

## 2009 ASCA Farm Trial

Time allowed: 18 minutes (3 minute warning)

Open handlers are allowed to go ½ way between stock and dog on gathers throughout the course.

Advanced handlers movement is restricted where noted in description.

In the case of a tie, the gather score on scoresheet will be the tie break element.

- 1) 5 new breeding ewes have just arrived on the farm. Unload them out of the trailer into field I. Have your dog hold them to you while you close the trailer door and then put them in Pen C.
- 2) There are 8 ewes in field II, gather them out of the field and put them into the chute pen to be sorted. Open handlers may go ½ way, Adv handlers must stay at gate when gathering the sheep out of the field II.
- 3) The 5 new ewes need to be moved from pen C so they are kept apart from the sheep to be sorted. Move them from pen C to pen B.
- 4) Of the 8 sheep in the sorting chute pen, 5 older ewes are going to market but 3 collared younger ewes will be staying on the farm to be rebred, so have the dog bring them through the chute and sort off the 3 collared younger ewes into the vacant pen C. The 5 older ewes will be sorted off into field I so they can be loaded into the trailer.
- 5) Call your dog off and leave the 5 older ewes in field I (they will stay by the draw of the 3 younger ewes in pen C) and go open the trailer door. Send your dog to fetch the 5 older ewes. Open handlers may leave the trailer door and go half way (will be marked) before sending their dog. Advanced handlers must stay at the trailer door and send dog from there.
- 6) Put 5 sheep in the trailer and close door.
- 7) Put the 3 younger ewes that are in pen C in with the new arrivals in pen B.
- 8) Woops!!!! Shouldn't have mixed the new sheep with the current flock so gate sort out the 5 new arrivals by gate sorting between field II and pen B. Leave the 3 young collared ewes in field II and exhaust 5 new sheep into field III.
- 9) Go to pen D and get rest of flock (5 head) and put in field II with 3 collared younger ewes.
- 10) It would be dangerous to leave those collars on the ewes so have your dog bring the flock to pen C and hold them to you while you take the 3 collars off the younger ewes. You may use your crook to help you catch up sheep in order to take their collars off.
- 11) Move flock (8 sheep) back to field II to graze and call your dog off. A good day's work!

