“Sheep Stuff” : Sunday May 14, 2023

Step 1: You have bought 5 new sheep and they have lice. You left them on the trailer overnight so that you can treat them and keep them isolated from the rest of the flock. Remove the 5 sheep from the trailer and take them to the pen beside the barn. 15pts. (Trailer work and fetch/specific task)

\*Advanced handlers cannot enter the trailer but Open handlers can to assist their dog. The trailer compartment is approximately 8 ft by 6ft.

Step 2: Place the 5 sheep in the pen. 5pts (pen)

Step3: Before going any further, you treat the five sheep for lice by having your dog settle them in the pen and then you will spray each sheep once. 5pts (spray/specific)

Step 4: Leave those 5 sheep in that pen and go around the barn to the aisle to get on with the rest of your day since the vet is coming and you want to be ready for her. Remove 5 sheep from the aisle and move them into the alley pen, closing the barn door behind you. 5 pts (pen)

Step 5: There are 3 collars in a bucket at the end of the alley pen, put them on the three sheep that you think need to be ultrasounded for pregnancy when the vet gets there. Once collared, turn the 5 sheep into the paddock and go close the exit of the chute. 5pts (specific)

Step 6: Load the 5 sheep into the pen at the start of the chute, and then load the chute. 20pts (chute)

\*Advanced handlers cannot be in the pen to load the chute, but open handlers can to assist their dog.

Step7: When you look at the two non-collared sheep, you realize that they too may be pregnant, so you put collars on them while in the chute. 5pts (specific)

Step 8: The vet comes and ultrasounds all 5 sheep to discover that two are not pregnant, but you released them into the end pen before removing those 2 collars. You know which ones are open, so you take those two collars off while in the pen and hang them on the chute for future use. 5pts (specific)

Step 9: You have a friend that is willing to lamb out the pregnant ewes this Summer, so you gate sort the three collared ewes that are pregnant from the exit pen and leave the other 2 behind. Just as you finish sorting, your friend calls and says that she will take all 5 ewes, even the open ones because she has a lot of pasture to be eaten, so you let the other 2 into the paddock too. 25pts (Gate sort)

Step 10: You’re friend is willing to accept the sheep today, so you jump on the opportunity, but you need to pen the sheep again to make sure your pathway to the trailer is clear and the trailer is ready to go. Load the sheep into the pen near the paddock exit and close the gate. Another friend will plan to open the gate soon so that you can see if your dog can do a blind gather. 5 pts (pen)

Step 11: While the sheep are penned, you and your dog go to the trailer, being sure to leave the paddock gates open and you will make sure the trailer door is closed but ready for you to swing it open to ease loading hassles. When ready, signal to your friend to open the pen and then you send your dog back to gather the sheep while your friend waits near the pen. 20pts (Blind Gather)

\*Advanced handlers and their dog must be at the back of the trailer when the dog is sent. Open handlers can leave their dog at the trailer and position themselves anywhere between the trailer and cone when sending their dog. Handlers can move as needed once the dogs have been sent.

Step 12: When the sheep arrive near the trailer,load them into that pen and remove the three remaining collars and put them in the bucket. 10pts (pen)

Step 13: All 5 sheep should be removed from the pen and loaded into the trailer. Time stops when the trailer door is closed. 5pts (specific task)

Time Allowances:

Advanced Teams will have 15 minutes on the course with a 3 minute warning.

Open Teams will have 19 minutes on the course with a 3 minute warning

Sheep groups will be consistent all day

There will be crated distractions on the course for all runs i.e. rabbit, rooster or pig

Tie breaker #1: Step 6 Chute work-20 pts Tie Breaker #2: Step 1 Trailer work and fetch-15pts