**2021 AKC National Tracking Invitational**

**Event Criteria**

The 2021 AKC National Tracking Invitational will be held on a date to be determined in September or October 2021, at Branched Oak State Recreation Area; located at 12000 West Branched Oak Road, Raymond, NE 68428-9728. This event is being jointly hosted by the Cornhusker Kennel Club of Lincoln, Nebraska and the Nebraska Kennel Club of Omaha Nebraska in accordance with the American Kennel Club sponsorship.

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.

**Qualifying Period:** January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2021

**Eligibility:** All dogs earning the Champion Tracker (CT) title during the qualifying period will be invited. Priority will be given in the draw for dogs that have not been exhibited in either the 2009, 2011, 2013, 2016 or the 2018 AKC National Tracking Invitational.

**Entry Limits:** Entry is limited to 12 dogs.

If more than 12 entries are received, a draw will be conducted in accordance with the *Tracking Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 17.

**Judges:**
1. Jane Jonas, Fort Collins, CO
2. Sally Ann Nesbitt, Spring Valley, CA
3. Vincent Ramirez, Bucyrus, KS
4. Gretchen Stephenson, Fayetteville, NC