

****PLEASE READ THIS FIRST****
OVERVIEW REGARDING COVID-19 TRIAL PRECAUTIONS

The Merrimac Dog Training Club is excited to provide the opportunity for Obedience and Rally enthusiasts to compete in this organized trial, but our continued priority is the safety and well being of all involved. In order to achieve this, all participants must agree to abide by the established COVID-19 guidelines, so we may look out for one another and ensure that the trial environment is as safe as possible.

Should you be unable or unwilling to adhere to these guidelines, please do not enter these trials, and instead consider joining in on a different future trial/event, post-pandemic...thank you.

All safety guidelines below apply regardless of an individual's vaccination status and/or any future changes to state/local government health orders.

These guidelines align with CDC and VDH recommendations, and include:

- Maintaining six feet of physical distance and avoid congregating.
- Properly wearing (fully covering mouth and nose) appropriate face-coverings (masks) at all times when inside the trial building – exhibitors may remove masks while in the ring for their run(s) only.

In addition, the following best practices, per AKC recommendations, will be in place:

- ❖ Exhibitors entering trial will be required to sign the included COVID-19 Waiver of Liability with their entry (page 7 of this Premium). In addition to submitting the waiver with entry forms/fee, exhibitors must have the waiver submitted/approved AGAIN, before picking up an armband the day of the trial.
- ❖ Masks must be worn upon entering the building, and remain properly on (covering nose and mouth) until exiting the building. Our volunteers and judges will be properly wearing masks, as well.
- ❖ The trial will be held indoors. In addition, separate clearly marked entrance and exit doors will be used and building capacity will be limited.
- ❖ Limited crating will be available in the building. No chairs will be provided. Crating in vehicles or outdoors on the lawn is encouraged.
- ❖ Judging classes will be staggered in time blocks, and participants should arrive no sooner than 60 minutes prior to their scheduled start time, and leave upon the conclusion of their class(es).
- ❖ There will be multiple walkthrough groups for classes with large entries.
- ❖ These trials will be closed to the general public and other spectators, and exhibitors should leave the building when finished showing.
- ❖ See pages 5, 6, & 7 for additional safety procedures and precautions that will be in place at this trial to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

2021022823 Friday Rally Trial	Same day trials are consecutive, not concurrent.
2021022824 Saturday Rally Trial #1 AM	2021022821 Sunday Obedience Trial #1 AM
2021022825 Saturday Rally Trial #2 PM	2021022822 Sunday Obedience Trial #2 PM

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED AND CLOSE at the Trial Secretary's address when entry limit is reached, or at 6:00 PM on October 1, 2021 – whichever comes first. Opening date for entries is August 25, 2021.

PREMIUM LIST

(Unbenched)
69th, 70th, and 71st Rally Trials
137th and 138th Obedience Trials

These events will accept entries for All-American Dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

MERRIMAC DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



15 Newsome Place – Hampton, VA 23661

Indoors – Matted – Air Conditioned – Indoor Crating Available (limited)

Friday, October 22, 2021 (Rally) – 1:00 PM Start
Saturday, October 23, 2021 (2 Rally Trials) – 9:30 AM Start
Sunday, October 24, 2021 (2 Obedience Trials) – 9:30 AM Start

ENTRY LIMITS:

Friday Rally – 50 entries max
Saturday Rally – 50 entries max, per trial
Sunday Obedience – 25 entries max, per trial
All trials are limited to 1 show ring.

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 M. DiNardo, Secretary



OFFICERS OF MERRIMAC DOG TRAINING CLUB

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TRIAL EVENT COMMITTEE

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TRIAL SITE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Hampton City Fire and Police – On Call – 911

Veterinary Service – On Call – (757) 234-0461
Animal Emergency Center
2025 George Washington Memorial Hwy (Rte.17)
Yorktown, VA

NOTE: Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dog(s) are free of internal & external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations. An inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases exists in any public place. By attending these events, participants voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to communicable diseases, related to humans and canines, including but not limited to COVID-19.

