



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

**Hosted by**

**The Australian Shepherd Club of New England**

**(ASCNE)**

(\* ASCA Sanctioning Pending)

**May 26 & 27, 2012**  
**Hopkinton State Fairgrounds**  
**Contoocook, NH**

**JUDGE:**  
**Susan Zimmerman (OH)**

**CLASSES OFFERED:**  
**Regular, Jumpers & 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 350 Runs per Day**

**NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN April 5, 2012**

**ENTRIES CLOSE May 16, 2012 @ 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.
- **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](http://www.asca.org).**
- Current jump height table, breed exemption list, description of classes, levels, and divisions can be found at ASCA's web site, [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org).
- 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 cases, the ASCA office will be informed of the problem.**
- Agility obstacles will include: slat-less contact obstacles, (rubberized A-Frame and Dog Walk, Teeter), 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 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](http://www.asca.org); e-mail: [activities@asca.org](mailto:activities@asca.org).

**TRIAL COMMITTEE**

Show Chairperson	Jean Janotta ( <a href="mailto:jjanotta@myfairpoint.net">jjanotta@myfairpoint.net</a> ; (603) 895-5436)
Trial Secretary	Jean Janotta ( <a href="mailto:jjanotta@myfairpoint.net">jjanotta@myfairpoint.net</a> ; (603) 895-5436)
Chief Ring Steward(s)	Robin Goodman / Lyn Scribner
Chief Course Builder(s)	Don McCormick / Mike Morin
Equipment Manager	Mike Whall
Chief Scorekeeper	Jean Janotta

## 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 openings are available.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Junior Handler entry fees will be one-half of the published fees. The Junior Handler must own or co-own the dog they are showing.**
- 'For Exhibition Only' entries will not be accepted.
- Canadian Exhibitors: All fees MUST be submitted in US Funds via International Postal Money Order.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee and will incur a \$20 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; no teeter or weave poles; specify jump height – dogs younger than 18 months must jump at least 4" lower than their standard jump height; no toys or treats

## SHOW SITE:

- This event will be held on grass outdoors in a ring surrounded by snow fencing.
- There is ample room for crating, chairs, and shade tents.
- 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

- For all trials after February 1<sup>st</sup>, dogs not jumping in the 20"+/24" (16"+ vets and junior handlers) jump height classes shall provide proof of jump height or must be measured at check in. Exhibitors may submit a copy of a dog's AKC, NADAC or ASCA height cards with their entry or at check-in.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENTS

**Saturday** – Ring 1 - EJ1, EJ2, OJ1, OJ2, NJ1, NJ2, Retired Exhibition, EG1, OG1, NG1, EG2, OG2, NG2, ER1, ER2, OR1, OR2, NR1, NR2, PN1, PN2. Running order low to high.

**Sunday** – Ring 1 – ER3, ER4, OR3, OR4, NR3, NR4, EG3, OG3, NG3, EG4, OG4, NG4, EJ3, EJ4, OJ3, OJ4, NJ3, NJ4. Running order will be from high to low.

(E=Elite, O=Open, N=Novice; R=Regular, J=Jumpers, G=Gamblers, PN=PreNovice)

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

- Friday between 4:30 and 6:00PM
- Saturday and Sunday between 7:00 and 7:45AM
- Copies of ASCA, NADAC or AKC height cards may either be mailed in or presented at registration for dogs not entered in the 20"+/24" (16"+ Veterans and Jr. Handlers) (dog's wither height 20" and under). Otherwise dogs 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 15 minutes after the last class on Saturday has finished.

## PRIZES / AWARDS

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

## FOOD / VENDORS

- Details will be provided in the confirmation.

## 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					

- Refer to the current ASCA rulebook for the current Breed Jump Height Exemption List.
- 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.
- Any exhibitor whose dog measures over 20" may choose to enter the 20+ class or the optional 24" class. 20+ and 24 will be scored and placed together as one class.

**DIRECTIONS TO TEST SITE:**

**From Massachusetts & Points South** - Take Route 93 North to Concord, NH. Take Route 89 North to Exit 7. Turn right onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). \*\*Go 1.7 miles to the entrance of the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds on the right. If visible, there will be a sign identifying this as the 'Blue Gate Parking Lot'. On the left just opposite the entrance is a sign for the 'Meadows' housing development.

**From NY, VT, and points West** - Take Route 89 South to Exit 7. Turn left onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Continue from \*\* above.

**From Keene, NH area** - Take Route 9 East to Route 89. Take Route 89 North to Exit 7. Turn right onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Continue from \*\* above.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**Best Western**, 97 Hall St, Concord, NH (603) 228-4300 (pet fee - check for details)

**Comfort Inn**, 298 Queen City Ave, Manchester, NH (603) 668-2600 (pet fee - check for details)

**Raddison Inn**, 700 Elm St, Manchester, NH (603) 625-1000 (pet fee - check for details)

**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 test site or the motel.
- Don't leave your dog unattended. If you must leave, take them with you.

