



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

Hosted by

**The Australian Shepherd Club of New England**  
(ASCA SANCTIONED Agility Trial)

**May 27-28, 2023**  
**American K9 Country**  
**336 Horace Greeley Hwy. Route 101, Amherst, NH**

**JUDGE:**

**Diana Thompson**  
**Huntington, MD**

**CLASSES OFFERED:**

**Regular (2 Runs Saturday/ 2 Runs Sunday)**  
**Jumpers (2 Runs Saturday/ 2 Runs Sunday)**  
**Gamblers (2 Runs Saturday, 2 Run Sunday)**

**For Novice, Open, and Elite**

**Championship STD/VET/JRH and ACE STD/SR Dog Divisions**  
**For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries accepted**

**LIMITED TO 350 Runs per Day**

**Entry by Postmark Date (not delivery date)**

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

**NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN April 12, 2023**

**ENTRIES/MOVE-UPS CLOSE May 20, 2023 @ 9 PM**

**If the trial is not full, Pre-entries will be accepted with a \$10 surcharge after  
closing date. There will be no day of entries.**

## 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 Q 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 —
  - To have ASCA qualifying legs tracked and receive ASCA titling certificates, each non-ASCA registered dog will be required to have an ASCA Q Tracking Number. This is a one-time fee of \$20/dog. At the time of applying for the Q 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 Q Tracking Number after ASCA qualifying legs have already been earned. The ASCA Membership and Q 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 Commitee 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, (Dog walk, 5'6" A-rubberized slatted teeter, open tunnels, 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. Leashes are to be used on dogs entering and exiting the ring.
- 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: [agility@asca.org](mailto:agility@asca.org)

## TRIAL COMMITTEE

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Show Chairperson        | Wendy Richmond <a href="mailto:aussiedogs44@gmail.com">aussiedogs44@gmail.com</a>            |
| Trial Secretary         | Jean Janotta <a href="mailto:jjanotta5436@gmail.com">jjanotta5436@gmail.com</a> 603-895-5436 |
| Chief Ring Steward(s)   | Brenda Boragine  |
| Chief Course Builder(s) | Wendy Richmond   |
| Equipment Manager       | American K9 Country  |
| Chief Scorekeeper       | Deb Keach-Tomes  |

## ENTRY FORM / ENTRIES / CONFIRMATIONS:

- Please include an email address on your entry form(s) to receive confirmation of entries.
- 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 with an additional \$10 fee per dog entered.
- ASCA Registration/Q Tracking No - If your dog is an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd (either full registration or LEP) or has an ASCA Q Tracking Number, write your dog's ASCA registration/LEP number/Q 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 Q 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. Entries for dogs measuring up in height may be changed to run FEO. A few smaller breeds are on the Jump Height Exemption List. Refer to the current ASCA rulebook for this breed list.
- **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.
- 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 \$25 service charge.
- Telephone calls returned/initiated with questions on any entries will be made collect.

## SHOW SITE:

### - This event will be held indoors on a fully TURFED ring.

- Crating will be upstairs in the mezzanine area; 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, with the following exceptions. These entries will be eligible for a refund for the amount of the total entry fee paid less \$20.00. A written request must be received by the trial secretary prior to the start of the trial.
  - a dog's injury and/or illness (requires a signed letter from your veterinarian)
  - for bitches that come into season after the closing date (requires a signed letter from your veterinarian)
  - a dog is affected by an ASCA quarantine following the National Specialty (can demonstrate the dog has been affected by attending the National Specialty or has been in contact with a dog that attended the National Specialty). Refer to ASCA Agility Rules Section 1.3.7 Communicable Disease for full text of policy.
- 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.
  - in the event dog/handler are dismissed from the competition, regardless of reason

## RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Toys may be brought in the ring for training purposes. Toys may not involve food or treats, may not make noise or leave parts behind. All handlers declaring toys will mark the gate sheet with a "T" at the run check-in, will run at the end of the jump height. Handler must declare to judge that they have a toy, they will be eliminated and will have the specific time for training in the ring. If handlers bring a toy in the ring without declaring it, they will be asked to leave immediately.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENTS

- **Saturday** – EG1, OG1, NG1, EG2, OG2, ER1, ER2, OR1, OR2, NR1, NR2, EJ1, EJ2, OJ1, OJ2, NJ1, NJ2. Run order low to high.
- **Sunday** – EJ3, EJ4, OJ3, OJ4, NJ3, NJ4, EG3, OG3, NG3, EG4, OG4, NG4, ER3, ER4, OR3, OR4, NR3, NR4. Run order high to low.  
(E=Elite, O=Open, N=Novice; R=Regular, J=Jumpers, G=Gamblers)
- The running order of classes is subject to change at the discretion of the judge 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, briefing at 7:45, first dog on the line at 8:00.
- Dogs with a wither height less than or equal to 20" that do not have a permanent ASCA, AKC or NADAC height card or copy of the USDAA Dog Information page showing the dog's actual height must be measured. Copies of ASCA, NADAC, USDAA 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 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.