ENTRY FEES

\$26.00 First Entry of a dog in each trial
\$21.00 Second or Third Entry of the same dog in the same trial
Junior Handlers
\$20 First Entry / \$15 Additional Entry Same Dog Same Trial

ENTRY SUBMISSION

Entries will be accepted beginning August 25. Closing date for entries is 6:00 PM on October 1, 2021 -OR- when the posted entry limit is reached (whichever comes first). Entries and fees must be mailed in, jointly, along with the waiver on page 7 to:

Sabrina Leahy, Trial Sec. 80 Lakeside Dr. Newport News, VA 23606.

Checks/money orders should be made payable to MDTC.

NO online, personally delivered, phoned in, emailed, faxed, or other forms of entry submission will be accepted. Trial Sec assumes no responsibility for cash sent through the mail. No Paypal/Venmo or other online payment-services. Entries not complete until accompanied by pg. 7 waiver.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY / EXHIBITOR NOTES

Jump Height must be indicated on all entries for classes requiring jumps.

Entries w/o full fees or w/o included waiver will not be accepted.

Acknowledgement of entries will be made as soon as practical. If not acknowledged within reasonable time, contact the Trial Secretary via email.

Entries not on official included AKC entry forms and/or copies of entry forms without the Agreement/Rules included or with any amendments made are not acceptable.

Unsigned or illegible entries will not be accepted.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry, and a \$25 fee will be added for each returned check.

No refunds will be issued for overpayment of fees if error is < \$10.

Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a Vet or Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. Nor due to the cancellation/stop of the trial show due to any sort of civil disturbance, severe weather event, or other unpredicted situation beyond our control.

Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms and no refunds will be made if errors are not acknowledged before the published closing date.

All Dogs Present must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged in the ring.

Bitches in Season: Females in season are not permitted to compete. If a female is withdrawn because it came into season, the entry fees will be refunded. To be eligible for such refund, the Show Secretary must be notified in writing, no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class in the trial. A veterinarian's certificate confirming the fact that the bitch is in season must also be presented.

The Judge is Not Required to wait for dogs. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to have the dog at ringside when required.

Move-ups/Transfers are welcome. Transfer forms may be submitted to the Trial Secretary by mail or e-mail prior to the trial. Transfer forms may be provided to the Trial Secretary on the day of trial, 30 minutes before the start of each trial. Transfer forms resulting from titles earned in Obedience Trial 1 may be submitted to the Trial Secretary as soon as possible.

The Trial Committee/Club will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this show. By entering these trials, the exhibitor has indicated acceptance of the terms listed in this premium list and assumes all risks involved.

TRIAL JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. David Brobst 95025 – Glen Allen, Virginia

Friday Rally Trial #2021022823 (All Classes)

Ms. Joanie Brobst 94353 – Glen Allen, Virginia

Saturday Rally Trials #2021022824 & #2021022825 (All Classes)

Mr. David Brobst 95025 – Glen Allen, Virginia

Sunday Obedience Trials #2021022821 & #2021022822
(All Classes)

RALLY TRIAL CLASSES

Classes offered at each trial, in the following order:

Rally Master, Rally Excellent B/A, Rally Advanced B/A, Rally Intermediate, Rally Novice B/A. NO TEAM RALLY OFFERED.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASSES

Classes offered at each trial, in the following order:

Utility B/A, Preferred Utility, Versatility, Graduate Open, Open B/A, Preferred Open, Graduate Novice, Novice B/A, Preferred Novice, Beginner Novice B/A

ORDER OF TRIALS AND CLASSES

For all Classes of OB and RLY: B-Class will be followed by A-Class; Jump heights from TALL to SMALL; and Walk-Through between each class where applicable, with large entries requiring multiple walk-throughs.