**ON-SITE CAMPING** - On site camping is available for self-contained units and tent camping. With electric: \$30/night. With no electric: \$15/night.

**On-Site Camping Registration**

\$30 per night with electric

\$15 per night for no electric

Camping on: Friday Saturday Sunday Total Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Trailer \_\_\_ Motor Home \_\_\_ Fifth Wheel \_\_\_ Van \_\_\_ Tent \_\_\_

Length \_\_\_ feet x Width \_\_\_ feet Slide-out \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Send in with your agility entries. Please enclose a **separate** check payable to ASCNE.



**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](http://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  
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! A list of jobs and their associated description is on the back of this page.

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

Please fill out this form and send it in with your entry. This will help us schedule you in an appropriate job without class conflicts. We'll let you know in which classes you're working when you arrive at the trial.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Work Preferences:

I am volunteering for the following jobs:

- Timer       Scribe       Ass't Scribe       Gate Steward       Ring Steward  
 Course Build       Scoring       Runner       Registration

### Job Descriptions

(Starred (\*\*)) jobs are for rank novices – little training required)

#### Timer (1 per ring)

- Restriction - Cannot be changed during the course of a class
- Tells handler when to begin
- Using a stopwatch, records the time for each dog's performance

#### Scribe (1 per ring)

- Verifies entry number/breed as each dog enters the ring
- Records on the scribe sheet all penalties signaled by the judge and gives the scribe sheet to the transcriber at the completion of each dog's run

#### \*\* Assistant Scribe (1 per ring)

- Gives the scribe the scribe sheet for the dog on the line ready to run
- Writes the time (minutes/seconds/hundredths) on the scribe sheet of the dog that just ran

#### Gate Steward (1 per ring)

- Maintains a constant and orderly flow of exhibitors into the ring by keeping three (3) exhibitors ready to go at all times
- Communicates any change in run order to the assistant scribe
- Informs ring stewards when it's time to change the jump heights
- Need to be assertive, have good organization skills, and knowledge of ring procedure – helps to know exhibitors

#### \*\*Ring Steward (2-4 per ring)

- Quickly sets each jump for each class/jump height level, straightens the chute on the collapsed tunnel after every dog, replaces poles on jumps during or immediately following each dog's run

#### \*\*Leash Runner (1 per ring)

- Brings leashes from start line to finish line

#### \*\*Score Runner (1 per ring)

- Brings scribe sheets from the transcriber to the scorekeepers

#### Scoring (2 per ring)

- From scribe sheet, calculate total dog time and faults / points for gamblers
- Transfer information from the scribe sheet to the scoring catalog

## For Your Records - Summary of Entries

Entries Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dog 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dog 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Accommodations:

Hotel: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Dinner

Catered by Cracker Barrel of Hopkinton, NH

Menu will include green salad, potato or pasta salad, chicken, steak tips, and a vegetarian dish

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify your preference (will help us determine how much of what):

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Steak Tips \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19 = \_\_\_\_\_

BYOD & D (Bring your own drink and dessert!!!)

Send with your agility entries. Please enclose a **separate** check payable to ASCNE.

**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:

1.1 As used here "ASCA" means the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc., its affiliate clubs and each of their members, officers, directors, employees, show chairs, show committees, and agents.

1.2 Exhibitor/owner is knowledgeable of and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA governing sanctioned agility trials, and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium for this event.

1.3 Exhibitor/owner certifies that the entered dog is not a hazard to persons, dogs, or property and that the entered dog's rabies vaccination is current in accordance with the requirement of the state in which the dog resides.

1.4 Exhibitor/owner acknowledges all hazards presented by the event and the event premises, including, but not limited to, the condition of the floors, stairways, halls, lighting, security measures or lack of, electrical appliances, fitting, show rings, parking areas, and the presence of unfamiliar animals and people; exhibitor and owner assume the risk of any harm arising from these.

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), the Hopkinton State 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 be or 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MAY-2012

Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Entry # \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

**ASCA SANCTIONED ALL-BREED AGILITY TRIAL**

Australian Shepherd Club of New England (ASCNE)

May 26 & 27, 2012, Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH

Return this completed entry form with entry fees made payable in U.S. funds to:

ASCNE c/o Jean Janotta

24 Country View Drive, Raymond, NH 03077-2479

**Entry is not valid unless reverse side has been completed and signed.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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*

CLASSES	DIVISION			LEVEL				DAY	
	Std	Vet	JrH	Pre-Nov	Nov	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Gamblers 1									
Gamblers 2									
Gamblers 3									
Gamblers 4									
Jumpers 1									
Jumpers 2									
Jumpers 3									
Jumpers 4									
Regular 1					A	B			
Regular 2					A	B			
Regular 3					A	B			
Regular 4					A	B			
Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Bars on Ground <input type="checkbox"/> 4" <input type="checkbox"/> 8" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 16" (Bio on Back)								

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

**Retired: \$3; JrH refer to back of entry form Please make checks payable to ASCNE**

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**YES I CAN HELP!! -- Please enclose the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet included in the premium**

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