

**PRE-ENTRIES OPEN 8 AM, Monday, FEBRUARY 20, 2023**  
*Method of Entry is Pre-Entry, First Received with Limited Day of Entries*  
**ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY APRIL 10, 2023 AT 6 PM**

## **ALL-BREED AND MIXED BREED AKC COURSING ABILITY TEST**

**Somerset Hills Kennel Club**  
(AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB MEMBER CLUB)



Licensed by the American Kennel Club

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**Trials will run concurrently in one hour blocks**

***Limited day-of entries accepted until 10AM***

Event # 2022041801 / Event # 2022041802

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**Trials will run concurrently in one hour blocks**

***Limited day-of entries accepted until 10AM***

Event # 2022041816 / Event # 2022041817

**60 Dog Limit per Trial**  
**Paddock is totally fenced**

North Branch Park, 355 Milltown Rd., Bridgewater, NJ  
Lower Field

**This Event is Accepting Entries for Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program**



### **CERTIFICATION**

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under AKC Rules and Regulations. Gina DiNardo, Secretary

## Officers of Somerset Hills Kennel Club 2023

President ..... Pat Crew  
Vice President.....Nancy Weaver Smith  
Treasurer..... Carl Bloksberg  
Secretary.....Ellen O'Connell  
14 Salters Farm Rd, Califon, NJ eocesq1@gmail.com

### **Board of Directors**

Karyn Colman, Karen Hughes, Susan Goldberg, Marti Kalko,  
Lynne Tatarowicz

### **Event Committee**

Pat Crew, Jim Gaudet, Marti Kalko, Patti Kestlinger, Mike Kestlinger  
Harry Broshinsky, Jill Brochinsky, Tina Pirro, Carol Perotta, Ellen O'Connell

### **Chairperson**

Ellen O'Connell

**Emergency Response Coordinator: Pat Crew**

### **JUDGE**

**Karen A. Hughes 100881**

An additional Judge will be available for those who will be titling this weekend.

### **FIELD COMMITTEE:**

Field Chairperson.....Ellen O'Connell  
Lure Operators.....MaryLou Roselli, Elaine Szymczak  
Huntmasters..... Jim Gaudet  
Paddock.....Harry Brochinsky & Mike Kestlinger  
Inspection Committee.....Ellen O'Connell, Carol Perotta.Tina Pirro, Patti Kestlinger,

**In case of unforeseen circumstances, committee members may be substituted as necessary.**

### **Trial Secretary**

Pat Crew 908 255-3632 pcrew66@gmail.com

**ENTRIES CLOSE: 6 PM ON MONDAY, April 10, 2023**

**Entries will be acknowledged by email.**

### **ENTRY FEES**

*All pre-entries become non-refundable after the pre-entry deadline*

**Pre-Entry for Coursing Ability Test: \$25.00**

**Day Of Entries: \$30.00**

***Make checks payable to SHKC and mail to:***

**SHKC c/o Pat Crew /CAT Trial  
66 No. Clark Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876**

**DO NOT SEND ENTRIES REQUIRING SIGNATURE FOR DELIVERY**

## > CAT Running Order: Entry Method First Received <

Entries accepted until closing date. Late, incomplete, unsigned, or conditional entries will not be accepted. Entries **WILL** be acknowledged by email. Please write legibly.

Approximate run order/time slots for your dog(s) will be posted after the closing date on Facebook.com Somerset Hills Kennel Club

### **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**TRIAL HOURS:** 9:00 AM until completed

**WORKERS BRIEFING:** By email

### **INSPECTION and CHECK-IN**

**\*\* Early inspection may not begin prior to published trial hours \*\***

Dogs will receive time slots via email.

**Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to timeslot for inspection and check-in.**

**Dogs not present and checked in at paddock 10 minutes before run time will be scratched after a 5 minute grace period.**

**If you do not check in and your run time comes up we will assume you are absent and you will lose your turn. No monies will be refunded for dogs not checked in ahead of time.**

**RIBBONS:** CAT: Qualifying Course = Orange Ribbon  
CA, CAA, CAX, New Title Rosette in each Club Colors and increasing size

**Dogs** will be inspected by a designated Inspection Committee consisting of at least two persons who are members of the field committee and who shall inspect each entered dog for lameness, fitness to compete and female estrus (in season). Inspection shall take place prior to any form of wrapping being applied to the dog. In the opinion of the inspection committee, any entry found to be lame, unfit to compete or in season shall not be allowed to enter and the applicable entry fees shall be refunded.

