



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

Hosted by

The Australian Shepherd Club of New England

(ASCNE)

(*Sanctioning pending)

**May 23 & 24, 2015
American K9 Country
Amherst, NH**

JUDGE:

Mike Black (TX)

CLASSES OFFERED:

**Regular / Jumpers / Gamblers (2 Runs each per day)
For Novice, Open, and Elite**

**Championship STD/VET/JrH and ACE STD/SR Divisions
Pre-Novice Class (2 Runs per day)**

**Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors (Saturday only)
FEO Entries accepted**

LIMITED TO 350 Runs per Day

NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN April 2, 2015

ENTRIES CLOSE May 13, 2015

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.**
- Current jump height table, breed exemption list, description of classes, levels, and divisions can be found at ASCA's web site.
- Agility obstacles will include: non-slatted rubberized A-Frame and dog walk, slat-less rubberized Teeter, open tunnels, solid barrel closed tunnel, non-winged jumps, winged jumps, double bar jump, displaceable tire and 24" weave poles.
- 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.
- 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; e-mail: activities@asca.org.

TRIAL COMMITTEE

Show Chairperson
Trial Secretary
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Chief Course Builder(s)
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Chief Scorekeeper

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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. These dogs will be placed last in the running order of the new jump height. Dogs measuring up in height may run FEO.
- 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.
- **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 to be eligible for this entry fee.
- **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
- **FOR EXHIBITION ONLY (FEO)** entries will be accepted. Minimum age is 15 months. Any dog younger than 18 months must jump at least 4" lower than regular height. No placements. Non-titling.
- **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).

SHOW SITE:

- This event will be held indoors on a fully matted ring.
- There is limited room for crating, please stack where possible; no x-pens will be allowed.
- A warm-up area with a single practice jump 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 is dismissed from the competition, regardless of reason.

RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

- The existing ASCA program has been renamed the **Championship Program** and the **ACE Program** has been introduced:
 - **Championship Program:** consists of the traditional three divisions: Standard, Veteran and Junior Handler. Dogs will earn the same ASCA titles as before, and qualify for Merit, Finals and HOF programs.
 - **ACE Program:** consists of two divisions: Standard (for dogs 18 months & older) and Senior (for dogs 10 years and older); allows dogs to run at the next lower jump height and earn ASCA ACE titles. Vet and JrH do not apply. Refer to jump height table below.
 - Each dog and handler team can enter only one Program per trial.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENTS

- Saturday –EG1, OG1, NG1, EG2, OG2, NG2, PN1, ER1, ER2, OR1, OR2, NR1, NR2, PN2, Retired Exhibition, EJ1, EJ2, OJ1, OJ2, NJ1, NJ2. Run order low to high.
- Sunday – ER3, ER4, OR3, OR4, NR3, NR4, PN3, EG3, OG3, NG3, EG4, OG4, NG4, PN4, EJ3, EJ4, OJ3, OJ4, NJ3, NJ4. Run order 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

- Saturday and Sunday between 7:15 and 7:45AM
- Dogs with a wither height $\leq 20''$ will need to show proof of measurement or be measured at registration, unless the dog is jumping in the highest jump height offered in the specific program. Copies of ASCA, NADAC or AKC height cards may either be mailed in or presented at registration.

MOVE-UPS:

- 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 1st through 4th in each class and jump height.
- 20+ and 24 will be scored and placed together as one class.
- Ribbons/prizes must be picked up during the weekend. Ribbons WILL NOT be mailed.

FOOD / VENDORS

- Breakfast and lunch for volunteers will be provided by ASCNE. No food vendor on site.

JUMP HEIGHTS

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

- 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.
- Refer to the current ASCA rulebook for the current Breed Jump Height Exemption List.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE:

West exit. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford – Milford). **At the Route 101/114 interchange, take a left and continue following 101W. American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange. It is on the right, 2 miles after The Weathervane Restaurant, across from Camp Road at the blinking yellow light.

From the South (Boston) – Follow I-93 North to I-293 Manchester to 101 West. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford – Milford). Follow from ** above.

From the North (Concord) – Follow I-93 South to I-293 Manchester to 101 West. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford – Milford). Follow from ** above.

From the East Coast (Portsmouth) – Take 101 West towards Manchester/Bedford. Follow Rt. 101 West thru Manchester past the Mall of NH. Continue to follow 101W towards Bedford/Milford). Follow from ** above.

From the West (Keene): Follow Rt. 101 East towards Manchester/Bedford. Watch for Salzburg Square Shopping Complex (Yellow old type buildings) on your left. American K-9 Country is approximately 1 mile past Salzburg Square, on the left, at blinking yellow light across from Camp Road.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Please contact each motel for their current pet policies.

At the time this premium was created, the following hotels were accepting dogs. However, policies can change. Please verify dogs are still being accepted when making reservations:

Best Western Plus Executive Court Inn & Conference Center, 13500 S Willow St., Manchester, NH 03103, (603) 627-2525 / (877) 627-2525

Comfort Inn, 298 Queen City Ave., Manchester, NH 03102 (603) 668-2600

Holiday Inn Manchester Airport, 2280 Brown Ave, Manchester, NH 03102 (603) 641-6466

Holiday Inn Express, 1298 South Porter St., Manchester, NH 03102 (603) 669-6800

Holiday Inn Nashua, 9 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, NH 03060 (603) 888-1551

Motel 6 #1062, 2 Progress Ave., Nashua, NH 03060 (603) 889-4151

Motel 6 #2019, 77 Spit Brook Rd., Nashua, NH 03060 (603) 888-1893

Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03102 (603) 625-1000

Red Roof Inn, 15 Red Roof Lane, Salem, NH 03079 (603) 898-6422

No camping is allowed on-site.

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
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 areas where help is needed and their associated description is below.

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 will have 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!

Below are descriptions of the different areas where volunteers are needed throughout the trial

(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
- Monitors that the electronic timer starts and ends; reads time to scribe
- For Gamblers, need to start the timer for each run and may need to stop

Scribe (1 per ring)

- Verifies scribe sheet is for the dog that has entered the ring
- Records on the scribe sheet all penalties signaled by the judge and the run time and gives the scribe sheet to the score runner

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 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 scribe to the scorekeeper

Scoring (1 per ring)

- Enter information on scribe sheet into the computer
- For Gamblers, a second person is helpful to total the number of obstacles taken during the opening time period
- Print completed results at the end of each class and put into score books

For Your Records - Summary of Entries

Entries Mailed: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Dog 1: _____

Dog 2: _____

Dog 3: _____

Accommodations:

Hotel: _____

Phone: _____ Confirmation #: _____

Directions: _____

Other Notes: _____

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), American K9 Country (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 published 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

ATCH?

If there is any "possibility" of receiving an ATCH this weekend, please check here _____

Owner's / Dog's Name: _____

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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 Chris Carlson
61 Clinton Ave, Budd Lake, NJ 07828

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: _____ Mail Confirmations: Yes

E-mail: _____

Dog's Identification

Dog's Call Name: _____

Dog's Height At Withers: _____

Breed: _____ Birth Date: _____

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

Registered Name: _____

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? _____

Handler (If different from Owner): _____

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

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

FEES: CH Std&Vet/ACE Std/Sr: \$12/run; JrH/PreNovice: \$6; Retired: \$3

Please make checks payable to ASCNE TOTAL FEES \$ _____

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