



SDDA SANCTIONED TRIAL

TRIAL HOSTED BY BEST FRIENDS SCHOOL OF DOG TRAINING

TRIAL DATE: Sunday December 6th 2026

-Started: Containers, Interior, Exterior

-Advanced: Containers, Interior, Exterior

-Games

Judge: Russ Fox

**TRIAL LOCATION: Best Friends School of Dog Training
3210 Swansea Crescent,
Ottawa, ON K1G 3W4**

TRIAL REGISTRATION OPENING:

**-Registered Participants: Sunday November 1st, 2026
6:00PM**

**-Non-Registered Participants: Wednesday November 4th, 2026
6:00PM**

CLOSING DATE: When trial fills (limited entry)

Move ups are allowed until 8PM the day before the trial

ENTRIES: go to: bfdogtraining.ca and click on the Events & Workshops tab at the top of the page then click on the trial link or use the QR code below.



TRIAL COMMITTEE:

Trial Chair/Secretary: Marianne Cuhaci

For all trial related questions please email: info@bfdogtraining.ca

General Information:

Fees (per day, per level):

Started, Advanced: \$40.00 per component or \$100 total if all 3 components entered

Games: Aerial, Speed, Distance, Team (total for both team members): \$35.00

HST is included

Payment: Must be made via e-transfer to info@bfdogtraining.ca (e-transfer to be sent within 24hrs of receiving email confirmation from us that we have received your entry and that you have a spot in the trial). More payment details will be in the confirmation email.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

-Priority entry will be given to volunteers of Best Friends February 2026 trial

-Please check in with the Trial Secretary upon arrival

-If there is a judge change-refund(s) will be issued if participant(s) choose to withdraw for this reason.

-There can be no training or non-official use of odour on trial grounds.

-Refunds: All entries are final. Refunds will only be issued if your spot is filled from the waitlist. There will be a \$25 administration fee for any refund. A full refund will ONLY be issued if a dog may not compete due to illness/injury. An official note from your veterinarian MUST be provided and received no later than 12:00pm the day before the trial.

****Judges/hosts have the authority to expel any handler from a trial who displays unsportsmanlike conduct during the event. These may include but are not limited to:**

-Striking, kicking, or otherwise roughly handling a dog

-Harassing or abusing any event official or fellow competitor

-Discussing with other competitors the location of a target odour or cleared area

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE YOU REGISTERED PARTICIPANT NUMBER IF APPLICABLE. IF IT IS NOT INCLUDED ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL NON-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ARE ABLE TO ENTER

This event is being held under the rules of the **Sporting Detection Dogs Association (SDDA)** and is open to all breeds & mixes of dogs. Dogs must be registered with the SDDA and be over six (6) months of age.

DOGS: Dogs must be under control at all times. Please keep barking to a minimum (we have a large parking lot, please park farther away from the front entrance if your dog barks at people/other dogs who pass their vehicle), pick up after your dog(s) promptly, and note that your dog(s) MUST be on leash when they are outside of your vehicle.

Any handler displaying inhumane or aggressive treatment of any dog, the public or other handlers (physical or verbal) will be asked to leave the premises without refund. All dogs must be on a flat collar or harness in the search area(s).

We are committed to creating a respectful and inclusive environment, as well as a positive experience for everyone (K9 & human alike) and therefore expect that volunteers, staff and all participants will be respectful, helpful and encouraging to each other.

By entering this/these trial(s), competitors acknowledge that they know the Rules and Regulations of SDDA. See the Master Rule Book on the SDDA website to review all rules prior to the trial.

Waitlist:

If the trial fills and you wish to be placed on the waiting list, please email us at info@bfdogtraining.ca. The subject of the email must be: SDDA Trial Waitlist. Indicate which trial(s) you'd like to be waitlisted for, as well as level, component(s) and/or which game(s). Please include your name, and your dog's name in the body of the email.

Running Order:

Will be determined by random draw. Tentative running order and trial timing information will be emailed to competitors prior to the trial start date.

