



ASCA SANCTIONED *
ALL BREED
AGILITY TRIAL
(Open to ALL Dogs)

Hosted by

The Australian Shepherd Club of New England

(ASCNE)

(*Sanctioning pending)

June 13 & 14, 2009
Westfield Fairgrounds
Westfield, MA

JUDGES:

Darryl Warren
Keith Van Housen

CLASSES OFFERED:

Regular 2 Runs per day
Jumpers 2 Runs per day
Gamblers 2 Runs per day

For Novice, Open, and Elite

Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handlers

Pre-Novice Class 2 Runs per day

Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors (Saturday only)

LIMITED TO 700 Runs per Day

Entry by Postmark Date (not delivery date)

Please be sure that the envelope postmark is legible. Hand stamping by the Post Office is recommended.

NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN April 14, 2009

ENTRIES/MOVE-UPS CLOSE May 29, 2009 @ 9 PM

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA. Exhibitors, through submission of an entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of current ASCA rules and regulations and agree to abide by all rules in effect at the time of this trial, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **This trial is open to all dogs** being at least eighteen (18) months of age, **including purebred and non-purebred**, except bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness that may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting any signs of aggression towards people or other dogs.
- Dogs are not required to have an ASCA Registration, ASCA LEP, or Tracking number to enter this trial. However, to receive ASCA titling certificates, refer to the next bullet. Handlers do not need to be ASCA members. However, no entry will be accepted from anyone not in good standing with ASCA or any dog/handler disqualified from the ASCA agility program.
- **Receipt of ASCA Titling Certificates –**
 - **Starting 1/1/2003 for non-ASCA registered dogs – In order to have ASCA qualifying legs tracked and to receive ASCA titling certificates, each non-ASCA registered dog will be required to have an ASCA Tracking Number. This is a one-time fee of \$10/dog. At the time of applying for the tracking number, the individual owner must also be an ASCA member (minimum membership type of Service). ASCA membership does not need to be maintained in subsequent years. It will be the responsibility of the owner to identify to ASCA the shows and legs earned when applying for a Tracking Number after ASCA qualifying legs have already been earned. The ASCA Membership and Tracking Number Application form is included in this premium. For additional membership information, please go to www.asca.org.**
- Current jump height table, breed exemption list, description of classes, levels, and divisions can be found at ASCA's web site.
- THE MANAGEMENT will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any exhibitor whether the result was by accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at this event is in the care and custody and control of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Show Committee be asked to leave the show site. **In such case, no refund of fees paid will be made and the ASCA office will be informed of the problem.**
- Agility obstacles will include: slat-less contact obstacles, (A-Frame, Teeter, Dog walk), open tunnels, closed tunnel, non-winged jumps, winged jumps, double bar jump, tire and weave poles
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times.
- No leads, collars, food, toys, other aids or devices will be permitted on the course or within 10 feet of the rings at any time.
- No entry shall be accepted from a handler or for a dog disqualified from the ASCA Agility program, disqualified from all ASCA programs, or anyone not in good standing with ASCA.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- ASCA rules: ASCA Business Office, 6091 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77808. Web: www.asca.org; e-mail: activities@asca.org.

TRIAL COMMITTEE

Agility Trial Chairperson
Trial Secretary
Chief Ring Steward(s)
Chief Course Builder(s)
Equipment Supplier
Chief Scorekeeper

Wendy Richmond, aussiedogs@optonline.net 845-373-8779
Jonathan Hoadley, colorsofsummer@charter.net 860-485-2639
Ellen Kurdzo, Sue Fitts, Laurie Grace, & Robin Goodman
Mike Kurdzo, Andy Johnson, Mike Morin, Don McCormick
ACT-UP
Jonathan Hoadley

ENTRY FORM / ENTRIES / CONFIRMATIONS:

