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**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

**ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON January 28, 2026 9:00 AM MDT** 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 February 18, 2026 8:00 PM MDT** or until trial has filled after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.

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**PREMIUM LIST**



**Mile High Golden Retriever Club**



**Saturday February 28, 2026, Event #2026217001**

**Sunday March 1, 2026, Event #2026217002**

**Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master  
Interior, Exterior, Container, Buried  
Detective**

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**Sixth Avenue Elementary School  
560 Vaughn St. Aurora, CO 80011**

**ENTRY LIMITS**

**8 hours Judging Limit, per judge, Novice – Master, per trial  
Detective limited to 15 dogs, per trial**

**Trial Hours:**

7:00am to 7:00pm, Saturday and Sunday

Saturday - Check-in from 7:30-8:00 am for Master & Detective; Handlers' briefing at 8:00am, first dog to follow

Sunday – Check-in from 7:30-8:00 am for Master & Detective; Handlers' Briefing at 8:00am, first dog to follow.

Check-in for all other levels is any time throughout the day, but before your first run.



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**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 Mile High Golden Retriever Club

President ..... Susan Faulkner  
Vice President ..... Stephanie Bowen  
Treasurer ..... Carol Hanft  
Secretary ..... Valerie Robson  
18550 Pleasant Park Road Conifer, CO 80433

Trial Chair	Trial Secretary
Monica Keracik 11952 E Mexico Aurora, CO 80012-5242 mvigla@comcast.net 720-299-6017	Victoria Kander 312 Diamond Dr Fort Collins, CO 80525 <a href="mailto:info@beyondelevationk9.com">info@beyondelevationk9.com</a> 970-508-8699

## EVENT COMMITTEE

Kathy Bourland, Pamela Biard, Marilyn Turner, Julie Pelto, Monica Keracik

## JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Deanna Bunn #102839 Longmont, CO	Jessica Taylor #102485 Fort Collins, CO	Michelle Munson, #102424 Round Rock, TX	Sally Dunphy #103463 Ft. Collins, CO
February 28, 2026 Novice-Master Exteriors	February 28, 2026 Novice-Master Container & Buried	February 28, 2026 Novice-Master Interiors	February 28, 2026 Detective
March 1, 2026 Novice-Master Interiors	March 1, 2026 Novice-Master Exteriors	March 1, 2026 Novice-Master Containers & Buried	March 1, 2026 Detective

### Tentative Judging Assignments-not running order

We reserve the right to make changes if conditions warrant or to load balance as necessary

Tentative running order: Saturday and Sunday will run Master and Detective, followed by Excellent, Advanced and Novice.

A detailed judging schedule will be available after closing. Judges' assignments may change due to the number of entries.

Check in is required for each trial. Time & location will be in the judging program. Lunch and breaks at the judges' discretion.

## VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Veterinarian (not in attendance) VCA Alameda East Veterinary Hospital 9770 E Alameda Ave, Denver, CO 80247 [\(303\) 366-2639](tel:(303)366-2639)  
Open 24 Hours

## 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 search.

Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible

wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

## CLASS TRANSFERS/MOVE-UPS

From regulations for AKC Scent Work, Chapter 3, Section 21. A move-up transfer may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made. A move-down transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher-level class for which it is not eligible. A lateral transfer (from section A to section B) may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in section A, and it is not eligible. The request for a class transfer must be in writing and presented to the trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Transfers may be approved provided the class is available and has not reached its limit.

All pre-trial move-ups must be received by 6pm, Monday February 24, 2026. AKC requires move-ups to be in writing. You may send an email for a move-up to Victoria Kander at [info@beyondelevationk9.com](mailto:info@beyondelevationk9.com) with your name, your dog's call name and what class you want the dog moved from and moved to. There will be no move-ups in the morning before the start of the trials. Move-ups between trials will be offered. Move-ups must be received in writing as soon as possible after the conclusion of the class.

## ENTRY FEES

\*an entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class. Entry fees include a \$5.00 per run AKC recording fee.

Novice to Master\* ..... \$30 per run

Detective\* ..... \$45 per run

**Mail entry forms and fees to:**

Victoria Kander  
312 Diamond Dr.

Fort Collins, CO 80525

Please make checks payable to the **Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club (MHGRC)**.

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 Victoria Kander at [info@beyondelationk9.com](mailto:info@beyondelationk9.com). 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.

#### **WAITLIST INFORMATION**

**MHGRC** is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **50 entries per day** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **CLOSING DATE**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on February 18, 2026 or after entries are filled. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund.

#### **STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION**

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

A **warm-up area** the club shall designate a warm-up area. One labelled container per target odor being used in the trial on that day will be placed in the warm-up area. This will allow handler-dog teams to prepare themselves for the search prior to their run. Each team should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less so that others may be able to use the warm-up area as well. Clubs may also place blank containers.

#### **SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS**

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

**Search Area Conditions.** Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, turfed or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

**Search Area Sizes** will be as follows, Container Novice (250-400sqft.), Interior Novice (100-200sqft.), Exterior Novice (200-400sqft.) Buried Novice (150-200sqft.) Handler Discrimination Novice (250-400sqft.)

