



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

Hosted by

The Australian Shepherd Club of New England
(*Sanctioning pending)

7th Annual Winter Blast Agility Trial

January 16 & 17, 2016

Paws N' Effect

36 Corporate Ridge, Hamden CT

JUDGE:

Chuck Klein, Pittsboro, NC

CLASSES OFFERED:

Regular 2 Runs per day

Jumpers (1 Run Saturday/ 2 Runs Sunday)

Gamblers (2 Runs Saturday, 1 Run Sunday)

Pre-novice (2 runs Saturday)

For Novice, Open, and Elite

Championship STD/VET/JRH and ACE STD/SR Dog Divisions

FEO entries accepted

LIMITED TO 350 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 November 30, 2015

ENTRIES/MOVE-UPS CLOSE December 31, 2015 @ 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 –**
 - **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 (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 case, no refund of fees paid will be made and the ASCA office will be informed of the problem.**
- Agility obstacles will include: rubberized, slatted contact obstacles, (A-Frame, Dog walk), rubberized non-slatted teeter, open tunnels, solid barrel closed tunnel, non-winged jumps, winged jumps, double bar jump, displaceable tire and 24" 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 Stewards
Chief Course Builder(s)
Chief Scorekeeper

Wendy Richmond, aussiedogs@optonline.net 845-389-6123
Jonathan Hoadley, winterblast@charter.net 860-485-2639
Linda Prager, Aline Hoadley
Mike Kurdzo, Lee Prager
Barbara Miller

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 Service Membership Tracking Number Form with your entry – *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 (FEO): Minimum age is 15 months. Any dog younger than 18 months must jump at least 4" lower than standard jump height; no toys or treats.
- 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.

SHOW SITE:

- This event will be held indoors. Trial surface is mats over concrete. No crating in main building. Crating area will be in an adjacent building.
- 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 ASCA 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

- The existing ASCA program has been renamed the **Championship Program**. The **Championship Program** consists of the traditional three divisions, Standard, Veterans and Junior Handler. Dogs will earn the same ASCA titles as before, and qualify for Merit, Finals and HOF programs.
ACE Program: The **ACE Program** exists for standard dogs(18 months & older) and senior dogs (10 yrs and older) that want to run at the next lower jump height and earn ASCA **ACE** titles. Vet and JrH divisions do not exist. Each dog and handler team can only enter one "program" per trial. Senior dogs jump 4" lower than their **ACE Program** height.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday – EJ1, OJ1, NJ1, PN1, PN2, EG1, OG1, NG1, EG2, OG2, NG2, ER1, ER2, OR1, OR2, NR1, NR2. Run order low to high

Sunday – ER3, ER4, OR3, OR4, NR3, NR4, EG3, OG3, NG3, EJ2, EJ3, OJ2, OJ3, NJ2, NJ3
Run order high to low.

(E=Elite, O=Open, N=Novice; R=Regular, J=Jumpers, G=Gamblers, PN=Pre 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
- Dogs with a wither height ≤ 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:

- 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

- No food vendor at this trial. 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
CH Standard	8"	12"	16"	20"	20+ (jumps 20")	24"
CH Vets	4	8	12	16	16+ (jumps 16")	
ACE	4"	8"	12"	16"	16+ (jumps 16")	
SR ACE	4"	4"	8"	12"	12+ (jumps 12")	
CH 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.
- No dog shall jump lower than 4" in the Junior Handler, Veteran Division or ACE program.
- 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 Paws N' Effect
36 Corporate Ridge
Hamden, CT 06514:

From I-91 – Take exit 10 (rt 40) to end. Right onto Rt 10 (Whitney Ave) approx 1 ½ mi. to left onto Sherman Ave at Dunkin Donuts. 1.1 mi to right onto Corporate Ridge. Bldg to left at top of hill.

Rt 15 south – Take exit 62 (Whitney Ave. north). Right onto Whitney Ave and follow as above.

Rt 15 north – Exit 60 (Dixwell Ave) Left onto Dixwell, then left onto Rt 10 north. Go 2.1 mi to Sherman Ave and follow as above.

I-84 – Exit to I-691, first exit onto Rt 10 south. Through Cheshire into Hamden to right onto Sherman Ave and follow as above.

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.

Clarion Hotel and Suites, Whitney Ave., Hamden (203)288-3831 (5 min from site, \$150.00 pet damage charge waived for ASCNE/Paws, unless deemed necessary by management), a block of 10 rooms is saved for ASCNE. Mention ASCNE 2016 or Paws for \$89 special rate. Cut-off date is 12/15/2015.

Best Western, North Haven (203) 239-6700 (15 min from site, \$25/night/dog fee),

America's Best Value Inn (formerly Red Carpet Inn), Cheshire (203) 272-3244 (10 min from site, \$20/dog/day).

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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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): _____

If Owner/Co-Owner is under 18, please provide date of birth: _____

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

Dog's Full Name: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Sex: _____ Birthdate: _____

Breed: _____

Previous ASCA points earned (If more space is needed, please attach another sheet):

**Mail completed form with check, money order, or credit card information to:
ASCA Business Office 6091 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77808
You may scan/email the form to agility@asca.org or fax to: (979)778-1898 and
pay with credit card. Please contact the office for more information.**

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!

ATCH

If you think you might get your ATCH please check here _____ so we can have your bar and ribbon ready!! Your name: _____

For Your Records - Summary of Entries

Entries Mailed: _____

Check #: _____ **Amount:** _____

Dog 1: _____

Dog 2: _____

Dog 3: _____

Accommodations:

Hotel: _____

Phone: _____ Confirmation #: _____

Directions: _____

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), Paw N' Effect, LLC (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 \$6.00 per class. The junior must own or co-own the dog being shown to be eligible for the discount off the full price of \$13 per class. Does this junior exhibitor own or co-own the dog being entered? Yes No

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Ck# _____ Amt _____ Entry # _____

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ASCA SANCTIONED ALL-BREED AGILITY TRIAL

Australian Shepherd Club of New England (ASCNE)

January 16 & 17, 2016, Paws N' Effect, Hamden, CT

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: _____

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" 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												
Regular 1							A	B				
Regular 2							A	B				
Regular 3							A	B				
Regular 4							A	B				
Gamblers 1												
Gamblers 2												
Gamblers 3												

FEES: CH Std&Vet/ACE Std/Sr: \$13/run; JrH: \$6; PreNovice \$6

Please make checks payable to ASCNE TOTAL FEES \$ _____

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