**CAT ELIGIBLE BREEDS & REGISTRY:** Open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. An event is defined by an event number.

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSING ABILITY TEST (CAT)?**

The purpose of the AKC Coursing Ability Test is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy activity in which they can participate. Dogs run singularly and are required to complete their course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a maximum amount of time. This is a pass/fail event. Based on the sport of lure coursing, Coursing Ability Tests will serve as an introduction to the sport for all eligible dog owners.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE COURSING ABILITY TEST (CAT)?**

Coursing Ability Tests are open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are either 1) individually registered with the AKC, 2) recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program, 3) individually registered with a foreign or domestic registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration, 4) dogs granted a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number, 5)

dogs with AKC Limited or Conditional Registration, or 6) dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. A dog may enter only once per test. Females in season may not enter.

## HOW DO I ENTER MY DOG IN THE TEST?

To enter your dog in the Coursing Ability Test, you must complete an official AKC entry form for each dog forward it with full payment of entry fees to the Test Secretary by the established entry deadline listed in this premium. Please know that the Test Secretary MUST decline any late, incomplete, unsigned, unpaid or conditional entries. This is to say that each entry must be completed in full and the information given on the form must be that which applies to that entered dog. Moreover, the owner or agent duly authorized to make the entry MUST sign the entry form(s) and submit full payment of entry fees for the entry to be accepted.

### ENTRY FEES

*All pre-entries become non-refundable after the pre-entry deadline*

**Pre-Entry for Coursing Ability Test: \$25**

**Day of Entries \$30**

**A pre-entry** is a completed official AKC entry form with payment received by the trial secretary by the closing date and time designated for pre-entry in the premium list. The closing date/time for pre-entries at this event is Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6 PM at the Trial Secretary's address.

## WHAT MUST MY DOG DO TO PASS THE CAT?

The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) is a pass/fail test wherein all entrants always run individually. This is to say they run once, and they run alone. Because safety is of the utmost importance, the CAT takes into consideration the individual dog pursuing qualification and therefore has two different course lengths to accommodate the type and size of the entrant. In either case, dogs will chase a lure made of plastic strips.

**DOGS LESS THAN 12" TALL & "FLAT FACED" DOGS.** Any entrant that is less than 12" tall at the withers and/or brachycephalic will run a clearly marked 300-yard\* course (or as close to 300 yards as possible) course that is basically rectangular in shape with turns no more acute than 90 degrees.

**DOGS MORE THAN 12" TALL.** Any entrant that is taller than 12" at the withers and not brachycephalic shall run a clearly marked 600-yard\*\* course (or as close to 600 yards as possible) that is basically rectangular in shape with turns no more acute than 90 degrees.

In order to pass, the dog must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within the maximum amount of time for the course length. The judge keeps the official time and decides the merits of the dog's performance. For a 300-yard\* course, a dog must complete the test in less than 90 seconds; for a 600-yard\*\* course, 120 seconds.

\*200 yards for Veteran dogs 7 Years and older

\*\*400 yards for Veteran dogs 7 years and older

If there is a question which course a dog should run, the judge will decide.

## CAN MY DOG EARN AN AKC TITLE FOR COURSING ABILITY?

Three titles will be awarded for dogs that pass the Coursing Ability Test the required number of times. These are suffix titles that will appear on a dog's pedigree with a higher level title superseding a lower level title.

**Coursing Ability (CA)** – Awarded to a dog that passes the Coursing Ability Test three times under at least two different judges.

**Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA)** – Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test ten times.

**Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX)** – Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test 25 times.

**Coursing Ability Excellent 2 (CAX2)** – Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test 50 times. A higher numbered title will be awarded for every additional 25 passes.

### **GENERAL:**

- All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the trial.
- Dogs not present 10 minutes before run time will be scratched after a 5 minute grace period.
- The field committee reserves the right to alter the course plan as required by weather and/or field conditions on the day of the trial
- The field committee reserves the right to bar known aggressive dogs from the event site.
- Each entry will be examined at inspection. Bitches in season and lame dogs will be excused. Entry fee for dogs excused, during inspection, for bitches in season, or lameness will be refunded.
- Gasoline or electric powered continuous loop lure machines will be used. Backup equipment will be available. Lure will consist of white plastic bags.
- THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 FINE ASSESSED FOR ANY LOOSE DOG NOT TAKING PART IN THE COURSE IN PROGRESS or for anyone caught not picking up after their dog or leaving garbage on the field.
- NO ONE will be allowed on the field without the express permission of the field chairman, except the appointed field committee.
- Anyone exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be excused from the field and may be subject to further disciplinary actions.
- Control of dogs is strictly enforced, on leash at all times except when running.
- Please pick up after your dog and put in receptacles provided at the site.
- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SHELTER and water for your dog. There is no food or water available on site.
- This is a NON-SMOKING event.

