

INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL
Event # 2025277122

Saturday and Sunday, October 11 & 12, 2025

Hosted by
Nebraska Kennel Club (of Omaha) & Cornhusker Kennel Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, Inc

Closing Date – Friday, September 5, 2025, at 6:00pm CDT

Test is Limited to 12 dogs



BRANCHED OAK RECREATION AREA
12000 W BRANCHED OAK ROAD, RAYMOND, NE 68428



CERTIFICATION

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

NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL EVENT COMMITTEE

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For more information, please visit the [AKC National Tracking Invitational](#) page and the 2025 NTI committee's page at [2025 AKC National Tracking Invitational – 11th AKC National Tracking Invitational](#) as well as join the 2025 AKC National Tracking Invitational Facebook group at [2025 AKC National Tracking Invitational | Facebook](#).

For any questions regarding your entry contact the Test Secretary Shelly Rehmeier at shellyrehmeier@gmail.com.

To volunteer to help at the test contact Sue Volkmer 2025.NTI.VOLS@gmail.com.

For any donations contact Annie Kelley labbiedors@gmail.com

For T-shirt and other merchandise questions contact Ron Weaks rweaks@centurylink.net

For any other questions contact Test Chair Dian Quist dqsdogs@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES

Entries Close on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm CDT

Draw for Entries on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at noon CDT

Catalog ads, Memorials and Track Contributors due Friday, September 12, 2025

Discount rate for hotel expires Tuesday September 16, 2025, **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Well Wishers and entrant biography and pictures due Friday September 12, 2025

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This event is by invitation only. All dogs earning the Champion Tracker (CT) title during the qualifying period, January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2025 will be invited. Priority in the draw will be given to dogs that have not been exhibited in any of the AKC National Tracking Invitational events held in 2013, 2016, 2018, 2021 or 2023. Entries are limited to 12 dogs.

OFFICIAL AKC NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL ENTRY FORM

The Official Entry Form will be sent via email to all dogs eligible to enter. **ENTRIES NOT ON THE OFFICIAL AKC NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL ENTRY FORM OR PHOTOCOPIES OF THE ENTRY FORM without the Agreement and Rules on the reverse side are NOT ACCEPTABLE.** No entry shall be made or accepted, which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Entry Fee Per Dog \$250.00

Please send a separate check for each entry if more than one, and do not combine those checks with any other fees or purchases.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE OR EMAIL. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. **ILLEGIBLE ENTRIES will not be processed** and will be returned to the exhibitor. OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE for any errors on entry forms. **CLOSING DATE** for entries is Friday, September 5, 2025 at 6:00pm CDT.

Mail entry forms and fees to: Shelly Rehmeier, Event Secretary, National Tracking Invitational; 102 Washington St., P.O. Box 6, Waterloo, NE 68069. Please make checks payable to Nebraska Kennel Club. You will receive email confirmation that your entry has been received if entry is received prior to Friday, September 5, 2025 at 6:00pm CDT

Entry fee will include entrance into the event, Friday Meet and Greet, exhibitor lunches Saturday and Sunday, Saturday evening dinner for the exhibitor, Rosettes, Awards, Prizes and T-Shirt. Entry Fees will not be processed until after the event. Should you not compete in the event, your payment will be destroyed.

DRAW FOR ENTRIES

The draw for entries will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at noon CDT via Facebook Live. Join at [2025 AKC National Tracking Invitational | Facebook](#). Anyone who has joined can view the event by clicking on Events. The first six entries drawn will be for Saturday's tracks and the next six drawn will be for Sunday's tracks. All entrants will be notified of the results of the draw by email. The remaining entries will be drawn for positions on the alternates list.

DRAW FOR RUNNING ORDER

Test headquarters will be at Branched Oak Observatory, 14300 NW 98th St., Raymond, NE 68428. This will also be the location for lunches each day and is just 2 TDX lengths from the park entrance. The draw for running order will take place at 9:00 am each morning, followed by the running of the first track shortly thereafter.

DIRECTIONS TO DRAW SITE

From host hotel at 5353 North 27th St to the draw site is 16.1 miles. From the hotel, go south 0.7 miles to Superior St, turn right and proceed 1.6 miles to the I-180 / Hwy 34 north entrance ramp. North on Hwy 34 West to Hwy 79 (4.8 miles), take Hwy 79 North to W.Raymond Rd. (5.2 miles), turn left (west) onto W. Raymond Rd. and go 3.2 miles to NW 98th Street. Turn left onto NW 98th Street and go .5 mile. The Branched Oak Observatory entrance will be on the left.

There will be signs at the turn on Raymond Rd. and NW 98th Street and more to direct you to the Observatory entrance.

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

Country Inn & Suites
5353 North 27th St.
Lincoln, NE.

