



WSSCA National Specialty
May 2025
Jefferson, WI

**Tracking Dog (TD)
&
Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) Tests**

Friday, May 2, 2025

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds
Highway 67 and C1
Dousman, Wisconsin

6 TD Tracks and 2 TDX Tracks

Test open to all breeds if not filled by
Welsh Springer Spaniels.

Lunch will be provided following the test for all
participants and spectators.

Entry deadline Thursday, April 17, 2025, 5:00 pm
Entry fees: TD Test: \$80.00; TDX Test: \$140.00



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

GINA M. DINARDO, Executive Secretary

Test Committee:

Chair and Test Secretary: Hans Muessig

Head Tracklayer: to be determined

Hospitality and Tracklayers: WSSCA members from across the world.

Test Secretary:

Hans Muessig

1611 Quie Lane

Northfield, Minnesota 55057

(612) 839-3265

hans.muessig@gmail.com

Judges:

Annette Cochrane, River Falls, WI #7236

Rebecca Johnson, Ramsey, Minnesota #39791

Awards:

Each entrant whose dog passes their assigned track will receive a ribbon and award from the Heartland WSSC.

Test Site:

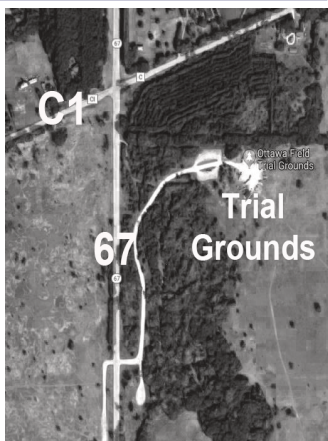
The test site is the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, a part of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. *There is a State Park entry fee that is the responsibility of each entrant and spectator.* The site is on the south-east corner of Wisconsin Highway 67 and County C1, about 9 miles south of the Interstate 94 and Highway 67 interchange. The entrance to the grounds is one-third of a mile south of the 67/C1 intersection on the east side. Drive all the way to the end and park close to the shelter. The draw(s) the day of the test will be at this shelter.

STATE PARK FEE: The daily park entry fee is \$13.00 for Wisconsin residents and \$16.00 for non-residents for which entrants and spectators are responsible. The closest Wisconsin DNR office is:

Wisconsin DNR Kettle Moraine Southern Forest

S91W39091 HWY 59

Eagle, WI 53118



Veterinarian On Call:

Bark River Animal Hospital

281 N Main St, Dousman, WI 53118

(262) 965-4888

Directions: North on Highway 67 5.3 miles from the site entrance to the intersection with US18. Left on US18 approx. 1/2 mile to Main Street. Left (South) on Main Street to the intersection of Main Street and Wilson Ave. The clinic is on the SW corner.

ENTRIES: The entry fee for the TD test is \$80.00 and for the TDX \$140.00. This includes the AKC recording and event fees. Checks should be made payable to the Heartland WSSC. Please do not send entries by any method requiring a signature for delivery. Mail entries to the Test Secretary: Hans Muessig, 1611 Quie Lane, Northfield, Minnesota 55057. You will be notified by email upon receipt of your entry. Entries must be on the official AKC entry form. **NOTES:** A certification statement must accompany each TD entry of a non-titled dog. Dogs must have a TD or TDU title to enter the TDX test. An exhibitor may enter more than one dog.

ENTRY DRAWING: Thursday April 17, 2025, at 7:30 pm local time at 1611 Quie Lane, Northfield, Minnesota, 55057 to determine which dogs will participate. The public may observe; please contact the secretary prior to attending. Entries for this test will be accepted up to the official closing date, even though the advertised limit has been reached. TD entries *must* be accompanied by a certificate. The drawing shall be completely random among all Welsh Springer Spaniel entries received for each test. If the advertised limit has not been drawn for each test, a second drawing will be held for the remaining (other breed) entries until the advertised limit has been reached. Any remaining entries shall be assigned a position on an alternate list corresponding to the order in which they are drawn. Preference in the TD test will be given to dogs who have not earned a TD; preference in the TDX test will be given to those dogs who have not earned a TDX. If the limit for entries is not reached in one test, and the limit is exceeded in the other test, the number of tracks will be exchanged up to the limits set by the event per AKC Tracking Regulations (Chapter 1, sec. 17a). The Test Secretary will notify each participant by phone and the alternates by email. Entry identification, a judging program, and directions to the test site will be sent to each entrant and alternate. In the event an entrant cancels or is absent on the day of the test, the Test Secretary will contact alternates in the order of the drawing. Upon notification, the alternate will have the option of accepting or refusing entry. If for any reason a dog making the draw is not present or cannot run the day of the test, their fees will be refunded provided an alternate competes in their place.