#### **ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION**

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

**Possession of Odors and Training.** Chapter 5. Section 35 of the Scent Work Regulations state “No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area”

**Spectator Area.** Spectators are encouraged. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide.

**Crating space** will be in vehicles. Mile High Golden Retriever Club and the Sixth Ave Elementary School will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items.

**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

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

<i>First Place</i> .....	Blue
<i>Second Place</i> .....	Red
<i>Third Place</i> .....	Yellow
<i>Fourth Place</i> .....	White
<i>Qualifying Score</i> .....	Dark Green

New element and level title ribbons will be awarded to dogs finishing a title or level. Ribbons will be self-serve. All ribbons must be picked up by the end of the trial. No ribbons will be mailed.

### HIGH IN TRIAL

On Saturday and Sunday, Teams participating in the same difficulty level in all elements offered, and qualify without faults in each element, are eligible to win High in Trial. The High in Trial award does not take into account Handler Discrimination classes, even if offered at the trial. The High in Trial is determined by adding a team's time across the elements. The team with the fastest time will be declared High in Trial. In the event there is a tie based on the time component, a coin-flip will determine the High in Trial. There shall be one High in Trial winner for each difficulty level offered. Teams winning High in Trial will earn a rosette.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading them here: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>

### 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 a 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 properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. The harness will be constructed of plain, pliable material and will be designed so that there is minimal restriction of the dog's movement. No special training tools, such as electronic collars, prong collars, head halters, choke chains, or no-pull harnesses may be used during the search. Martingale collars are permitted. No odor-emitting collars (such as no-bark collars that spray citronella, or DAP calming collars) may be worn or present in the search area. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after their search. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material. Any length of leash and/or retractable leashes are permitted for use during the search. The leash can be used to gently guide the dog away from the boundaries of the search area, but cannot be used as a correction device. Most searches will be conducted entirely on leash, but an off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed. Running Off-Leash. Handlers always have the option to run The Detective Class off-leash, regardless of whether the area is completely enclosed or not.

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

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to ensure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

#### **Refunds**

Refunds/credits will be issued within 10 days of the completion of the event.

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, blizzard, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. 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.

**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.

**Run Order** Volunteers will run first. We will do our best to accommodate those exhibitors with trial conflicts.

**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.

No food will be provided on site so competitors should come prepared with their own snacks, beverages, and lunch. Fast food and restaurants are located nearby.

**Exhibitor Check-In:** 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.

#### **HOTELS**

Lodging in the area (please verify any hotel's pet policy when making reservations):

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Windham  
1500 S. Abilene St.  
Aurora, CO 80012  
(303) 847-0632

Comfort Inn Denver Southeast  
14071 E. Iliff Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80014  
(720) 961-7494

Best Western Plus Gateway Inn & Suites  
800 S Abilene Street  
Aurora, CO 80012  
(720) 580-8657

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Denver-Aurora  
13696 East Iliff Place  
Aurora, CO 80014  
(303) 337-2800

Exhibitors may be subject to disciplinary action by the Trial Committee for any reported damages to hotel property. Please clean up after your dog.

#### DIRECTIONS

From the North: Take I25 south to exit 217b for I270 east toward the Airport/Aurora/Limon. Then I270 east to exit 282 for I225 south. Take exit 9 for CO 30/6th Avenue. Turn right onto CO 30 W/E 6th Avenue. Turn left onto Vaughn street. Turn left onto east 5th street. Turn left onto 560 Vaughn Street.

From the South: Take I25 north to exit 200 for I225 north toward I70/Airport/Aurora/Limon. Take exit 9 for CO 30/6th Avenue. Use the left lane to take the ramp to CO National Guard/Lowry campus. Turn left onto CO 30 W/E 6th Avenue. Turn left onto Vaughn Street. Turn left onto 5th street. Turn left 560 Vaughn Street.

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#### VOLUNTEERS

Successful Scent work trials depend on worker/volunteers! Please consider helping when you and your dog are not competing. Family and friends are also welcome to volunteer.

Please sign up using the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIBBPsFiaRiOyqFvcPH0Im441\\_t5ylm0KYbH5G8ej\\_NZjhw/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIBBPsFiaRiOyqFvcPH0Im441_t5ylm0KYbH5G8ej_NZjhw/viewform?usp=publish-editor)



Send to:  
 Victoria Kander  
 312 Diamond Dr. Fort Collins, CO 80525  
 Make checks payable to: MHGRC

Trial Secretary will add a \$25 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

Dates	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried	Detective
Sat 2/28	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Detective
Sun 3/1	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Detective

If entering Novice, please circle A or B.

Entry Fee, All Classes, Novice-Master \$30

Entry Fee, Detective \$45

# of Entries \_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_

# of Entries \_\_\_\_ x \$45 = \_\_\_\_

Total Fees Due = \_\_\_\_

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED.

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number  <input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign
Call name	Date of birth	Sex
Breed		Variety
Owner		
Owner's Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Email	
Handler name (if different from owner):		Junior Handler # (if applicable):

\*\*Be sure to read and sign the agreement \*\*

\*\*\*No form will be processed without your signature!\*\*\*

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

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

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: \_\_\_\_\_