We have arranged a discount rate for a block of rooms for the AKC Tracking Invitational:

The discount rate is available through September 16, or when the block is sold out, whichever comes first, no exceptions. The hotel is also waiving the pet fee for this. Reservations made after September 16 will receive the going room rate. See below for reserving a room:

The group room block for AKC National Tracking Invitational on October 9-14, 2025 is now bookable. **Guest Room rates are based on block availability and need to be reserved by Tuesday, September 16, 2025, to get the special rates**, so please make reservations prior to this date. You can call toll-free 1.800.333.3333 or you can call the hotel front desk directly at 402.476.5353.

Guests can also reserve the guest room on-line by going to Website – <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/AZ94H5>

- Under your travel dates, select the Check-In and Check-Out dates and then “Add Room” of desired room type. This will activate the Booking Summary and allow you to book your guest room.

If you choose to call the hotel you will need to give the front desk the dates and group name (AKC National Tracking Invitational).

From I-80 (either direction), take the 27th St. exit (#403) then south 1.4 miles to the Folkways Blvd intersection and turn right. The hotel is located just past the Folkways Blvd intersection, facing 27th St.

This will be the site of the Friday welcome party and the Saturday banquet.

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS - PLEASE CONFIRM PET POLICIES

The following hotels/motels are also located along 27th St. and within a mile of the host hotel.

La Quinta Inn by Wyndham Lincoln, 4433 N 27th Street, 402-476-2222
<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/lincoln-nebraska/la-quinta-inn-lincoln/overview>

Baymont Inn & Suites by Wyndham, 3939 N. 26th St., 402-261-1530
[Baymont Inn & Suites by Wyndham Lincoln NE | Lincoln, NE Hotels](#)

CAMPING / RV PARKS

Branched Oak State Recreation Area, 12000 West Branched Oak Road Raymond NE 68428-9728, 402-471-1414 <https://nebraskastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/branched-oak-sra/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NE&parkId=230034> This is the test site so please be aware that some of the campgrounds may have tracks plotted within the area.

Reservations at Area 1 South Shore or Area 2 Homestead requested. These are on the south edge of the park and will not be used for tracks.

Camp a Way, 200 Campers Circle, 402-476-2282 <https://campaway.com/>
Located 3 miles from the host hotel, 17 miles from the draw site.

ROSETTES, AWARDS, & PRIZES

Participating Teams will receive

- o Award
- o Rosette
- o Catalog
- o Commemorative T-shirt

AKC NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL TRACK REQUIREMENTS

The tracks will comply with Chapter 4 of the AKC Tracking Regulations, with the following modifications:

Turns:	5 – 7
Age of Track:	2 – 4 hours
Length of Track:	600 – 800 yards
Articles:	4 (cloth for start article, plastic, metal, and leather)
Cross-tracks:	Natural, none plotted
Obstacles:	At least two
Surfaces:	Variable terrain, cover and surfaces as available. Each track will offer different scenting challenges such as vehicles, pedestrian and animal traffic; woods, water and/or non-vegetated surfaces.

NOTICES TO ALL EXHIBITORS

ENTRY FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED in the event of errors or if a dog is withdrawn from the test after the closing date, absent on the day of the test, disqualified, excused by judges or barred from competition by the test committee, unless an alternate exhibitor is available and willing to take the spot of the exhibitor. If, because of storms or other acts beyond the control of the management, it is impossible to open or complete this event, no refund of entry fees will be made.

CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES before the stated closing date must be made in writing or by email to the Test Secretary, and must be received by the secretary prior to the stated closing time of Friday, September 5, 2025 at 6:00pm CDT.

BITCHES IN SEASON MAY PARTICIPATE. Notification must be made to the Test Secretary prior to drawing for tracks. Such bitch(s) will run only after all other dogs have run and must be kept away from the immediate vicinity of the test prior to running.

SPECIAL TRAINING COLLARS ARE PROHIBITED.

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY: The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this test, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of the AKC. 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 Event Committee be asked to leave the show grounds. 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. These clubs do agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL Entry Form for this event. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s) at the show site and hotels. 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.

COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

Commemorative T-shirts and other merchandise are being sold to mark this event. Information on ordering can be found online at [2025 Akc National Tracking Invitational Apparel Store](#)

TRACK CONTRIBUTORS

Each contributor will receive a sign at the track entrance. The cost is \$125 with the proceeds going directly to this event. A contributor can be from a business, an individual, or a group and

include well wishes, memorials, or a business ad. The sign will be approximately 17 x 24 inches in size. All track contributors are sold on a first come basis determined by the date and time stamp of the email (if multiple sponsors are requesting the same track). Please contact Annie Kelley labbiedors@gmail.com. Below is an example of a contributor sign:

Track #1
Contributed by Sue Volkmer
In Memory of Zane and Eleanor
Good Luck and Trust Your Dog

Deadline for submissions is Friday September 12, 2025

CATALOG ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertise your club or company or just send a picture or a happy thought to a special person, trainer, or friend that is participating at the 2025 AKC National Tracking Invitational in Raymond, Nebraska. This year's catalog will be 5.5 x 8.5 inches, allowing for a full-page ad area approximately 4.5 x 7.5 for posting your message and or picture. Only finished size camera ready ads will be accepted. They may be sent electronically or mailed to the Catalog Chair at the address listed below.

