# ENTRY METHOD

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON October 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m., 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 November 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m., EST after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted.

DAY OF EVENT ENTRIES: Day of event entries will be accepted at the Fetch testing site from 1:00-2:00 p.m. but only if there are still openings in the tests. Please call 508-553-9300 on the morning of December 1 to check availability.

# PREMIUM LIST

# Hosted by Corey Jose Silva and Kelly Taylor, Judges

# 2 Tests with Novice and Intermediate for each Test

Tests are concurrent for both levels

December 1, 2024 Event #2024768541 December 1, 2024 Event #2024768542

MasterPeace Dog Training

264 Fisher Street, Franklin, MA 02038 508-553-9300

#### ENTRY LIMITS

60 entries per Fetch Test

To be held Indoors

Testing Hours: Sunday – 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Rolling check-in from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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

# CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY FOR BOTH TESTS

Karen Westerfield Tucker c/o MasterPeace Dog Training 264 Fisher Street Franklin, MA 02038 <u>kbethwt@yahoo.com</u> 508-553-9300

# ASSISTANT CHAIRPERSON FOR BOTH TESTS

Ronni Dalton

# **EVENT COMMITTEE**

Ronni Dalton, Allison Harding, Susan Johnson, Ann Stetson, Karen Westerfield Tucker

# JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Corey Jose Silva #113447 Bellingham, MA Trial #1 Novice and Intermediate

Kelly Taylor #115947 South Grafton, MA Trial #2 Novice and Intermediate

Kari Lavalli #113569 Blackstone, MA Alternate for Trials #1 and #2

# DIRECTIONS TO THE TEST SITE

From Route 495: Take Exit 43 off Route 495 (Route 140). Proceed south on Route 140 for approximately 1 mile. Take a right onto Fisher Street and proceed across the railroad tracks. MasterPeace Dog Training is the second building on the left – look for the large red sign.

VETERINARY SERVICES (On Call)

Tufts Veterinary Emergency Treatment Services 525 South St., Walpole, MA 02081, 508-668-5454

# **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Fire / Ambulance / Police - Norfolk County-Call 911

#### **TEST LEVELS OFFERED**

Test #1: Novice and Intermediate

Test #2: Novice and Intermediate

Testing will begin with Novice at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors will be assigned to 90-minute time blocks and will be able complete both tests within that time block. A judge will offer a briefing at the beginning of each time block. Intermediate testing will begin at 2:00 p.m. Intermediate exhibitors will be assigned to 90-minute time blocks and will be able to complete both trials within that time block If there are not enough exhibitors to fill two Intermediate time blocks, one block or part of a block will be used for Novice.

#### MOVE UPS FOR THOSE EARNING A NOVICE TITLE IN TRIAL #1

#### DOGS 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.

# ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$20.00 per test. For handlers under 18, \$5.00 per test. Make checks or money orders payable to MasterPeace Dog Training. Mail the entry to this address or bring it to MasterPeace in an envelope with this address information: Karen Westerfield Tucker, Secretary c/o MasterPeace Dog Training 264 Fisher Street Franklin, MA 02038

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, or fax. Hand deliveries are acceptable. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Karen Westerfield Tucker at kbethwt@yahoo.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 sender. 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.

#### WAIT LIST INFORMATION

A wait list will be established to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the closing date/time. A maximum of 10 entries will be placed on the wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to the closing date. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on November 28. 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.

#### REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, 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. 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 10:30 a.m. on the day of the tests.

#### Ribbons

Qualifying Score	Dark Green
New Title	Purple

# SIGN-IN and CRATING AREAS

There will be a secretary table at the front entrance for check-ins and information. At check-in you will receive your number tag. Your check-in time will be sent by email after the closing date for the event.

Only dogs competing in the current time block will be permitted to crate indoors out of view of the Fetch test area, which will be set off by walls. Owners of crated dogs creating a disturbance will be asked to relocate them to their vehicle. Dogs must be crated when not working.

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 indoors and around the show grounds.

#### 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 retrieves 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. MasterPeace Dog Training, its 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. No one shall have any recourse or claim against MasterPeace Dog Training or any employee 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.

