

ASCNE  
c/o Jean Janotta  
24 Country View Drive  
Raymond, NH 03077-2479



# ASCA SANCTIONED\* AGILITY TEST

Hosted by



**The Australian Shepherd Club of New England**

(\* ASCA Sanctioning Pending)

**October 23, 2005  
Georgia International Horse Park  
Conyers, GA**

**JUDGES:**

Judy Boone (UT)  
Sandra Katzen (WA)  
Richard Pittman (CA)

**CLASSES OFFERED:**

Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers (1 run each)  
For Novice, Open, and Elite  
Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handlers  
Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors

**LIMITED 350 runs per ring**

**NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN July 1, 2005**

**ENTRIES CLOSE September 15, 2005 @ 9 PM**

**MOVEUPS CLOSE October 1, 2005 @ 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 test is open to all Australian Shepherds being at least eighteen (18) months of age, 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 ASCA Registration number
- Current jump height table, description of classes, levels, and divisions can be found at ASCA'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 ASCA. In addition the ASCA office will be informed of the problem.**
- Agility obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of ASCA 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 rules and regulations. Anyone not in good standing with ASCA will not be allowed entry into the trial.

## RULES & REGULATIONS:

- ASCA rules: ASCA, 6091 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77808-9652. Web: [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org); e-mail: [activities@asca.org](mailto: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)	Robin Goodman / Sue Winters
Chief Course Builder(s)	Andy Johnson / Pamela Bryant-Meeks
Equipment Manager	GAASC
Chief Scorekeeper	Jean Janotta

## ENTRY FORM / ENTRIES / CONFIRMATIONS:

- Entries will be accepted in the order of postmark date, not date 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.
- On any given day that the trial would fill with the entries postmarked for that date, the entries with that postmark date will be drawn at random to the point at which the trial is filled.
- If the trial is not able to accommodate all who wish to enter, a waiting list will be kept of those desiring to be on it in the order of postmark date with random draw for the order within each date.
- For immediate confirmation of receipt, you should enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your entry.
- No entries will be accepted or changed (except for move ups) after the closing date.
- 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.
- Acknowledgement of entry will be made after close of entries.

## SHOW SITE:

- This event will be held outdoors on dirt. Rings 1 and 2 will be scored as individual trials.
- 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.

## RETIRED EXHIBITION:

- To honor our four-legged friends who have taught us and brought us to where we are, ASCNE is proud to offer this exhibition class for our retired canine competitors. To be eligible, a dog must have previously competed in agility but is now retired from all competitive classes.
- The course will be a simple jumpers course (jumps and tunnels only).
- On the entry form, select the height you want your dog to jump (notice bars on the ground is ok and 16" will be the maximum height)
- The class is not limited by age, only by the fact the dog is no running in competitive classes.

## REFUNDS / WITHDRAWALS:

- There will be no refund/credit for entries withdrawn after the closing date.
- 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.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENTS

Ring 1 (Regular and Gamblers) - Sandra	Ring 2 (Regular and Gamblers) – Judy	Ring 3 (Jumpers Only) – Ric
	Elite Gamblers	Novice Jumpers from Ring 1
Elite Gamblers		Novice Jumpers from Ring 2
	Open Gamblers	Open Jumpers from Ring 1
Open Gamblers		Open Jumpers from Ring 2
	Novice Gamblers	Elite Jumpers from Ring 1
Novice Gamblers		Elite Jumpers from Ring 2
Retired Exhibition in the Jumpers Ring		
Elite Regular	Elite Regular	
Open Regular	Open Regular	
Novice Regular	Novice Regular	

Running order will be from lowest to highest within jump height category.

**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 between 5:00 and 6:00PM
- Sunday between 7:00 and 7:45AM
- All dogs not jumping the maximum jump height must be measured (Standard jumping 16" & under, Vets/JrH jumping 12" & under).

## 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.

## PRIZES / AWARDS

- Green & Yellow Qualifying Rosettes will be awarded to all dogs achieving a qualifying score.
- Placement Rosettes will be awarded to all dogs placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in each class and jump height.
- ATCH and New Title Rosettes will be awarded upon notification by the exhibitor.
- Ribbons/prizes must be picked up during the day of trial. These WILL NOT be mailed.

## 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+ (jumps 20")	24"
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.

## 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 do understand there's lots going on at this event, but **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 the job descriptions is included in this premium.

We appreciate your help and will do what we can for your comfort, including the volunteers' refreshment area for trial workers and helpers.

Please fill out this form and send it in with your entry. This will help us schedule you in an appropriate job without class conflicts. We'll let you know in which classes you're working when you arrive at the trial.