Friday (10/22/21) Rally Trial #2021022823

Judge: David Brobst Start Time: 1:00 PM

Rally Master > Rally Excellent B/A >

Rally Advanced B/A > Rally Intermediate > Rally Novice B/A

Saturday (10/23/21) AM Rally Trial #2021022824

Judge: Joanie Brobst Start Time: 9:30 AM

Rally Master > Rally Excellent B/A >

Rally Advanced B/A > Rally Intermediate > Rally Novice B/A

Saturday (10/23/21) PM Rally Trial #2021022825

Judge: Joanie Brobst Start Time: 1:00 PM

Rally Master > Rally Excellent B/A >

Rally Advanced B/A > Rally Intermediate > Rally Novice B/A

Sunday (10/24/21) AM Obedience Trial #2021022821

Judge: David Brobst Start Time: 9:30 AM

*Utility B/A > Preferred Utility > Versatility > Graduate Open >
Open B/A > Preferred Open > Graduate Novice > Novice B/A >
Preferred Novice > Beginner Novice B/A*

Sunday (10/24/21) PM Obedience Trial #2021022822

Judge: David Brobst Start Time: 1:00 PM

*Utility B/A > Preferred Utility > Versatility > Graduate Open >
Open B/A > Preferred Open > Graduate Novice > Novice B/A >
Preferred Novice > Beginner Novice B/A*

****Move-ups in Rally and Obedience Classes will be permitted, all days.****

LIMITED ENTRY REMINDER:

All Rally Trials – Cap of 50 Entries each Trial
All Obedience Trials – Cap of 25 Entries each Trial

RIBBON AWARDS - RALLY

First Prize	Blue Rosette
Second Prize	Red Rosette
Third Prize	Yellow Rosette
Fourth Prize	White Rosette
Highest Combined Triple	Blue/Red Rosette
Highest Combined Adv B & Excellent B	Blue/Green Rosette
New Title	Colored Rosette
Qualifying Score	Dark Green Ribbon

RIBBON AWARDS - OBEDIENCE

First Prize	Blue Rosette
Second Prize	Red Rosette
Third Prize	Yellow Rosette
Fourth Prize	White Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in a Regular Class	Blue/Gold Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in Open-Utility Combined	Blue/Green Rosette
New Title	Colored Rosette
Qualifying Score	Dark Green Ribbon

*****NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL TITLE*****

If you are anticipating earning a special title at our trials (i.e. RACH, OTCH, UDX, etc.), please inform the trial secretary upon submission of your entry form, so we can properly prepare for your achievement by ensuring we have a special rosette ready for you! ☺

CHANGE TO PRESENTATION OF AWARDS PROCEDURE

At the conclusion of each class, the judge will announce the placements/qualifiers. Exhibitors will NOT return to the ring to receive their awards. Rosettes and qualifying ribbons will be available for pickup in a designated area apart from the ring.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE

MDTC Building
15 Newsome Place
Hampton, VA 23661

NOTE: There is no longer access to Newsome Place from Pembroke Ave.

From the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel: Take the Powhatan Parkway/Power Plant Parkway Exit. Take a right at the end of the exit, and then the first left onto Salters Creek Road. Go approximately 0.6 miles, and take a right on Newsome Place. Proceed to the end of the short road, and the yellow building will be on the right.

From I-64 East or West - Take the 664 Exit, then take Exit 2 toward Powhatan Parkway/Power Plant Parkway, and take a left at the end of the exit ramp. Take the second left turn lane onto Salters Creek Rd. Go approximately 0.6 miles, and take a right on Newsome Place. Proceed to the end of the short road, and the yellow building will be on the right.

PARKING

You may park anywhere directly around the perimeter of the MDTC building. Please do not park across the road or near the adjoining properties, as you may be towed.

PET-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS NEARBY

Garden Inn - 1999 Power Plant Pkwy, Hampton, VA Ph: (757) 310-6323

Embassy Suites - 1700 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA Ph: (757) 827-8200

Sonesta Simply Suites - 401 Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA Ph: (757) 766-8976 All rooms have a kitchen. Good dog walking areas.

Extended Stay Hotels - 1915 Commerce Dr, Hampton, VA Ph: (757) 896-3600

Red Roof Inn - 1925 Coliseum Dr. Hampton, VA Ph: (757) 838-1870

COVID-19 Precautions Details - MDTC Trial Plan

[Adapted from GSDCGW for AKC Obedience/Rally Trials]

Date(s) of Trial(s): October 22-24, 2021

Upon publication of this premium, MDTC is following the State of Virginia's public health orders, and all recommendations by the CDC, with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. ***All COVID-19 precautions outlined in this premium will continue to be upheld, even if state/locality expectations lessen come the dates of the trial.***

Any person who fails to follow this Plan may result in dismissal from this event – thank you for working collaboratively to keep everybody well, and permit all to safely enjoy this opportunity to exhibit.