TEST HOURS: Friday May 2, 2025, 6:00 am to 5:00 pm. The drawing for TD track order will be held at 7:00 am at the Trial Grounds shelter. The first TD track will be run as soon as ready following the draw. The drawing for the TDX tracks will be at 9:15 am and the first TDX track run as soon as it is ready.

BITCHES IN SEASON may participate in accordance with Chapter 2, sec. 8 of the AKC Tracking Regulations. The handler must notify the Test Secretary prior to the drawing for track order on the day of the test.

RISK: The owner or agent entering a dog in this test does so at his/her own risk and agrees to abide by all of the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America and the Heartland WSSC assume no responsibility for any personal property, theft, injury, or death of an animal or damage to any property while at this test, or in transit to or from the site.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN: The Heartland WSSC has prepared a plan for this event and it will be available at the test site on the day of the test.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The location of the tracking test is approximately 25 miles east of the WSSCA Nationals show site in Jefferson and the hotels at Johnson Creek. Hotels in Oconomowoc and Delafield are closer (due north) of the tracking site at Wisconsin Hwy 67 and Interstate 94 or slightly east.

SPECTATORS AND VISITORS are welcomed, encouraged, and expected. WSSCA members value the camaraderie and good sportsmanship that is inherent in the sport of tracking! As such, we expect exhibitors, members of the gallery, and all involved in this test to display such behavior. We will not tolerate foul or abusive language, mistreatment of a dog, or disrespect of the judges, test committee members, exhibitors, tracklayers, or members of the gallery. Any display of these behaviors can and will be reported to the AKC. These offenses are subject to fine and/or suspension by the AKC.

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES PER AKC REGULATION



**AMERICAN
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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**AKC TD Event: 2025167013
AKC TDX Event: 2025167014**

**Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America
National Speciality
TD/TDX Tracking Test**

Friday May 2, 2025

I ENCLOSE \$ _____ for entry fees (\$80 for a TD entry, \$140 for a TDX entry).

IMPORTANT-Read the Instructions Carefully and PLEASE PRINT. Make checks payable to Heartland WSSC and mail entry form, check, and certificate (for TD entries) to:

Hans Muessig, Secretary
1611 Quie Lane
Northfield, Minnesota 55057

**Entries close Thursday April 17, 2025 at 5:00pm
Express mail entries MUST have a signature waiver.**

BREED:	VARIETY:	SEX:
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TRACKING CLASS: TD TDX (CIRCLE ONE)

NAME OF (See Back) JUNIOR HANDLER (If any)	JR. HANDLER NUMBER
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FULL NAME OF DOG	CALL NAME
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<input type="checkbox"/> AKC® NO. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP NO. <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN REG NO. & COUNTRY	Enter number here	DATE OF BIRTH
		PLACE OF BIRTH (list country) <small>Do not print the above in catalog.</small>

BREEDER _____

SIRE _____

DAM _____

ACTUAL OWNER(S) _____ <small>(Please Print)</small>
OWNER'S ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT
(IF ANY) AT THE SHOW _____

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 above. 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 by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

SIGNATURE of owner or his/her agent
duly authorized to make this entry _____

TELEPHONE # _____ E-MAIL Address _____

Are you a new exhibitor? Yes No Owner/Handled Eligible? Yes No

Emergency contact: _____ Telephone: _____

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. 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 for 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 persons. **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 ITS 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.**

INSTRUCTIONS

- (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e. age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
- Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP _____ JR.'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER _____

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 233-9767.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____