Thank you for volunteering and making this a better show for everyone. We couldn't do it without you!

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

## Work Preferences:

I have **experience** at the following jobs (please check ALL boxes that apply):

- Timer       Scribe       Ass't Scribe       Gate Steward       Ring Steward  
 Course Build       Scoring       Runner

Of the jobs I have done, I **prefer** to do the following (please check ALL boxes that apply):

- Timer       Scribe       Ass't Scribe       Gate Steward       Ring Steward  
 Course Build       Scoring       Runner

Of the jobs in which I have no experience at, I would be **willing to try** the following (be brave! - please check ALL boxes that apply):

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***Entry is not valid unless reverse side has been completed and signed.***

***Owner/Handler Information***

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

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

***Dog's Identification***

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

Dog's ASCA Registration Nbr: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dog's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Height At Withers: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle ACTUAL STANDARD Jump Height: 8" 12" 16" 20" 20+" 24"

Is the Handler Disabled or a Veteran and taking jump height exemption? Yes No

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

TRIAL DATE	CLASSES	LEVEL Check ONE per CLASS	DIVISION Check ONE per CLASS	FEE
SUN.	GAMBLERS	<input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN <input type="checkbox"/> ELITE	<input type="checkbox"/> STD <input type="checkbox"/> VET <input type="checkbox"/> Jr.H.	\$16
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SUN.	REGULAR	<input type="checkbox"/> NOV A <input type="checkbox"/> NOV B <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN <input type="checkbox"/> ELITE	<input type="checkbox"/> STD <input type="checkbox"/> VET <input type="checkbox"/> Jr.H.	\$16
SUN.	RETIRED	Circle Jump Height & Fill out Short Bio on back of entry <input type="checkbox"/> Bars on Ground <input type="checkbox"/> 4" <input type="checkbox"/> 8" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 16"		\$ 5
<b>TOTAL ENTRY FEE – CHECKS PAYABLE TO 'ASCNE' =</b>				

YES I CAN HELP!! Please enclose the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet included in the premium

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

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.

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I have read, understood, and I acknowledge the above Agreement.

Signature of Owner/Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Job Descriptions**

**(Starred (\*\*) jobs are for rank novices – little training required)**

### **\*\* Registration Help** (2-3 per day)

- Check off dogs as registered; hand out registration packets; measure using wickets
- Helps to know exhibitors; need to be able to bend down for measuring

### **\*\* Course Builder Assistant** (3-4 per ring)

- Move equipment to and from the field based on instructions from the Master Course Builder
- Pick up the numbers and lay them back down between classes
- Crew should have enough brawn to move heavier equipment and be able to follow directions

### **Timer** (1 per ring)

- Restriction - Cannot be changed during the course of a class
- Tells handler when to begin
- Using a stopwatch, records the time for each dog's performance
- Hands the stopwatch to the transcriber at the completion of each run
- Need to know how to operate stopwatch, what to do if it malfunctions, and be alert

### **Scribe** (1 per ring)

- Understands the meaning of the judge's signals and how to reflect those on the scribe sheet
- Watches the judge at all times, not the dog running
- Verifies entry number/breed as each dog enters the ring
- Records on the scribe sheet all penalties signaled by the judge and gives the scribe sheet to the transcriber at the completion of each dog's run
- Need to be knowledgeable about rules and to be able to concentrate single-mindedly

### **\*\* Assistant Scribe** (1 per ring)

- Gives the scribe the scribe sheet for the dog on the line ready to run
- Receives the scribe sheet of the dog that just ran from the scribe and the stopwatch from the timer
- Writes the time (minutes/seconds/hundredths) on the scribe sheet
- Gives completed sheets to the score runner, clears the stopwatch and returns stopwatch to timekeeper
- Need to be fast and accurate

### **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
- Gives scribe sheet of the next 2-3 dogs that are ready to enter the ring to Exhibitor Escort
- 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
- Be attentive to other equipment needs, such as straightening weave poles or the pipe tunnel
- Quickly adjust jump and table heights during the class
- Cleans up accidents if a dog eliminates in the ring
- Need to be quick and attentive especially in a fast-moving jumpers class

### **\*\* Leash Runner** (1 per ring)

- Collects leashes and collars from start line
- Hands leashes and collars to exhibitors at the exit gate or other area designated by the judge
- Escorts exhibitors off the field quickly
- Needs to be able to walk(!)

### **\*\* Score Runner** (1 per ring)

- Collects scribe sheets from the transcriber and brings to the scorekeepers
- Serves as liaison between ring and scorekeepers to help track down missing scribe sheets
- Needs to be able to walk(!)