- Entries will be accepted in the order they are sent, not received. For entries sent via Postal Service, the valid reference date is the postmark. Otherwise the valid date is the ship date. Entries with an early postmark will be processed after Day 5 receipts. Unreadable postmarks will be assumed to be the day previous to receipt.
- Entries may be accepted after the closing date if the trial does not fill.
- ASCA Registration/Tracking No - If your dog is an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd (either full registration or LEP) or has an ASCA Tracking Number, write your dog's ASCA registration/LEP number/Tracking Number in this space.
- If this field is left blank, the ASCA Business Office will assume this dog is not registered with ASCA and will not automatically track qualifying legs. However, these dogs will still be placed and will receive any placement awards offered. You may submit the Tracking Form with your entry – HOWEVER please make fees payable to ASCA.
- **Junior Handler entry fees will be one-half of the published fees. To be eligible for this discount, the Junior Handler must own or co-own the dog they are showing.**
- "For Exhibition Only" entries will not be accepted.
- A dog must compete in the height division in which they have been entered. Exception: when a dog is required by the judge to move to a higher height. These dogs will be placed last in the running order of the new jump height.
- Canadian Exhibitors: All fees MUST be submitted in US Funds via International Postal Money Order.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. Returned checks will incur a \$25 service charge.
- Telephone calls returned/initiated with questions on any entries will be made collect.
- **RETIRED EXHIBITION:** To honor our four-legged friends who have taught us and brought us to where we are, we are proud to offer this exhibition class for retired canine competitors. To be eligible, a dog must have previously competed in agility but is now retired from all competitive jumping classes. The class is not limited by age. The course will be a simple Jumpers course (jumps and tunnels only). On the entry form, specify the jump height (bars on the ground is ok; 16" will be the maximum height allowed).
- **PRE-NOVICE:** Dogs must be at least 12 months of age - proof of DOB (e.g., registration, rabies cert) **must** be submitted with entry; no teeter or weave poles; specify jump height – must jump at least 4" lower than regular jump height; no toys or treats

SHOW SITE:

- This event will be held outdoors, on grass.
- A warm-up area, a single practice jump, and a set of weave poles will be provided for exhibitors.
- ALL dogs must be held on leash or crated except when competing or in the warm-up area.
- Enthusiasts of agility have earned a reputation for being among the most considerate and tidy. We thank everyone in advance for upholding the respectful tradition of leaving the trial site and related lodging sites cleaner than we found them.

REFUNDS / WITHDRAWALS:

- There will be no refund/credit for entries withdrawn after the closing date, except for a dog's injury and/or illness or for bitches that come into season after the closing date. These entries will be eligible for a voucher for the amount of the total entry fee paid less \$20.00. A signed letter from your veterinarian must be included with your written request. Requests must be received by the trial secretary prior to the start of the trial. Voucher must be used towards another ASCNE agility trial. There will be no refunds 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, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the Event Committee. There will be no refund in the event dog/handler are dismissed from the competition, regardless of reason.

RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Gamblers – the time given for the point accumulation period will be thirty (30) seconds for all dogs. Minimum number of points needed during the point accumulation period will be: Novice -15, Open - 18 and Elite – 21.
- Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division may jump at their standard jump height or 4" lower.
- Dogs may be eliminated for exiting the ring not on leash or not under the handler's control.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday – Jumpers 1 & 2 (E/O/N), Gamblers 1 & 2 (E/O/N), Regular 1 & 2 (E), Regular 1 & 2 (O), Regular 1 & 2 (N). E = Elite, O = Open, N = Novice.

Sunday – Regular 3 & 4 (E), Regular 3 & 4 (O), Regular 3 & 4 (N), Gamblers 3 & 4 (E/O/N), Jumpers 3 & 4, (E/O/N) E = Elite, O = Open, N = Novice.

The running order of classes is subject to change at the discretion of the judges and/or the host club. The final order will be included in the confirmation packet.

REGISTRATION / MEASURING

- Saturday and Sunday between 7:00 and 7:30AM
- Copies of NADAC or AKC height cards may either be mailed in or presented at registration for dogs entering the Small and Medium dog classes (dog's wither height 18" and under). Otherwise they will need to be measured at registration.

MOVE-UPS:

- Dogs receiving titles after the closing date may be upgraded by providing written notice to the Show Secretary, prior to the move up cutoff date listed on the front of this premium. Letters and e-mails containing the owner's full name, the dog's call name and ASCA number, entered class, and from and to level are acceptable.
- Move-ups from Saturday to Sunday will be permitted. Trial Secretary must be notified no later than 30 minutes after the last class on Saturday has finished.