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.

#### RINGSIDE

**Judges are not required** to wait for dogs. The owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the test area when it is to be judged. The organizers have no responsibility to provide stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the area when required.

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

#### MOTELS that allow dogs (please call them to confirm acceptance of dogs)

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Holiday Inn Express, 50 Fortune Blvd., Milford, MA 01757	508-634-1054
La Quinta Inn, 24 Beaver St., Milford, MA 01757	508-478-8243
Red Roof Inn, 60 Forbes Blvd., Mansfield, MA 02048	508-339-2323

#### FOR BOTH NOVICE AND INTERMEDIATE TESTS

Dogs who are at least 6 months of age are eligible to take the AKC Fetch test as long as they are registered or enrolled with AKC and have an AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number.

Retrievable objects include balls, bumpers, toys (for example, a KONG Wubba), but they must not have a squeaker or contain food. Not permitted are dumbbells, gloves, disks/Frisbees, and stuffed animals. Food/treats are not permitted in the test area. Dogs must wear collars (only buckle, slip, and Martingale are permitted), and come into the test area on a leash (no cords or strings) attached to the collar. Harnesses cannot be worn during a test.

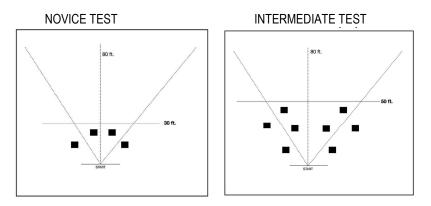
For each throw, the dog may begin from a sit, stand, or down. In Novice, the handler may hold the collar; in Intermediate, the handler may only have one finger in the collar. For both tests, the dog can see where the object is thrown. The distractions/obstacles used will be objects such as boxes, milk crates, chairs, and lawn ornaments.

Two qualifying "legs" earned under two different judges are required to earn a title. To apply for a title, see https://www.akc.org/fetch/titles/.

#### NOVICE TEST

In Novice Fetch, dogs must retrieve an appropriate object thrown 30 feet. A helper may throw for the handler in Novice if the handler is unable to throw. The judge may decide if the object can be dropped instead of thrown.

The Novice course has 4 distractions/obstacles. A dog goes between these to retrieve the object. Before throwing, the handler tells the judge the direction in which the object will be thrown. The handler will throw the object once to the left, once to the right, and once to the center. The handler determines the sequence of the directions. The dog is then sent and must retrieve the object to the handler within 2 steps.



#### **INTERMEDIATE TEST**

A Novice Fetch title must be earned before competing in an Intermediate Fetch test. In Intermediate Fetch, the retrievable object is thrown 50 feet. The Intermediate course has 8 distractions/obstacles, and the dog must go between them to retrieve the object. Before throwing, the handler tells the judge the direction in which the object will be thrown. The dog does 4 retrieves—left, center, right, and one more to the left or right—with the handler determining the sequence of the retrieves. The dog must retrieve the object to the handler within 1 step.

For more information on AKC Fetch, see https://www.akc.org/fetch/.

# **AKC Official Entry Form**

	TRIAL #1 (#20	24768541)					
	Sunday		Novice	Inter	mediate		
	December 1, 2024						
	TRIAL #2 (#20	24768542)					
	Sunday		Novice	Inter	mediate		
December 1, 2024							
Entry fees: \$20 per test; \$5 per test for handlers under 18 Make checks payable to MasterPeace Dog Training \$20 # of classes X \$5 = entered: Total due Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.							
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Preferred NOVICE time block (please circle): 9:00-10:30, 10:40-12:10, 12:20-1:50

Preferred INTERMEDIATE time block (please circle): 2:00-3:30, 3:40-5:10

We will try to give you your preferred time block.

I expect to earn a Novice title in Trial #1 (I already have 1 Novice "leg") \_\_\_\_\_

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known. \*\*\*Be sure to read the Agreement and sign on the reverse. No form will be processed without your signature! Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site at: <u>www.akc.org/fetch</u>

#### 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.

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

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