Volunteers will run their dogs first.

No Shows:

Handler/dog teams who have not contacted the trial secretary to give notice and are not present at the time of their level briefing/walk through will be considered no shows and removed from the running order. **No**

Refunds for no-shows.

Should the team not attend the trial no refund will be given.

Awards:

Qualifying ribbons will be presented, after each level, per component. New Title rosettes will be given for all new titles.

Top Dog prizes in each level will be awarded. Awards will also be given for Judge's Choice at the discretion of the Judge(s).

Crating:

There will be no indoor crating available. Be prepared to crate in your vehicle. Bring appropriate equipment to keep your dog comfortable.

Bitches in Heat:

Bitches in heat may compete. Panties must be worn at all times when trialing. Bitches in heat will be placed at the end of the run order. Please notify the trial secretary at time of arrival of a bitch in heat.

Volunteering:

If you would like to volunteer as a timer, gate keeper, or runner (ferrying score sheets to the secretary) please email the trial secretary (info@bfdogtraining.ca). Lunch will be provided for all volunteers (1/2 or full day volunteer time). Volunteers are always appreciated!

Food:

There is a Tim Horton's and an A&W within walking distance and several other fast food restaurants within a 5-10 minute drive of the venue.

Veterinary Services:

Alta Vista Animal Hospital

Open 24hrs

2220 Walkley Road

Ottawa, ON K1G 5L2

Phone: 613-731-9911

Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Ottawa East

1199 Joseph Cry St

Ottawa ON K1J 7T4

613-744-1060

Travelodge

1486 Innes Rd

Glouster ON K1B 3V5

613-702-0719

Liability Waiver: You must click on the 'I Agree' circle on the trial entry form & sign

In exchange for being allowed to participate in the Event(s),

I CERTIFY that I am the owner or authorized agent of the actual owner of the dog entered in this SDDA sanctioned Sporting Detection Trial. I accept full responsibility for all statements made in this entry and for the dog's participation in this trial. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the **Sporting Detection Dogs Association** and any additional rules and regulations put forth regarding this specific event.

I, the registered participant for this event, understands that my participation and my dog's participation in this/these event(s) (hereafter referred to as "the Event") involves inherent risks, that may include but are not limited to:

- Injuries to myself, my dog, other people, or other dogs.
- Dog bites, scratches, dog fights.
- Slips, falls, and environmental hazards.
- Property damage.
- Exposure to contagious illnesses or diseases.

I voluntarily assume all risks associated with my participation in the Event. I acknowledge that these risks are not the only ones present and there may be other unforeseen risks.

I agree to hold harmless the SDDA, Best Friends School of Dog Training, and their agents and employees, for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by spectators or by exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs or property. I agree to assume sole responsibility and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the SDDA, Best Friends School of Dog Training for loss, accidents or theft and I hold the SDDA, the host and any approved SDDA Judge harmless from any claims, actions or lawsuits resulting from my participation in this event.

I release and discharge the event organizers, Best Friends School of Dog Training, and associated individuals from any claims, liabilities, or damages arising from my or my dog's involvement. This includes claims related to negligence by the organizers.

I agree to protect the event organizers from any claims or expenses resulting from injuries or damages caused by my or my dog's actions or negligence during the Event. I take full responsibility for any such claims.

I confirm that I am the legal owner or authorized agent of my dog(s). I certify that my dog(s) is/are healthy, up-to-date on vaccinations (DAPP+Rabies), and has no history of aggression unless disclosed in writing. I will keep my dog(s) under control, follow event rules, and clean up after my dog(s). I understand the organizers can remove aggressive dogs and/or dogs that are not kept under control.

I am responsible for any medical emergencies for myself or my dog(s) during the Event. In an emergency where I cannot be reached, I authorize event organizers to arrange medical and/or veterinary treatment at my expense.

I have read and understand this waiver. I know this is a release of liability and a contract, and I am agreeing to it voluntarily. I agree that this document binds me and my legal representatives.