



Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA

National Specialty Performance Events

May 24 – 26, 2021

WELCOME!

This document serves as a combined informational letter about the Agility (AKC trials, ACT Test, and Sweeps), Fast CAT, Scentwork, and Temperament Test events. If you have any questions or corrections for your entry please contact the secretary at secretary@livetrial.net.

All events take place at the Purina Farms Event Center in Gray Summit, Missouri. COVID-19 rules are in effect for these events. The Purina Farms event guidelines are attached to this document; please read them. Face coverings will be required at all times at the facility.

Important: We need to know the names of all persons who will be on site. We will have listed the owners and handlers of the dogs preregistered for the events. If you will have additional people coming on site please email Karen Pence at kpsellschicago@gmail.com with any additional names.

The events will take place in the following locations.

Agility: 9:00 a.m. Monday, 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, inside in the Great Hall. Please crate in marked areas only.

Scentwork: Wednesday, Various locations. We will have a briefing at 7:30 a.m. in the Gateway Hall on Wednesday, May 26 at which point you may check in and receive details on the locations for the elements.

Fast CAT: Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., Working Dog Field. Inside crating may be available if needed.

Temperament Test: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Page 2 contains general information about the show site, hotels, and veterinarian. The following pages contain details about each event, including the detailed judging schedule for the agility trials.

WORKERS: If you wish to help out in the agility trial, please visit the Google spreadsheet at <https://tinyurl.com/mascusa-workers> to sign up for a spot. If you wish to help out with one of the other events, please contact Karen Pence at kpsellschicago@gmail.com.

NOTIFICATIONS: We will be using Agility Gate to handle checkins and gate for the agility trial. The trial secretary will email further details and the access code to the agility participants. We will also be using the Remind app for general notifications. You can sign up by texting @78e34c to 81010.

DIRECTIONS TO Purina Farms

From St. Louis or Springfield, MO

Take I-44 to the Gray Summit exit (Highway 100). Go north and follow Hwy 100 until you spot Hwy MM and the Purina Farms sign (approximately 1/2 mile). Turn left onto Hwy. MM. Drive about one mile until you reach the Purina Farms Visitor's Center on your left. Turn left into Purina and pass thru the security checkpoint. Follow the signs to the field.

From Kansas City

Take I-70 east to the Warrenton exit at Hwy. 47. Go south on Hwy. 47 for approximately 25 miles until you reach Hwy. 100 in Washington. Turn left onto Hwy. 100 and continue to I-44 (approximately 10 miles). Go east on I-44. Follow the directions above from Springfield.

VETERINARIAN: (on call)

Pacific Animal Hospital, 450 West Flier Drive, Pacific, MO, (636) 257-2100

Head northwest on Checkerboard Dr; Take the 1st right onto 4 Square Dr

Turn right onto Hwy Mm/State Hwy Mm; Turn right onto MO-100 W

Turn left onto W Osage St; Turn right onto W Flier Dr; Destination will be on the left.

HOTELS:

Budget Lodging, 866 S Outer Road, St Clair, MO 63077 (I-44, Exit 240) 636-629-1000

Inform the Front Desk – “**MASCUSA Block**”

No Pet Fee – No limit of pets; Breakfast included; Fenced dog exercise area

Comfort Inn, 1320 Thornton St, Pacific, MO 63069 (I-44, Exit 257) 636-257-4600

Limit 4 dogs per room

Eureka EconoLodge, 1725 West Fifth St, Eureka, MO 63025 (I-44, Exit 261) 800-553-2666, 636-938-5348

Eureka Super 8, 1744 West Fifth St, Eureka, MO 63025 (I-44, Exit 261) 636-938-4368

Quality Inn, 1400 West Osage St, Pacific, MO 63069 (I-44, Exit 257) 636-257-8400

Drury Inn, I-44 and Hwy 141, Valley Park, MO 63088 (I-44, Exit 272) 800-378-7946, 636-861-8300

Super 8 St Clair, 1010 S Outer Road St, St Clair, MO 63077 (I-44, Exit 240) 800-800-8000, 636-629-8080

NOTE: Some motels may charge a pet fee or have limits on size.

PLEASE VERIFY CURRENT PET POLICIES WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS

CAMPING:

KOA Campground –(636) 257-3018 18475 Old Highway 66 Eureka, MO

10 miles East of Purina Farms

Jellystone Park Campground - (636) 938-5925 5300 Fox Creek Rd., Eureka MO

10 miles East of Purina Farms

FOR MORE PET FRIENDLY HOTELS and Camping GO TO: <https://www.purina.com/purina-farms/clubs-and-exhibitors/purina-event-center#/booking-an-event>

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will be available to take win photos for all events.

