

ARSA 2023 National Championship

Friday and Saturday , March 31 and April 1, 2023

with Judge Marko Bručan (FCI)



OBEDIENCE AND DEXTERITY B, A, V: Friday, March 31

START: 12:00 pm**

LOCATION: Lucketts, VA

SCENT WORK: Saturday, April 1 – Beginning with tracking, followed by area search and concluding with mantrailing

START: 8:00 am**

LOCATION: Midland, VA

****NOTE:** Exact information for the start times are estimates. Details regarding the events will be emailed to competitors, with updates posted to Facebook.

- Might you have a female in season competing? Knowing this will help us arrange the order of competitors.

ENTRIES: Entries and payment must be received by March 15

ELIGIBILITY: For the **2023 ARSA championship**, there is no pre-requisite, no need for qualifications, or invitation necessary. Anyone with an AWDF or AWDF recognized scorebook and otherwise qualified as specified in the rulebook may enter.

Must be an ARSA member.

TITLES OFFERED: F-V, F-A, F-B, FL-V, FL-A, FL-B, MT-V, MT-A, MT-B

- Tracking, area search, and mantrailing all levels.
- Only full titles, that is both phases, will be offered for Championship.

ENTRY FEES: \$150 A/B and \$100 V. *Entries after March 15 may be considered, but with a \$20 late entry fee.*

- PayPal – AmerRettSportTreas@gmail.com
- If you want to pay by check please email AmerRettSportTreas@gmail.com for details

TO SIGN UP FOR 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

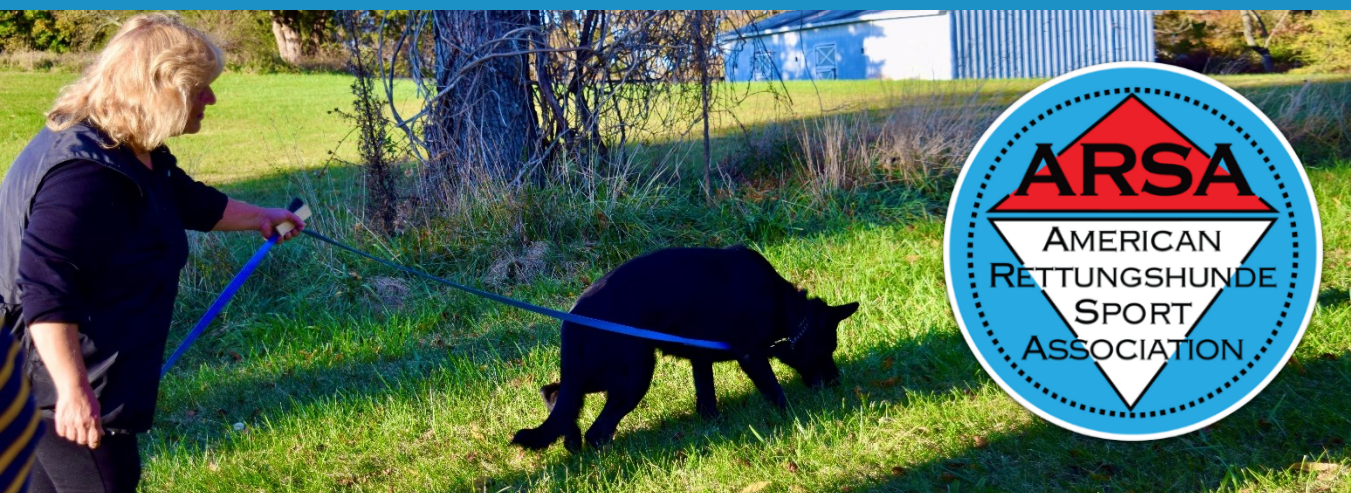
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QUESTIONS? Annetta Cheek – AnnettaLCheek@gmail.com



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FOOD: ARSA will supply snacks. Everything else is BYO.

FUN & FRIENDLY! Spectators are welcome to come and learn more about the search and rescue sport.

OWNER'S/HANDLER'S STATEMENT:

All dogs must have all vaccinations up to date. You must keep your dog under control at all times. You will be responsible for your dog and its actions at all times.

JUDGE MARKO BRUČAN (FCI)

- Marko has been the Vice President of the FCI Rescue Dog Commission since 2019. From 2009 to 2019 he was President of the Slovenian Rescue Dog Association. An international rescue dog judge, he has judged over 100 RH trials, including the 2021 FCI RH World Championship and national mission-ready tests.
- Marko has been training rescue dogs since the early 1990s. He has competed in the world championship multiple times, including in 2005 in France (4th place) and 2007 in Austria (7th place).
- In addition to his extensive work in Slovenia, he has trained rescue dogs for various SAR organizations in Abu Dhabi, Switzerland, Austria, and Russia, among others. Among other experiences, he was Chief Trainer for rescue dogs, rubble and area search, in St. Petersburg, Russia in 2017.
- In addition to being a judge and rescue dog trainer, he has participated as a dog handler or team leader on more than 80 area search missions, including for the Sumatra earthquake in 2009.
- Between 2010 and 2022, he trained more than 20 service dogs for the blind and for other disabled people.
- Between 2010 and 2016 he also judged drug and explosives detection dogs at the International Police Search Dog Championship.