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## ENTRY METHOD

**ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Monday, February 17, 2025, 8:00AM EST** at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON Friday, March 28, 2025 at 8:00AM EST** after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted. Entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.

**DAY OF EVENT ENTRIES:** Day of event entries **will** be permitted at this Fetch testing.

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## PREMIUM LIST



**Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club**  
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



**Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Retriever**

**April 4, 2025 Trial #1** Event #2025213025

**April 4, 2025 Trial #2** Event #2025213026

**April 5, 2025 Trial #1** Event #2025213027

**April 5, 2025 Trial #2** Event #2025213028

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**Weyers Cave Community Center**  
682 Weyers Cave Rd, Weyers Cave, VA 24486

### ENTRY LIMITS

**April 4, 2025** 20 entries per FETCH event

**April 5, 2025** 30 entries per FETCH event

*To be held Outdoors*

### Testing Hours:

Friday & Saturday – 2:00 pm to 5:00pm

Check-in from 12:00-1:00 pm



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB**

## CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina DiNardo,  
Secretary

### OFFICERS OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

President .....Marcella Smith  
 Vice President .....Sharyn Hutchens  
 Secretary.....Louis Gilchrist, 1461 Massanetts Spring  
 Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
 Treasurer.....Beth Grimm

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
LOUIS GILCHRIST 1461 Massanetta Springs Rd Harrisonburg, VA 22801	JILL RICE 2028 Southview Drive Rockingham, VA 22802

### EVENT COMMITTEE

Marcella Smith, Jill Rice, Donathan Kesner, Vickilynn Bowman, Sharyn Hutchens  
*And any other members of the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club who are onsite at the time..*

### JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

<b>PENNY WOODWARD</b> #98123 Elkton, VA  April 4, 2025 #1 2025213025 Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Retriever  April 5, 2025 #2 2025213028 Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Retriever	<b>KIMBERLY MATSON</b> #11353398123 Franklin, VA  April 4, 2025 #2 2025213026 Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Retriever  April 5, 2025 #1 2025213027 Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Retriever
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### FOR AKC CLUBS: VETERINARIAN ON CALL

**Veterinarian** (on-call) Veterinary Emergency Services, 465 Lee Highway, Verona, VA 24482 540-534-4111. **Directions** RT 81S, take exit 227 towards Verona. At exit follow signs to RT11. Hospital is at the light on the right in the shopping plaza.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police- Augusta EMS  
911

**LOCAL HOSPITAL** – Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital  
2010 Health Campus Dr, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 11.0 Miles from Trial.

## TEST LEVELS

Friday April 4 #1	Friday April 4 #2	Saturday April 5 #1	Saturday April 5 #2
Novice	Novice	Novice	Novice
Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced
Retriever	Retriever	Retriever	Retriever
Testing begins at 2:00 pm. for Retriever. Advanced begins after completion.	Testing begins at 2:00 pm . for Retriever. Advanced begins after completion.	Testing begins at 2:00 pm . for Retriever. Advanced begins after completion.	Testing begins at 2:00 pm . for Retriever. Advanced begins after completion.

Running order will be Retriever, Advanced, Intermediate then Novice each day

**Move-Ups to the next higher level WILL NOT be offered on Friday. All move ups will be from Friday to Saturday only.**

## DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate. Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.

**Condition of the Dog.** Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the Fetch test. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or

visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs are allowed to enter so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the test, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

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## ENTRY FEES

### Mail entry forms and fees to:

Kimberly Matson  
C/O SVKC FETCH Trial  
43 Heavner Rd  
Franklin, WV 26807

Please make checks payable to the **Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club**.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Kimberly Matson at kmatson@vt.edu. No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

**Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

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## WAIT LIST INFORMATION

**Shenandoah Kennel Club** is not offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. All pre-entries must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to March 28, 2025. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing.

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## SIGN-IN and CRATING Areas

There will be a secretary table for check-ins and information.

Dogs will be crated out of view of the Fetch test area, or far enough away as to not cause a distraction to the dog being tested.

## ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

**Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

## RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

*Qualifying Score*.....*Dark Green*

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

### SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

**The safety of the dog** is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

**Collars, Leashes, and Harnesses.** Dogs must wear a collar. Dogs may wear slip collars, buckle collars, and Martingales in the AKC Fetch test. They may not wear prong collars, e-collars, head collars, muzzles, or body harnesses. Leashes should be 4 ft. to 6 ft. long and should be made of fabric, leather, or biothane.

### REFUNDS

**As per the AKC Fetch Judges Guide, when a Fetch test is cancelled, the club/organizer will contact any preregistered entrants. The club/organizer will communicate the change to any potential entrants by the method in which they originally advertised to those potential entrants. If the club/organizer cancels the Fetch test, preregistered entrants will be given a refund for their entry fees. The cancellation should be reported to [fetchinfo@akc.org](mailto:fetchinfo@akc.org)**

No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund.

**Bitches in season** will be refunded the full entry fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

### RINGSIDE

**Judges are not required** to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

**EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN:** At check-in you will receive your armband number. Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email.

**Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.**

**Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.**

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

The Village Inn,  
4979 S Valley Pike, US-11, Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
540-434-7355

This Motel accepts pets.

**RV Parking** available at the trail site  
**sugarloafmountainracing@gmail.com**

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## DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

*Directions:* from Interstate 81, Take exit 235 toward VA-256/Weyers Cave/Grottoes/Blue Ridge Comm. College., Turn left onto VA-256 Weyers Cave Rd. Travel approx .2 miles. Community Center will be on your left.

## MAP





## 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. 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 of 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.

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**SIGNATURE** of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

**SIGN HERE**

**X:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of Emergency – Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_