

The Australian Shepherd Club of New England (ASCNE)

May 29 & 30, 2004 Hopkinton State Fairgrounds Contoocook, NH

> JUDGES: Sarah Fix (NC) Ron Young (NC)

CLASSES OFFERED:

Regular (2 Runs Saturday/1 Run Sunday)
Gamblers and Jumpers (1 Run per day)
For Novice, Open, and Elite
Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handlers
Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors (Saturday only)

LIMITED TO 650 Runs per Day

NO <u>POSTMARKS</u> EARLIER THAN April 7, 2004 ENTRIES CLOSE May 10, 2004 @ 9 PM MOVEUPS CLOSE May 18, 2004 @ 9 PM

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA/NADAC. In dual-sanctioned ASCA/NADAC agility trials, in the event of any conflict between ASCA's Agility program rules and NADAC's Agility rules, NADAC rules shall govern. Exhibitors, through submission of an entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of current ASCA/NADAC 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 test 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
- All dogs are required to have a valid NADAC registration number when entering a sanctioned trial. Pending numbers are no longer accepted. NADAC now has on-line registration and exhibitors can receive their numbers within 48 hours after submitting the on-line form. Go to www.nadac.com, click on "dogs" on the home page, then on "dog reg form". Handlers do not need to be ASCA or NADAC members.
- Receipt of ASCA Titling Certificates -
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- Current jump height table, breed exemption list, description of classes, levels, and divisions can be found at NADAC's web site.
- 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 NO scores for that exhibitor will be submitted to NADAC or ASCA. In addition the NADAC and ASCA offices will be informed of the problem.
- Agility obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of ASCA/NADAC Official Rules and Regulations.
- 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.
- The Event Committee may refuse any entry other than on the basis expressly provided through ASCA/NADAC rules and regulations. Anyone not in good standing with ASCA/ NADAC will not be allowed entry into the trial.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- NADAC rules: NADAC, 11522 South Hwy 3, Cataldo, ID 83810. Web: www.nadac.com; e-mail: info@nadac.com
- ASCA rules: ASCA, 6091 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77808-9652. Web: www.asca.org; e-mail: activities@asca.org.

TRIAL COMMITTEE

Show Chairperson Jean Janotta (jjanotta@rcn.com; (603) 895-5436) Trial Secretary Jean Janotta (jjanotta@rcn.com; (603) 895-5436)

Chief Ring Steward(s)
Chief Course Builder(s)
Robin Goodman / Sue Winters
Pete Dolan / Don McCormick

Equipment Manager Don McCormick Chief Scorekeeper Sue Schroeder

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.
- No entries will be accepted or changed (except for move ups) after the closing date.
- ASCA Registration/Tracking No If your dog is an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd, write your dog's ASCA registration number in this space. Otherwise, write the dog's ASCA 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.
- 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.
- 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. Returned checks will incur a \$20 service charge.
- Telephone calls returned/initiated with questions on any entries will be made collect.

SHOW SITE:

- This event will be held on grass outdoors in flagged rings. Each ring will be scored as an individual trial.
- 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 \$15.00. 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 test 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.

TRY-STOCK-N-GO:

- Curious about how your dog would be at working stock? Want to try them on sheep?
- ASCNE will be offering a Try-Stock-n-Go on sheep, run by Matt Mason, on Saturday, limited to 25 runs. To be eligible, the dog must be at least 6 months old and must be an ASCA herding breed or cross of those breeds (refer to www.asca.org/Programs/Stockdog, Rules, Appendix 1 for the list of breeds).
- Refer to the entry form in this premium for more information.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENTS

In an effort to reduce the amount of course building required, judges will remain in the same ring all weekend and exhibitors who show both days will move to the other ring on Sunday.

<u>Saturday</u> – Ring 1: Jumpers, Gamblers, and Regular 1 & 2. Ring 2: Jumpers, Regular 1 & 2, and Gamblers. Within each class, the level order will be Novice, Open, Elite. Running order will be from lowest to highest within jump height category.