1. WHEN TO STAY HOME – You should NOT attend the trial if you cannot or will not adhere to the COVID-19 precautions, and/or if you cannot confidently answer YES to the following primary questions on the waiver, which you will be asked to turn in on the day of the trial:

- ☐ I certify that I do not, to my knowledge, have COVID-19 at the time of attending this Event. Nor have I been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days prior to the Event. Nor have I been at any large event gathering where proper social distancing and masks were not enforced within the last 14 days.
- ☐ I also state that I am at the present time free of symptoms of such infection including: FEVER, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, AND/OR PERSISTENT PAIN/ PRESSURE IN THE CHEST.
- ☐ If I have had the virus, I certify that I have had at least two negative tests 14 or more days prior to the Event or have had a positive antibody test, and have been released by government officials and/or health care providers to resume normal activity without limit.

If entered and unable to attend due to changes to the above, please email the trial secretary and you'll be refunded 50% of your entry fee. Anyone who attends a public gathering must recognize there remains a certain level of risk associated with contracting COVID-19, despite precautions taken to reduce that risk.

2. FACE MASKS – Your mask must cover your nose, mouth, and chin. Masks will be required of EVERYONE while inside the building. The only temporary exception to masking will be for exhibitors in the show ring, during their run(s), at which time the mask is optional.

3. RING SETUP – we will be conducting a one-ring trial. Exhibitors will be

asked to leave the premises at the conclusion of their final class.

4. NO SPECTATORS will be permitted at these trials or on the show grounds. If an exhibitor requires an assistant, the assistant will be allowed access to the building after signing the COVID-19 waiver at the check-in table.

5. NO CHILDREN under 18 will be permitted at these trials or on the show grounds unless showing a dog.

6. DOG OUTSIDE AREA – Dogs must be on leash at all times, both inside and outside the building, except when being shown in the ring. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of dog waste in the receptacles located around the outside of the building.

7. CHECK-IN PROCESS – There will be a check-in table by the main entrance of the building. You are required to check-in prior to entering the building and may not check-in earlier than 60 minutes before the start of your first class. During check-in you will sign/turn in the COVID-19 waiver, receive your armband for your class(es), and receive instructions for navigating the building. **Please check in WITHOUT your dog.** Maintain six-foot distance from the check-in steward and others in line.

8. CRATING – indoor crating space will be limited. Exhibitors may begin crate set up 60 minutes prior to the start of their class. When your class(es) has finished and the awards announced, you will be expected to leave the premises. All personal items (including crates/chairs) are to be removed from the building each day, even if you are competing the following day.

9. BUILDING ENTRANCE, EXIT AND HAND HYGIENE – every time you enter the building, you are required to wash your hands in the designated restroom or use club-provided hand sanitizer. We will make every effort to have several hand sanitizing stations inside the arena area. Please plan to bring your own hand sanitizer, as well. Please follow signs indicating the entrance and exit paths within the building.

10. CLASS STAGING - The Judge / Steward will communicate where the exhibitor will stand and provide instructions on what to do with articles, gloves, dumbbells and leash. Be sure to remain at least 6ft from the steward's table, the ring entry, and the dog leaving. Please avoid congregating in any spaces throughout and around the trial building site.

11. PERSONAL CHAIRS will only be allowed in your crating area. Chairs may not be set up at ringside.

12. CLASS AWARDS - At the conclusion of each class, the judge will announce the placements/qualifiers. Exhibitors will not return to the ring to

receive their awards. Rosettes and qualifying ribbons will be available for pickup in a designated area apart from the ring.

13. LUNCH - will be on your own for all exhibitors. No food or beverages (other than water) are allowed to be consumed by humans within the building.

