

ASCNE Meeting with Intro to Stock

Sunday Sept. 11

At Pauli and Bill Haggises
172 Hartford Rd. (Rte 6)
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Directions: From the North or South Rte 395 exit 91W for Hartford/Brooklyn. Follow Rte 6 W through East Brooklyn (commercial district) to Brooklyn Center. At the light at the intersection of 6 and 169 continue on Rte 6 for 0.7mi. You will pass the Brooklyn Veterinary Hospital on the right, go over the cement bridge (Blackwell's brook). Immediately after the bridge there are 2 driveways with a mailbox between them, take the 2nd driveway which is across from Mason Rd. you will see Agility Equipment in the yard. From the East take Rte 6 out of RI and follow directions above. From the West, take 84 to 384 E to the end bear right on Rte 6 and stay on 6 all the way to Brooklyn. Go past Laurel Hill Rd on the left. We are the 3rd place on the left after Laurel Hill and across from Mason Rd. The house is a white cape with black shutters. Go past the house and turn left into our driveway.

Please join us for a day of fun. The focus of this day is the ASCA meeting. If you plan to take part in the activities you are expected to attend the meeting. The location is a small farm; the meeting will be in Bill's shop so please dress accordingly and bring a chair.

9:30-Noon: There will be one of the new ASCA courses D, E or F set up in the 100'X185' arena. Experienced handlers with trial dogs or trial ready dogs are invited to come and try the course or just work on skills in a new venue with unfamiliar sheep. You can also work with the sorting chute, take pen, etc. For those of you who are not yet involved with stock, you are invited to come early and watch the trained dogs, visit with the handlers, and get some information about working stock.

Noon: Pot Luck lunch followed with the ASCNE meeting.

After the meeting activities include:

1. Intro to stock. Pauli Haggis will take your dog into a small pen with sheep for a few minutes for a stock encounter.
2. Group Activity for you to begin to understand the dog/handler relationship necessary to work stock. You can work your own dog around penned sheep under the supervision of experienced handlers.
3. Duck herding with pairs of human handlers moving ducks around an obstacle course. Begin to understand how frustrated our dogs must get!
4. There will be an agility course open all day, run the course or just work on skills.
5. There is a brook on the property where you can take your dogs for a swim, depending on the water table.

It would be helpful to e-mail Bill and Pauli if you plan to work one or more dogs. Those who give advanced notice will be get priority over those who just show up the day of the meeting.
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