<u>Sunday</u> – **Ring 1**: Gamblers, Regular, and Jumpers. **Ring 2**: Regular, Gamblers, and Jumpers. Within each class, the level order will be Elite, Open, Novice. Running order will be from highest to lowest within jump height category.

In the Novice classes, running within jump height will begin with Novice A, then Novice B, then Veterans, then Junior Handlers (i.e., NovA 8", NovB 8", Vets jumping 8", JrH jumping 8").

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 5:00 and 6:00PM
- Saturday and Sunday between 7:00 and 7:45AM
- All dogs not jumping the maximum jump height must be measured at each trial unless they
 present a permanent height card (Standard jumping 16" & under, Vets/JrH jumping 12" &
 under).

MOVE-UPS:

- Dogs receiving titles after the closing date <u>may</u> 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 NADAC number, entered class, and from and to level are acceptable.
- Move-ups from Saturday to Sunday will not be permitted.

PRIZES / AWARDS

- Purple & 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. For Novice A Regular, placement ribbons will be awarded to all dogs placing 1st through 6th.
- Ribbons/prizes must be picked up during the weekend. These WILL NOT be mailed.

FOOD / VENDORS

- A food vendor will be available on site.

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+	24"
					(jumps 20")	
Vets/JrH	4"	8"	12"	16"	16"	16"

- 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 Junior Handler or Veteran Division classes.
- No dog shall ever jump lower than 4" in the Junior Handler or Veteran Division and no dog shall ever jump lower than 8" in the Standard 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.
- Refer to the current NADAC rulebook for the NADAC Jump Height Exemption List.

DIRECTIONS TO TEST SITE:

<u>From Massachusetts & Points South</u> - Take Route 93 North to Concord, NH. Take Route 89 North to Exit 7. Turn right onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Go 2.25 miles to the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. The Blue Parking Gate will be on the right.

<u>From NY, VT, and points West</u> – Take Route 89 South to Exit 7. Turn left onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Go 2.25 miles to the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. The Blue Parking Gate will be on the right.

<u>From Keene, NH area</u> - Take Route 9 East to Route 89. Take Route 89 North to Exit 7. Turn right onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Go 2.25 miles to the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. The Blue Parking Gate will be on the right.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Comfort Inn, 71 Hall St., Concord, NH (603) 226-4100 (\$10/night for pets)

Hampton Inn, 515 South St, Bow, NH (603) 224-5322

Comfort Inn, 298 Queen City Ave, Manchester, NH (603) 668-2600 (first floor in smoking rooms)

Holiday Inn at the Center of New Hampshire, 700 Elm St, Manchester, NH (603) 625-1000 (\$25/room for pets)

Peterborough Manor, Peterborough, NH (603) 924-9832 – pets crated and under 20 pounds

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: \$20/night. With no electric: \$5/night.

On-Site Camping Registration \$20 per night with electric \$5 per night for no electric	
Camping on: Friday Saturday Total Fees: \$Name:	
Address:City, State, Zip:	
Phone: Email:	_
Send in with your agility entries. Please enclose a separate check payabl ASCNE.	e to



Membership Application:

ASCA MEMBERSHIP AND TRACKING NUMBER APPLICATION FORM

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Please type or print clearly. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned.

Owner's Name (1)	
Phone Number:	E-mail:
Service Membership Fee: \$5.00 per (If you are interested in other member	
I (We) agree to abide by the ASCA A Regulations governing the ASCA Reg	rticles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all ASCA Rules and gistry and all other ASCA programs.
Owner's Signature (1):	
Owner's Signature (2):	
Dog Information: Lifetime fee for t	racking number is \$10.00 per dog for ASCA Members
Dog's Full Name:	
Dog's Call Name:	
Any/All Previous Registration Numb	pers Used:
Sex:	Birthdate:
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Mail completed form with check or money order to:

Events/Os Earned Since 1/1/2003

ASCA Business Office PO Box 3790, Bryan, TX 77805-3790