Pix 'n Pages Photography, www.pixnpages.com, 407.536.7297

Pix 'n Pages Photography is the official photographer for these events. No other photographer will be allowed to photograph dogs/people without the express consent of Pix 'n Pages Photography and the Show Chairperson. Anyone observed photographing these events, or any portion thereof, without permission will be asked to leave.

Pix 'n Pages Photography will also be photographing portrait sessions on request.

All photos will be posted at www.pixnpages.com.



MASCUSA Agility Trials May 24 – 25, 2021

Please review your enclosed entry information. If there are any errors or problems, email the trial secretary at secretary@livetrial.net (preferred) or phone (630) 456-0097. Except for the first class of the day in each ring, all start times are approximate. Dogs in the “B” / Master classes will run first, followed by dogs in the “A” / Excellent classes for each jump height. Dogs in the Preferred program will run after dogs in the “A” / Excellent classes in their corresponding jump height. Walk-throughs will be split according to the schedule on the judging program. FAST classes will run with a single walkthrough, and in these classes dogs in the Preferred program will run before dogs in the Regular program in each jump height.

MEASUREMENT: We will not have a Volunteer Measuring Official at this event. Per AKC COVID-19 rules, non-VMO judges will not be measuring dogs.

SPECIAL AWARDS: The special awards for Miniature American Shepherds will be presented after the two agility trials complete on Tuesday, before the Agility Sweeps event.

MACH/PACH: If you may be finishing a MACH or PACH at the trial please contact me at secretary@livetrial.net so we can ensure there are enough title bars.

ACT TESTING: The ACT tests will be held on Monday after the completion of the all-breed agility trial.

May 24, 2021

Judge: Loretta Zich

Novice Std: 17 dogs

Novice JWW: 14 dogs

Open Std: 13 dogs

Open JWW: 16 dogs

FAST Combined: 64 dogs

T2B: 58 dogs

Master/Excellent Std: 84 dogs

Master/Excellent JWW: 83 dogs

May 25, 2021

Judge: Loretta Zich

Trial 1 FAST Combined: 42 dogs

Trial 1 Novice Std: 19 dogs

Trial 2 Novice Std: 18 dogs

Trial 1 Open Std: 11 dogs

Trial 2 Open Std: 11 dogs

Trial 1 Master/Excellent Std: 31 dogs

Trial 2 Master/Excellent Std: 30 dogs

Trial 1 Novice JWW: 18 dogs

Trial 2 Novice JWW: 18 dogs

Trial 1 Open JWW: 11 dogs

Trial 2 Open JWW: 11 dogs

Trial 1 Master/Excellent JWW: 31 dogs

Trial 2 Master/Excellent JWW: 30 dogs

All Breed Trial

Briefing: 8:45 a.m. Judging begins: 9:00 a.m.

8" – 2 dogs, 12" – 2 dogs, 16" – 10 dogs, 20" – 3 dogs

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 2 dogs, 16" – 8 dogs, 20" – 3 dogs

12" – 2 dogs, 16" – 8 dogs, 20" – 3 dogs

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 2 dogs, 16" – 9 dogs, 20" – 4 dogs

4" – 1 dog; 8" – 3 dogs, 12" – 12 dogs, 16" – 28 dogs,
20" – 19 dogs, 24" – 1 dog

8" – 4 dogs, 12" – 10 dogs, 16" – 28 dogs, 20" – 15 dogs, 24" – 1 dog

8" – 6 dogs, 12" – 17 dogs, 16" – 31 dogs, 20" – 28 dogs, 24" – 2 dogs

8" – 6 dogs, 12" – 17 dogs, 16" – 30 dogs, 20" – 28 dogs, 24" – 2 dogs

Specialty Trial

Briefing: 7:45 a.m. Judging begins: 8:00 a.m.

8" – 2 dogs, 12" – 10 dogs, 16" – 29 dogs, 20" – 1 dog

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 4 dogs, 16" – 14 dogs

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 3 dogs, 16" – 14 dogs

12" – 2 dogs, 16" – 9 dogs

12" – 2 dogs, 16" – 9 dogs

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 10 dogs, 16" – 18 dogs, 20" – 2 dogs

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 10 dogs, 16" – 18 dogs, 20" – 1 dog

12" – 4 dogs, 16" – 14 dogs

12" – 4 dogs, 16" – 14 dogs

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 1 dog, 16" – 8 dogs, 20" – 1 dog

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 1 dog, 16" – 8 dogs, 20" – 1 dog

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 10 dogs, 16" – 19 dogs, 20" – 1 dog

8" – 1 dog, 12" – 10 dogs, 16" – 19 dogs

MASCUSA ACT Test

Monday, May 24, 2021

The ACT tests judged by Donna Crary-Johnson will take place after the completion of the all-breed agility trial on Monday, May 24, 2021.

Inside crating will be available. Please crate in marked areas only.