PRIZES / AWARDS

- Green Qualifying Ribbons will be awarded to all dogs achieving a qualifying score.
- Placement Ribbons will be awarded to all dogs placing 1st through 4th in each class and jump height.
- Ribbons/prizes must be picked up during the weekend. Ribbons WILL NOT be mailed.

FOOD / VENDORS

- There will be food available. Lunch and snacks will be available for volunteers.

JUMP HEIGHTS –

Dog's height at withers	11" & under	14" & under	18" & Under	20" & Under	Over 20"	Over 20" Optional
Standard	8"	12"	16"	20"	20+ (jumps 20")	24"
Vets	4"	8"	12"	16"	16+ (jumps 16")	
JrH	may jump at the standard jump height or 4" lower					

- A dog may be entered in a class at a jump height higher than they are eligible provided the dog is not entered in the Veteran Division classes.
- No dog shall ever jump lower than 4" in the Junior Handler or Veteran Division and no dog shall ever jump lower than 8" in the Standard Division.
- 20+ and 24 will be scored and placed together as one class.
- Refer to the current ASCA rulebook for the current Breed Jump Height Exemption List.

Directions to Westfield Fairgrounds:

From Interstate 91: Take Exit 15, Holyoke Mall at Ingleside. Turn left at bottom of ramp. Go to second set of lights and turn right onto Homestead Ave. At next light turn left onto Rt. 202. Go approximately 5 miles. Cross Rt. 10 (at light) and go to cemetery on the left. At stop sign turn left. Show site is on the left, about 1 1/2 miles.

From the Massachusetts Turnpike—I-90: Take exit 3. Turn right at the light at the end of the ramp. Go about 100 ft. and make a right onto Arch Road. (Westfield Motor Inn/Westfield EconoLodge is on the corner.) Go about 1.5 miles. You will pass the Southern States Building on your right. Just after that make a left onto Cabot Road. Go to the end and make a right onto Russellville Rd. Show site is a short distance up on the right.

ACCOMMODATIONS - Make your Reservations Early!!!

Hotels that accept dogs are quickly becoming a rarity. Please behave responsibly! Clean up after your dog, bring sheets to cover the furniture, do not groom or bathe your dog inside, do not leave your dog(s) unattended in the room, and please be respectful of other guests who do not have to be up at 6:00 a.m.

Econo Lodge (Formerly Westfield Motor Inn) (this is the closest to the trial site). Exit 3 off Mass Turnpike, 2 Southampton Rd, Westfield, MA 01085, (413) 568-2821, \$25.00 non-refundable pet fee for stay.

Quality Inn, 237 Russell Road, Route 9, Hadley, MA 01035 (413) 584-9816 Pet Fee: \$25, Rate: \$135

Howard Johnson Express Inn, 1356 Boston Road, Springfield, MA 01119, (413) 783-2111 Pet Fee: \$25

Quality Inn, 1150 Riverdale St., West Springfield, MA 01089, (413) 739-7261

Days Inn, 450 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020, (413) 739-7311

Quality Inn, 463 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA, 01020, (413) 592-6171

Camping on grounds, limited electric and water hook-ups, first-come basis. Camping reservation form on following page.

SOME MOTEL COURTESIES TO OBSERVE:

- Cover the motel's bedding with a sheet, whether or not you think your dog will get on the bed.
- If you crate your dog, please bring a towel to put under the crate to keep marks off the rug. Bring a towel to put under your dog's food dish.
- Make every effort to have your dog free of fleas BEFORE arriving.
- All poop must be picked up, bagged, and disposed of properly by the dog's handler. The Event Committee will excuse competitors who fail to pick up after their dogs at the trial site or the motel.
- Don't leave your dog unattended. If you must leave, take them with you.



**ASCA MEMBERSHIP
AND
TRACKING NUMBER
APPLICATION FORM**

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Please type or print clearly. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned.

Membership Application:

Owner's Name (1) _____

Owner's Name (2) _____

Owner's Address: _____

City, State, Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Service Membership Fee: \$10.00 per person

(If you are interested in other membership types, go to www.asca.org)

I (We) agree to abide by the ASCA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all ASCA Rules and Regulations governing the ASCA Registry and all other ASCA programs.

