, Quint Q and Rising Star will be awarded. Metallic placement ribbons will be awarded for dogs competing in metallic divisions.

### **2 ways to enter**

**Method of entry by mail:** complete the Entry form, sign the Release of Liability, and mail it to the Trial Secretary along with your **check made payable to The Better Companion LLC.**

**Method of entry online at [www.performancescentdogs.com](http://www.performancescentdogs.com)** Go to the list of trials and click on the one you want to enter to be taken to the sign up page.

Entries will be taken on a first-received basis and must be received by 6:00 pm AST on Sept 7, 2018.

### **Notice to Participants:**

- **Participants are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on their entry forms.**
- **It is expressly understood that participants alone are responsible for behavior of their dogs, children and/or guests. Any participant whose dogs, children and/or guests repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund on any entry will be made.**
- **Please be courteous and pick up after your dog. If you don't pick up after your dog, you will be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund on any entry will be made.**
- **All dogs must be on leash at all times except when allowable at the search site.**
- **Participants are responsible for being in the staging area when it is their turn to run. All entries must be accompanied by entry fees to be valid. A declined payment or returned check does not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$50.00 fee for any returned check or payment.**

Trial Committee:

Trial CO Chairs: Terry Schell Wright, Willow Alaska, Sandy Wojtaszek, Wasilla, AK

Trial Hosts: The Better Companion LLC and Mat Valley K9 Scent Work Club

Trial Secretary: Adrienne Levine, Anchorage, AK

Volunteer Coordinators: To be determined

Please direct your trial questions to Adrienne Levine at [adrnlev@gci.net](mailto:adrnlev@gci.net)  
And we are on Facebook at: Performance Scent Dogs of Alaska

**Registration Form:  
 Summer Solstice Scent-tacular  
 The Better Companion, LLC/ Mat Valley K9 Scentwork Club  
 Sept 22-23 , 2018**

TOT Birch \$10.00/trial 9/22 9/23	TOT Anise \$10.00/trial 9/22 9/23	TOT Clove \$10.00/trial 9/22 9/23
		<b>Total TOT Fees:</b>
<b>Novice Classes</b>		
Exterior - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Building - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Containers - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23
Speed - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Distance - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	<b>Total Novice Fees:</b>
<b>Advanced Classes</b>		
Exterior - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Building - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Containers - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23
Speed - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Distance - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	<b>Total Advanced Fees:</b>
<b>Excellent Classes</b>		
Exterior - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Building - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Containers - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23
Speed - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	Distance - \$15.00/trial 9/22 9/23	<b>Total Excellent Fees:</b>
		<b>Grand Total Fees:</b>
<b>If you plan to participate as FEO (For Exhibit Only), or for metallic, please note that in the class you are entering.</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Telephone</b>		
<b>Email</b> (print legibly as further communication will be emailed)		
<b>Emergency Contact</b>		
<b>Dog's Name (registered)</b>		
<b>Dog's Name (call)</b>		
<b>PSD Registration #</b> (mark pending if you do not have a number)		
<b>Breed and Gender</b>		
<b>I am willing to volunteer</b>	Yes No	

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## Release of Liability

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 entering this Performance Scent Dogs trial, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Performance Scent Dogs, Inc. in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the rulebook dated March 2016 for this event, and further agree to be bound by this liability waiver for all dogs in my care at this event, entered or not. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard (dog or human aggressive) to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all Performance Scent Dogs, Inc. Rules and Regulations and to abide by any decisions 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) agree to hold Performance Scent Dogs, Inc., The Better Companion, LLC, Mat Valley K9 Scent Work Club, their event committee and volunteers, 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 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 persons.

### Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

In consideration of this entry, I hereby grant to Performance Scent Dogs, Inc. and The Better Companion LLC and Mat Valley K9 Scent Work Club, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my dog and my name, biography, likeness, photograph or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

The terms of this agreement bind the parties for the current period of training or trialing, and all subsequent classes/training/events in which they hereafter participate.

***Be sure you read and understand the PSD Rules and Regulations prior to entering these trials. By submitting an entry for these PSD Trials, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept the policies and liability information as printed in this document.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Closest Vet**-Palmer Far Country 907 746 7297 Daily from 2pm to 10pm

**Emergency Vet** Anchorage- 24 hours

Midnight Sun Animal Hospital 907 562 - 8384

Pet Emergency Treatment Inc. 907 519 - 6588

**Dog Friendly Hotels-**

We have made no arrangements with any hotel. Please contact the hotel directly to confirm their policy.

There are several hotels and B & B's that accept pets.

DOG FRIENDLY LODGING	
Pioneer Motel & Apartments (DOGS) 124 W Arctic Palmer, AK 99645 907 745 3425 www.thepioneermotel.com	Alaska Garden Gate B&B 950 S Trunk Rd Palmer, AK 99645 907 746 2333
Grand View Inn & Suites 2900 E Parks Hwy Wasilla, AK 99654 907 352 1700	Alaskan View Motel 2650 E Parks Hwy Wasilla, AK 99654 907 376 6787 www.alaskanviewmotel.com
Hatcher Pass Bed & Breakfast (DOGS) 9000 N Palmer Fishhook Rd Palmer, AK 99645 907 745 6788	Lewis Charters Lodge 6700 E Finger Lake View Dr Palmer, AK 99645 907 229 8839 www.lewischarters.com
Best Western Lake Lucille Inn 1300 w Lake Lucille Dr Wasilla, AK 99654 907 373 1776	Alaska Creekside Cabins P.O. Box 4356 Palmer, AK 99645 907 746 4356 www.alaskacreeksidecabins.com
Cozy Lake Front Chalet Killarney Dr Palmer, AK 99645 907 746 2556	Sirius Ranch (has 3 rooms) 6151 East Upper Court Rd Wasilla, AK 99645 www.siriusranch.com