There is a total of 12 tests as of the closing of the preregistration:

Test 1, ACT1 – 4 runs

Test 1, ACT2 – 2 runs

Test 2, ACT1 – 4 runs

Test 2, ACT2 – 2 runs

MASCUSA Agility Sweeps

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Sweeps judging will take place after the presentation of the Agility Special Awards after the completion of the Specialty Agility Trial on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

Sweeps Judge: Loretta Zich

8” 1 dog

12” 5 dogs

16” 11 dogs

20” 2 dogs

Inside crating will be available. Please crate in marked areas only.

Remember that we are taking day of show entries for sweeps until noon on Tuesday. You can sign up at the hospitality table.

MASCUSA Fast CAT

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25 – 26, 2021

We will publish the running order this week with dogs grouped into groups of 30 per hour.

Test 1 each day begins at 9:00 a.m.; Test 2 begins 30 minutes after the first dog has run in Test 1. Entries close at 4:00 p.m. or when the test has reached its limit.

Inspections for Test 1 start at 8:30 a.m.; inspections for Test 2 start any time after the dog's first run and before its second run.

Inside crating will be available. Please crate in marked areas only.

Schedule

Event	Hours	Entry Close	Inspection	Start of Runs
Tues 5/25/21 FCAT 1	9 AM to finish	4 PM or at limit	8:30 AM to end of test	9 AM
Tues 5/25/21 FCAT 2	To follow 30 min after the first dog has run in test 1	4 PM or at limit	Any time after dog's 1st run and before 2 nd run	9 AM
Weds 5/26/21 FCAT 1	9 AM to finish	4 PM or at limit	8:30 AM to end of test	9 AM
Weds 5/26/21 FCAT 2	To follow 30 min after the first dog has run in test 1	4 PM or at limit	Any time after dog's 1st run and before 2 nd run	9 AM

MASCUSA Scentwork

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

The element classes for the two scentwork trials will run concurrently on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. If you have entered both trials in an element you will run your two searches for that element back-to-back.

The Detective classes will be run with all trial 1 entries first from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and trial 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will not have a set running order for the Detective classes; they will be run as handlers are available since several are also running in the element classes.

Due to the large entry, we have added two additional judges to the trial. If you have had a change in judge for an class that you have entered, per AKC rules you are allowed to withdraw your entry for the affected class. Such a request must be made in writing to the trial secretary no later than 30 minutes before the start of the trial.

The scentwork results will be presented upon the completion of the trials- both the high in trial awards and the MASCUSA awards. We will notify everyone where the awards presentation will take place.

Inside crating will be available. Please crate in marked areas only.

The schedule is as follows. We will have a briefing at 7:30 a.m. in the Gateway Hall on Wednesday, May 26 at which point you may check in and receive details on the locations for the elements.

Judge – Erin Seely

Judging starts at 8:00 a.m.

- Container – Novice A
- Container – Novice B
- Container – Advanced

Judge – Kimberly Melton Hall

Judging starts at 8:00 a.m.

- Exterior – Master
- Exterior – Novice A
- Exterior – Novice B
- Exterior – Advanced

Judge – Sarah Schroeder

Judging starts at 8:30 a.m.

- Buried – Novice A
- Buried – Novice B
- Buried – Advanced
- Buried – Master

Judge – Dr. John Strassner

Judging starts at 8:00 a.m.

- Buried – Excellent
- Container – Excellent
- Exterior – Excellent
- Container – Master

Judge - Bonnie Marie Gutzwiler

Detective – Trial 1 runs from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. No set running order

Detective – Trial 2 runs from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. No set running order

MASCUSA Temperament Test

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

The temperament tests will be performed on a first-come first-served basis. They start at 10:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Day of show entries are available for \$30 per dog per test. You may register at the hospitality table until noon on Wednesday.

All handlers must sign in during check-in starting at 9:30 a.m. prior to the testing which will begin at 10:00 a.m.



OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO SAFETY GUIDELINES

We, at Purina Farms, recognize that COVID-19 is still here, but we also recognize that we have turned a corner and can once again safely operate with everyone's continued cooperation and diligence.

Starting in May 2021, Purina Farms, including the Visitor Center, will re-open its doors. We will continue operating at limited capacity while adhering strictly to applicable safety guidelines recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will be hosting a series of events – which will require advanced registration at the **Purina Event Center** and surrounding outdoor event areas on property. For the time being, we will not have spectators at these events, but we will continually update you as we progress in our journey towards re-opening at full capacity as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Visitor Center will also re-open with limited capacity beginning on May 5, 2021. Advanced reservations will be required. Additional operational decisions will be made based on the most up-to-date health and medical guidance, putting the safety and well-being of our people and our pets above everything else. Additional changes to our existing safety measures may be implemented as the COVID-19 situation changes in the greater St. Louis region and additional guidance becomes available.