14. SANITIZING AND CLEANING - Door handles, equipment, and common surfaces will be wiped down periodically throughout the trial and at the end of each day.

15. TRIAL CANCELLATION - MDTC reserves the right to cancel this trial at any time. Should that happen, any checks for trial entry fees will be shredded.

16. WAIVER - The Waiver of Liability (page 7) will be required to be submitted via mail with an exhibitor's entry AND again signed and submitted the day of the trial.

17. UPDATES TO PLAN - Updates and changes to tighten this plan will be made, as needed, as we continue to monitor the state of COVID-19. Updates will be emailed to all exhibitors.

Should you be unable or unwilling to adhere to these guidelines, please do not enter these trials, and instead consider joining in on a different future trial/event, post-pandemic...thank you.

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR WAIVER OF LIABILITY REGARDING COVID-19

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**This waiver must be submitted
along with your entry form and
fees.**

**Entries are not completed nor
accepted until Trial Secretary
receives exhibitor's signed waiver.**

This waiver is required to be signed
and submitted AGAIN, the day of the
trial, upon check in.

REQUIRED WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The following Club Waiver of Liability must be signed and submitted via mail, along with your entry form and fee. Exhibitors will be asked to sign this Waiver AGAIN, on the day of the event (each day entered), before an exhibitor will be permitted in the trial building, or receive an armband.

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Merrimac Dog Training Club - Waiver of Liability & Informed Consent Re: COVID-19

Hereafter, Merrimac Dog Training Club, Inc. of Hampton, Virginia shall be referred to as MDTC and will also be referred to as the Club.

- ☐ I have read and understood the "COVID-19 Precautions Details - MDTC Trial Plan", included in this premium, for the MDTC Rally/Obedience Trials, scheduled for October 22-24, 2021.
- ☐ I agree that I will not attend any Event nor enter the property of MDTC if I am ill for any reason.
- ☐ I certify that I have not traveled outside the U.S. in the last 14 days.
- ☐ I certify that I do not, to my knowledge, have COVID-19 at the time of attending this Event. Nor have I been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days prior to the Event. Nor have I been at any large event gathering where proper social distancing and masks were not enforced within the last 14 days.
- ☐ I also state that I am at the present time free of symptoms of such infection including: FEVER, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, AND/OR PERSISTENT PAIN/ PRESSURE IN THE CHEST.
- ☐ If I have had the virus, I certify that I have had at least two negative tests 14 or more days prior to the Event or have had a positive antibody test, and have been released by government officials and/or health care providers to resume normal activity without limit.
- ☐ I understand that I have entered and am competing at this Event entirely at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety during this Event.
- ☐ Regardless of my vaccination status, I pledge to follow all specific and published Event rules and requirements, to mitigate any possibility of infecting others or becoming infected.

- ☐ I will also cooperate with any health department and/or Federal/State/ Local guidelines that have jurisdiction in the area in which the Event is taking place.
- ☐ MDTC, its officers, members, associates, and volunteers are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 infection incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, before, during or after this Event.
- ☐ If any of the above should change prior to my arrival at the Event or during the completion of the Event that is the subject of this consent, or if I contract the COVID-19 within 14 days after the Event, I will immediately contact Sabrina Leahy, Trial Secretary, at 715-630-6472 or k9secretary.sabrina@gmail.com
- ☐ I understand that if I do not choose to fully comply with MDTC safety requirements set forth for this event, that I will be asked to leave the Club and will not receive a refund. These requirements include but are not limited to: Properly wearing (covering mouth and nose) appropriate face-coverings (masks) at all times when inside the trial building – including in the ring; Maintaining six feet of physical distance and avoid congregating; Adhering to the limit on building capacity, and all points addressed in this premium, to include contents of the "COVID-19 Precautions Details - MDTC Trial Plan," also included.

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to all points of this document.

PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

****SUBMIT AND MAIL IN THIS COMPLETED WAIVER WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM AND FEES. ENTRIES ARE NOT COMPLETED NOR ACCEPTED, UNTIL SIGNED WAIVER IS RECEIVED.****

You will be required to sign and submit this waiver AGAIN, the day of the trial upon check in.