## **ROUTES TO CAT**

### **From Route 287**

Southbound:

Route 287 South to Exit 17 (Routes 202/206 South). When the highways split, take 202 South for two miles and make a right onto Milltown Road. North Branch Park is on the left.

Northbound:

Route 287 North to Exit 14B Route 22 West. Take Exit 202/206 South. When the highways split, take 202 South for two miles and make a right onto Milltown Road. North Branch Park is on the left.

### **From Route 22**

Westbound:

Follow Route 22 West to Route 202/206 South. After a half mile, the highways split. Take Route 202 South. Approximately 2 miles down Route 202, you will then travel under a train overpass. Make a right at the next turn onto Milltown Road. Travel a half mile, and North Branch Park will be on the left.

Eastbound:

Follow Route 22 East through Branchburg. Make a right turn onto Milltown Road. Follow Milltown Road for 1 mile and bear right under the railroad trestle. North Branch Park will be on the right.

**From 206**

Northbound:

Follow Route 206 until the Somerville Circle. Exit off of the circle onto Route 202 south. Approximately 2 miles down Route 202, you will travel under a train overpass. Make a right at the next turn onto Milltown Road. Travel a half mile, and North Branch Park will be on the left.

**From Route 78**

Westbound:

Follow Route 78 West to Route 287 South. Then follow the above directions for Route 287 South.

Eastbound:

Follow Route 78 East to Route 22 East. Then follow the above directions for Route 22 East.

Refer to area 16 on the North Branch Park map for more info:

<http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/maps/NorthBranchParkMap.pdf>

**EQUIPMENT**

The equipment for this event is being provided by Lead the Hounds.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**ML Baer Photography**

**HOTELS THAT ACCEPT WELL-MANNERED DOGS**

The following will accept well-mannered dogs. (However, exhibitors should double check when making reservations as motels sometimes change their policies and pet fees).

- Hillsborough Days Inn**, 118 US Hwy. 206 S., Hillsborough, NJ 08876 .....(908) 685-9000
- Hyatt House Branchburg**, 3141 Route 22 East, Branchburg, NJ 08876..... (888) 882-1234
- Hyatt House Bridgewater**, 530 Route 22 E., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.....(888) 882-1234
- Super 8 Motel**, 119 Route 206 at Somerville Circle, Raritan, NJ 08869 (908)722-5400
- Holiday Inn Express**, 947 Highway 202 North, Branchburg, NJ 08876.....(908) 252-1000

**CAMPGROUNDS / RV INFORMATION**

Overnight RV parking is available at North Branch Park for \$35 per night in advance, \$45 per night day of event. Please email Karen Behr at [kbehr@scparks.org](mailto:kbehr@scparks.org) for reservations  
**ABSOLUTELY NO CASH WILL BE EXCHANGED DUE TO COVID!**

## **Animal Emergency Clinic**

Animerge  
21 Route 206, Raritan, NJ 08869  
(908) 707-9077

Owner/handler must transport the animal

### **BRACHYCEPHALIC DOGS**

Affenpinscher	English Toy Spaniel
American Bulldog	French Bulldog
American Cocker Spaniel	Japanese Chin
Boston Terrier	Lhasa Apso
Boxer	Mastiff
Brussels Griffon	Neapolitan Mastiff
Bulldog	Newfoundland
Bullmastiff	Pekingese
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Presa Canario
Cane Corso	Pug
Chihuahua (apple headed)	Shar-Pei
Chow Chow	Shih Tzu
Dogo Argentino	Tibetan Spaniel
Dogue de Bordeaux	Valley Bulldog

## **COURSE DIAGRAMS**

**Saturday AM Lower Field Course**  
**(Course will be reversed on Saturday PM)**

**Sunday AM Lower Field Course**  
**(Course will be reversed on Sunday PM)**

Coming soon



## **NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS**

All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the test.