At Purina Farms, we believe we have a shared responsibility to keep each other and our pets safe and healthy. We continue our core precautionary measures to maintain the safety and well-being of our people and pets and the animals that call Purina Farms home. We appreciate everyone's commitment to promoting appropriate social distancing, regular and thorough handwashing and wearing face coverings while on our property:

- **ADVANCED EVENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** All events require pre-registration. Walk-ups will not be allowed. More information on events and reservations can be found at purinafarms.com
- **LIMITED EVENT ATTENDANCE:** Facilities and events will operate at limited capacity based on St. Louis area guidelines. We will continue to update these as local guidelines allow. For now, spectators are not allowed at events (*capacity constraints will be adjusted based on current COVID-19 guidelines.*)
- **HEALTH SCREENINGS REQUIRED:** All event participants and guests must participate in a health screening before entering the property, including answering health questionnaires for themselves and their pets prior to entry.
- **PROPERTY PARKING:** Event and guest parking will only be allowed in every other parking spot to allow for social and physical distancing. Event participants and guests must remain in designated areas of the property while on-site. Designated areas will be limited to RV lots, parking lots and facilities and/or fields where the participant or guests' specific events are taking place.
- **ENTRY/EXIT POINTS:** All event participants and guests must follow designated entrances and exits to the property and its facilities. Names of registered participants and guests will appear on a check-in list provided to security to allow for entry onto the property.

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- **PHYSICAL DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:** All event participants and guests must follow appropriate social distancing restrictions of six feet or more from others and avoid physical contact with anyone else, including other pets. Floor markings and signage will continue to serve as reminders to maintain social distancing.
- **FACE COVERING REQUIRED:** To assure everyone's safety, all event participants and guests 5 years of age and older are required to wear a face covering at all times while on the property. Face coverings are also encouraged for any guests (if applicable) ages 2-4 (*If for some medical reason you are unable to wear a face covering, we will determine if there is another alternative for you [and others] to safely enjoy Purina Farms.*)
- **HYGIENE AND HAND WASHING:** All event participants and guests should wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as well as frequently using hand sanitizer located at stations around the facility and its perimeter. Everyone is encouraged to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands and to properly cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- **ADVANCE CLEANING PROTOCOLS:** Common use items and equipment, including drinking fountains and dog watering stations, will not be available for the time being. Restrooms will be frequently cleaned and disinfected and will continue to have every other stall and sink blocked to help maintain physical distancing.
- **CHILDREN:** Any children on property must always be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Also, see face covering guideline above.
- **PETS:** See our [Visiting Pet Guidelines](#)

Purina Farms shall reduce capacity and control the maximum number of event participants and guests in its facilities to 25% of the normally permitted occupancy, in accordance with the current Guidance per the City of St. Louis: <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/health/communicable-disease/covid-19/documents/upload/Large-Venues.pdf>

Food and Beverage

- Tables will be set up at least six feet apart for proper social distancing. They should not be moved. Members of the same household and those traveling together may sit together.
- Our staff has been trained to practice “no contact” transfers by placing items down on a counter or table for the next person to pick up, avoiding direct person-to-person contact.
- Self-serve food and drink options are still discontinued at this time. All condiments are single use and shall be provided upon request.

Doing Our Part

All Purina Farms staff and team members will continue the following healthy steps:

- Daily health-screening, including a temperature check, upon arriving on property
- Wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, including face coverings, at all times.
- Frequently cleaning and disinfecting commonly used and high touch surfaces.
- Reinforced training on the proper way to utilize face coverings and gloves, proper handwashing, and cleaning protocols.
- Social distancing from guests and their pets.
- Reinforced training on appropriate actions to take if anyone becomes ill or begins displaying COVID-19-like symptoms while on the property.



Our Handling In Case Of Illness

Anyone feeling ill or having symptoms consistent with COVID-19 – such as fever, cough, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or shortness of breath – should stay home, or if already on property, they should immediately report their symptoms to Purina Farms security by notifying a member of the Purina Farms team or calling 314-982-2222 and isolating themselves from others.

In such event, we will gather all pertinent information to allow Purina Farms to take the appropriate actions, including isolating the person from others and disinfecting the area, as quickly as possible. Anyone feeling ill or exhibiting symptoms will immediately be asked to leave the property. An ambulance will be called for severe illness if needed.

Note: *By visiting Purina Farms property, all event participants and guests acknowledge and agree to abide by all posted guidelines and understand that they are responsible for their personal safety and that of the children and/or pets under their supervision. Any event participant or guests who refuse to comply with guidelines, even after warnings, will be refused entry (if not already on property) or will be asked to leave (with no refund if applicable) and will not be allowed back for the remainder of the event. These actions are at the sole discretion of Purina Farms.*