Owner's Signature (1): _____

Owner's Signature (2): _____

Dog Information: Lifetime fee for tracking number is \$10.00 per dog for ASCA Members

Dog's Full Name: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Any/All Previous Registration Numbers Used: _____

Sex: _____ Birthdate: _____

Breed: _____

Events/Qs Earned Since 1/1/2003 _____

Mail completed form with check or money order to:

**ASCA Business Office Phone 979-778-1082
6091 E State Highway 21, Bryan, TX 77808**

Volunteer Sign-Up (...We Really Need Your Support)

As at every event, no club can pull off a trial without the help and support of our exhibitors to keep the agility trial running smoothly and efficiently. **We will not be able to do this without your involvement.** Working in and around the ring is a great way to increase your knowledge and understanding of the sport. If you have a guest or significant other who would be willing to work at the trial, we'd be thrilled!

We appreciate your help and will do what we can for your comfort, including the volunteers' refreshment area for trial workers and helpers.

This year we plan on having a volunteer sign-up board available each morning of the trial.

Thank you for volunteering and making this a better show for everyone. We couldn't do it without you!

For Your Records - Summary of Entries

Entries Mailed: _____

Check #: _____ **Amount:** _____

Dog 1: _____

Dog 2: _____

Dog 3: _____

Accommodations:

Hotel: _____

Phone: _____ Confirmation #: _____

Directions: _____

RV/CAMPING RESERVATION

Make checks payable to ASCNE and mail to: Keli Gaunt, 148 Turnbull Road,
New Hartford, CT 06057.

Name: _____

Nights: FRIDAY SATURDAY

Fee: _____ (\$10.00 per night)

License Plate # _____ STATE _____

RV Type: Motor Home Travel Trailer

Length: _____

AGREEMENT

The patron who signs this agreement represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both exhibitor and the owner of entered dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry:

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1.5 Exhibitor/owner releases ASCA (including ASCA officers, directors, employees, and members), the Australian Shepherd Club of New England (including its officers, directors, members, agents, employees and event organizing committee), Westfield Fairgrounds (including its officers, directors, members, owners and employees) and will defend them and hold them harmless from all present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving the entered dog, event, or event premises. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing hold harmless provisions, exhibitor/owner hereby specifically assume sole responsibility for, and agree to indemnify and save aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damages because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time in consequence of my(our) participation in this event, howsoever such injury, or death may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I have read, understood, and I acknowledge the above Agreement.

Signature of Owner/Exhibitor _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor _____ Date _____

Junior Handler entry fees are one-half of the Std/Vet entry fee. The junior must own or co-own the dog being shown to be eligible for the discount.

Does this junior exhibitor own or co-own the dog being entered? Yes No

Retired Canine Bio: _____

June 2009

Ck# _____ Amt _____ Entry # _____

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ASCA SANCTIONED ALL-BREED AGILITY TRIAL

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Return this completed entry form with entry fees made payable in U.S. funds to:
 ASCNE c/o Jonathan Hoadley
 26 North Gate Drive, Harwinton, CT 06791

Exhibitor/Owner must read and sign reverse side of this form for entry to be valid.

Owner/Handler Information _____ check if new address

Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Confirmations will be sent by e-mail unless otherwise specified: No

Dog's Identification

Dog's Call Name: _____

Breed: _____ Birth Date: _____

Dog's Height At Withers: _____ Sex: _____

Circle ACTUAL Jump Height Dog will Jump: 4" 8" 12" 16" 16+" 20" 20+" 24"

Is the Handler Disabled or Handler a Veteran taking jump height exemption? _____

Dog's ASCA Registration/LEP/Tracking No: _____ (See Entry Form section)

Registered Name: _____

Handler (If different from Owner): _____

Check off all classes you are entering, and a Level and Division for each of those classes

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FEES: Std & Vet: \$12/run; Pre-Nov \$10/run TOTAL FEES \$ _____

Retired: \$3; JrH 50% discount

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If entry cannot be read or is incomplete, secretary can: _____ call collect _____ return entry _____ e-mail

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