## JUMP HEIGHTS

| Dog's height<br>at withers | 11" &<br>under                                   | 14" &<br>under | 18" &<br>under | 20" &<br>Under | Over 20"        | Over 20"<br>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 or ACE Senior Division classes.
- No dog shall ever jump lower than 4" in the in either Program or division.
- 20+ and 24 will be scored and placed separately.
- Refer to the current ASCA rulebook for the current Breed Jump Height Exemption List.

## **DIRECTIONS TO AMERICAN K9 COUNTRY**

**336 Rt. 101, Amherst, NH 03031 / GPS: 336 Horace Greeley**

**FROM THE SOUTH (Nashua)** - Everett Turnpike North to Manchester /1-293/101 West. Follow signs towards Rt 101 West (Bedford-Milford) / \*\*\*AK9C is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange. AK9C is on the right - 2 miles after Murphy's Taproom, across from Camp Road at the blinking yellow light.

**FROM THE SOUTH (Boston)** - North to Manchester 1-293 to 101 West / Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford-Milford). See \*\*\* above.

**FROM THE NORTH (Concord)** - South to 1-293 toward 101 West. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford-Milford). See \*\*\* above.

**FROM THE EAST COAST**- West towards Manchester/Bedford / Follow Rt. 101 West (Bedford-Milford). See \*\*\* above.

**FROM THE WEST** - 101 East towards Manchester/Bedford. Watch for Salzburg Square Shopping Complex. AK9C is approximately 1 mile on left, passed Salzburg Square, across from Camp Road at blinking yellow light

## **ACCOMMODATIONS - Make your Reservations Early!!!**

*These hotels have graciously agreed to accept our well-mannered dogs. A pet deposit may be required. Please check with hotels for policies and restrictions.*

*\*\*\* Ask for American K9 Country corporate rate at all listed below \*\*\**

**Holiday Inn Express:** 1298 S. Porter Street, Manchester, NH 603-669-6800  
9.8 miles / \$87/night / No pet fee / Free breakfast and WiFi

**WoodSpring Suites:** 2 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack, NH 603-417-4900  
\$74.99 per night / NO Pet Fee

**Towne Place Suites:** 686 Huse Road, Manchester, NH 603-641-2288  
10 miles / \$99 per night / No pet fee / Full kitchens / Free continental breakfast & WiFi / Walking distance to Olive Garden

**Homewood Suites:** 1000 Perimeter Road, Manchester, NH 603-668-2200  
10 miles / \$109 per night / Full kitchen / Add'l pet fee / Free hot breakfast buffet included

**La Quinta Inn:** 21 Front Street, Manchester NH 603-669-5400  
12 miles / \$89 per night / No pet fee / Free continental breakfast / Micro and fridge in every room.

## **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.

## **COVID-19 RULES AND GUIDELINES**

- FACILITY REQUIREMENTS: Federal, State, and local guidelines will apply to include maximum person count in the facility. See [visitnh.gov/covid-19-updates](https://www.visitnh.gov/covid-19-updates) for current guidelines.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you have been or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 or are caring for someone who may have it, please stay home.
- Pre-check in is encouraged so people are not crowding around gate sheets.

## **VOLUNTEER SIGNUP (... 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.

There will be a volunteer sign-up board available each morning of the trial.

Thank you in advance 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and return this page so we can have your bar and ribbon ready!!!

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_





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Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
**ASCA SANCTIONED ALL-BREED AGILITY TRIAL**  
**Australian Shepherd Club of New England (ASCNE)**  
**May 27 & 28, 2023 – American K9 Country, Amherst, 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

***Exhibitor/Owner must read and sign Legal Agreement for entry to be valid.***

**Owner/Handler Information** ☐ check if new address

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mail Confirmation: Yes

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

***Dog's Identification***

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Height At Withers: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's ASCA Registration/LEP/QTracking Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (See Entry Form section)

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

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

Handler (If different from Owner): \_\_\_\_\_

***A Division, Level, and Day MUST be checked for each Class entered***

| Classes    | DIVISION |     |     |     |     | LEVEL |      |       | DAY |     | FEO |
|------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
|            | Champion |     |     | ACE |     | 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 |          |     |     |     |     |       |      |       |     |     |     |