Spayed or neutered dogs and dogs with breed disqualifications may be entered. Each dog requires an individual entry form for each event in which it is entered.

No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance. Entries will not be accepted without fees, signatures or the "Agreement" found on the Official AKC Entry Form.

Bitches in season and lame dogs will be refused entry and, if presented at inspection, will be refunded entry fees.

Coursing is an athletic activity that can tax a dog's physical strength. Dogs that are overweight and/or out of condition may be at greater risk for injury and exhaustion. The Inspection Committee has the authority to disallow a dog's entry into a test, and in such instances, applicable entry fees will be refunded.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

Dogs ideally will be handled with a "slip-lead" that gives instantaneous freedom to the dog when the "Tallyho" (release) signal is called by the Huntmaster. However, dogs can be run with a flat buckle collar without tags or anything that dangles. Special Training devices including but not limited to pronged collars, shock collars, halti-leads and similar training devices may not be used.

For the safety of the dog and as a courtesy to other entrants, a testing dog should have a reliable recall. Dogs that delay the event because they cannot be recalled by their owners may be refused entry at future events.

The Huntmaster is responsible for field safety and therefore he/she is in complete charge of all dogs and handlers on the field. In service to this responsibility, he/she has the authority to stop the lure in any potentially dangerous situation and signal the handler to retrieve a testing dog. Listen to the Huntmaster and follow his/her instructions promptly and swiftly.

Any decisions made by the event's officiating judge(s) regarding the performance of an entered dog shall be final. Full discretionary power is given to the judge(s) to withhold any and all qualifications for lack of merit. The Judge is responsible for ensuring compliance with the AKC Regulations on the field.

No entry fees will be refunded if the event cannot be started or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, extreme and/or dangerous weather conditions, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strikes or any other cause beyond the control of the Club or its members and representatives.

Persons exhibiting conduct detrimental to AKC/SHKC, any dog(s)/other person(s) will be asked to leave the trial site.

The event-hosting club, its agents, members, representatives, volunteers, etc, assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children or spectators.

All rights to televise, videotape, advertise, photograph, promote or otherwise exploit this event are vested in the club, or in persons to whom assignments of such rights have been made in writing by the club. All persons and animals attending these shows grant the club the right to use their likeness and voice in any matter without further consent.

A penalty of \$5.00 will be assessed for any and each loose dog(s) not competing in the course in progress. A penalty of \$10.00 will be assessed for any dog causing an excessive delay of the event because it cannot be recalled or retrieved from the field.

A return check fee of \$35.00 will be assessed for any check(s) returned for insufficient funds. Portable restroom facilities will be available.

Some tree-shade is available on the perimeter of the field, but please ensure your own comfort by bringing portable shade/shelter, as well as water

**American Kennel Club CAT Entry Form PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Club: Somerset Hills KC		Date: Saturday April 15, 2023/Sunday April 16, 2023	
Location: NORTH BRANCH PARK BRIDGEWATER, NJ		Event Type <b>Test</b>	I enclose Entry fees in the amount of
Class: CAT Distance _____ 300 yds _____ 600 yds _____ Don't Know Veteran (7 yrs +) Distance _____ 200 yds _____ 400 yds _____ Don't Know			
<b>CHECK ONE</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	SHKC Saturday Trial# 41801	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHKC Sunday Trial# 41816
<input type="checkbox"/>	SHKC Saturday Trial # 41802	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHKC Sunday Trial# 41817
Breed:		Sex:	
Registration Number:		Date of Birth:	
Check Box that applies: <input type="checkbox"/> AKC No. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP No. <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Partner			Junior Handler No:
Full Name of Dog:			Call Name:
Actual Owner:			
Owner's Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any at Trial)			

AKC Rules, Regulations and Guidelines are available on the AKC website: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of this 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 trial, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this trial and entry form. I (we) certify and represent that this dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. The entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of holding this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prize money, ribbons, or trophies, I(we) agree to hold the AKC, event giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner or lessor of the property 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 to this dog. Additionally, I(we) further 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 liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person/s, including myself or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in my 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 have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties.

**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 MYSELF 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, 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 agent:

Phone:	Email:
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Please separated my dogs

By signing above, I(we) acknowledge that the Somerset Hills Kennel Club, and/or the equipment provider are NOT a liable party.

I expected to be earning a new title on: Circle day and add the title.  
Saturday                  Sunday                  Title \_\_\_\_\_

Entry must include both pages.