Mail that requires a signature will not be accepted.

All photos will be printed in black and white
Full page ad up to 4.5 x 7.5 \$75.00
½ page ad up to 4.5 x 3.5 \$50.00
Back cover full page ad \$125.00 (first come, first served)

Deadline for submissions is Friday September 12, 2025

MEMORIAL PAGE

For \$25.00 we will have a separate space to remember our CT partners that are no longer with us. Please use the format of dog's AKC registered name and AKC titles; their handler, their owners and then up to 25 additional words.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, September 12, 2025

WELLWISHERS PAGE

For \$25.00 you can have a space on the Well Wishers Page! Send good luck wishes to your favorite participant, trainer, friend, or to the sport of tracking in general. Wishes limited to 25 words or less.

Wellwishers will be accepted until Friday, September 12, 2025

To place an advertisement, wellwisher entry or memorial entry send to:

Jill Morstad
2208 S. 46th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
jmorstad@prairiek9.com

Please make all checks payable to Nebraska Kennel Club.

A \$35 (thirty-five dollar) collection fee will be added to the amount of each returned check.

PUBLICATION RIGHTS – PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEOS

By entering this event, all owners, handlers, breeders, and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote, and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses, or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders, and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder, or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition. NOTE: By entering this show all owners, handlers, breeders, and kennels agree to make themselves available for interview if requested. Exhibitors may videotape individual runs only for personal use.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE / AMBULANCE / POLICE ~ DIAL 911

MEDICAL SERVICES

24 hour Hospital Emergency Room
Bryan Medical Center West Campus
2300 S 16th St, Lincoln, NE 68502
402-481-1111

<https://www.bryanhealth.com/locations/bryan-west-campus/>

From the host hotel, go 5.1 miles south on 27th St. to South St., turn right onto South St. and go 0.7 miles to 17th St., turn left onto 17th. The Emergency Room main doors are on the west side of the hospital.

Urgent Care 8am – 7:30pm daily
Bryan Urgent Care Walk-in Clinic - Northwest Lincoln
5901 N. 27th St.
Lincoln, NE 68521
402-481-6343

<https://www.bryanhealth.com/locations/urgent-care/location-profile/northpointeurgentcare/>

From the host hotel, go 1.0 mile north on 27th St. to Fletcher Ave., turn left onto Fletcher and follow the signs to NorthPointe Family Medicine/Urgent Care (will be on your left).

VETERINARY SERVICES

Veterinary Emergency Services of Lincoln
3700 S. 9th St., Suite L, Lincoln, NE
402-489-6800

<https://veterinaryemergencyservices.com/>

Daily: Monday – Friday 6 p.m. – 7 a.m.

Weekends: Noon Saturday – 7 a.m. Monday

Directions from test site Take W Raymond Rd (east) to Hwy 79 (south), Hwy 79 to Hwy 34 (east), Hwy 34 transitions into 9th St. (south). Continue south on 9th St and it will transition into Hwy 2 (east). At this curve, turn right onto Pioneers Blvd. The clinic will be to your right in line of businesses next to Shogun Restaurant. From park

entrance to clinic - 19 miles.

Direction from host hotel – Go 5.1 miles south on 27th St. to South St., turn right on South St. and go 1.4 miles to 9th St., turn left onto 9th St. Continue south on 9th St and it will transition into Hwy 2 (east). At this curve, turn right onto Pioneers Blvd. The clinic will be to your right in line of businesses next to Shogun Restaurant. From the host hotel to clinic – 8 miles

Nebraska Animal Medical Center
5720 Old Cheney Rd., Lincoln, NE
402-423-9100

<https://namcvet.com/>

Weekend Hours: Fri: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Sat-Sun: 8:00am – 5:00pm

NEBRASKA STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

All vehicles must have a Nebraska State Park permit to enter the park. Daily permits are: \$7.00 Per Day/ Per Vehicle for Nebraska State residents: Non-Residents are \$14.00 Per Day/ Per Vehicle

Consumption of, or open containers of, alcohol is prohibited.

Dogs must be kept on leash.

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800. 656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

The NTI Committee would like to thank the American Kennel Club and Companion Events Department for their support of this year's AKC National Tracking Invitational. We also want to thank past AKC NTI hosts from the Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club and the Greater Louisville Training Club for the information they have so generously shared. The Committee would also like to thank all of the Volunteers who have given so generously of their time and energy in organizing the event, plotting and laying the tracks, providing hospitality, as well as the Judges and Entrants participating this year and the Enthusiasts offering support.

THANK YOU ALL!!!