**FEES: CH Std/Vet, ACE Std/Sr: \$15/run; Jr.Handler: \$7.50/run**

**Entry received after closing: \$10 fee**

**Please make checks payable to ASCNE TOTAL FEES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**AGREEMENT**

**IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT**—Please read the following carefully as it, among other things, may prevent you from suing ASCA® and persons/entities affiliated with it. This agreement could even require you to defend them from demands and suits by third parties that include an assertion of wrongdoing by you. (1) The person signing this Agreement represents being authorized to enter into it on behalf of him/herself, as well as (if different) the owner(s)/exhibitor(s)/handler(s) of the dog(s) for which an entry form is being submitted (all these parties collectively referred to herein as “Applicant”). (2) “Releasees” here collectively refers to the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA®); its affiliate clubs; and the officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents of ASCA® and of those clubs. (3) This Agreement voluntarily is entered into by Applicant in exchange for the acceptance of the associated entry form and permission to participate in related activities. (4) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations applicable to this event. (5) Applicant certifies that the entered dog will not pose a hazard to people, property, stock animals, or other dogs, and further that the dog is current with rabies shots along with any other vaccinations required by its state of residence. (6) Applicant acknowledges and assumes the risks to Applicant and Applicant’s dog associated with participation in the event, among which could be ones associated with poor condition of the facilities and surrounding areas; security measures or lack of them; electrical appliances; fittings; show rings; the presence of unfamiliar persons; and the presence/involvement of other animals—whether stock, dogs, or otherwise. (7) Applicant further agrees to comply with all recommended and required health and safety precautions, among which may be those related to social distancing; quarantining; wearing of face coverings; and non-participation of persons exhibiting symptoms or for whom there otherwise has been a likelihood of recent exposure to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases. (8) Applicant additionally acknowledges and agrees to assume the risks associated with taking part in the event though one might neglect compliance with health and safety precautions/requirements or pose an undue risk of spreading disease. For example, as is true as to any public event, there is some risk that Applicant and/or those affiliated with Applicant may catch COVID-19 or another contagious disease at the event. (9) To the maximum extent permissible, this release is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice of law rules. (10) To the extent that Applicant—or another party suing on behalf of Applicant, or suing to recover based on injuries/death/damage to Applicant/Applicant’s dog/Applicant’s property—sues ASCA® (or a board member or staff member or agent of ASCA®) as a defendant, the sole appropriate forum (to the maximum extent permitted by law) for the suit shall be the state or federal courts serving Brazos County, Texas (where ASCA® has its headquarters). (11) Applicant hereby releases and waives any claims Applicant otherwise might assert against the Releasees as to any injury or damage claim connected in any way to any alleged act or omission arising out of, or occurring concurrent with, the event and related activities, interactions, communications, and even adjacent premises. (12) This release is made not only as to Applicant but also for anyone who might assert a claim on behalf of Applicant or based on purported injury or damage to Applicant/Applicant’s dog/Applicant’s property, as well as any heir, beneficiary, assignee, executor, trustee, agent, or survivor of Applicant. (13) Applicant further agrees to assume sole responsibility for and indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from related claims, demands, judgments, and settlement payments. (14) These waiver, release, and indemnification provisions extend even to claims or demands asserting that the acts or omissions resulted in bodily injury or death or from intentional wrongdoing, as well as to attorney fees and other costs of defense. (15) The duties of indemnification further extend to any claims or demands asserted against Releasees that are alleged to have arisen out of the acts or omissions of Applicant, Applicant’s dog, or others affiliated with Applicant. Among other things, this means that Applicant would pay the legal defense of Releasees if someone sued them based on a claim Applicant carelessly exposed the claimant to COVID-19. (16) Applicant’s promises in this agreement apply without regard to the type of claim or cause of action asserted against Releasees. (17) To the extent any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, the remainder of it nonetheless is to be enforced. (18) This agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum permissible legal protection from—among other things—claims and suits pursued by Applicant (and/or those acting on behalf of Applicant or over injury/damage to Applicant), as well as from ones based on the purported wrongful acts or omissions of Applicant. (19) Nothing in this Agreement requires you to indemnify Releasees from claims by third parties that involve no allegations of improper acts or omissions by you, those affiliated with you, nor your dog(s). (20) Applicant acknowledges having read, understood, and had the opportunity for independent legal review of this document prior to signing it.

Signature of Owner/Exhibitor

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor

Date

**The person signing this form is responsible for all errors and rule violations.**