

ASCNE Meeting /Open House

Sunday Sept. 7

at Pauli and Bill Haggis'
172 Hartford Rd. (Rte 6)
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Directions: from the North or South Route 395 exit 91W for Hartford/Brooklyn. Follow Route 6 W through East Brooklyn (commercial district) to Brooklyn Center. At the light at the intersection of 6 and 169 continue on Route 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 Route 6 out of Rhode Island and follow directions above. From the West, take 84 to 384 E to the end bear right on Route 6 and stay on 6 all the way to the Brooklyn town line. Go past Laurel Hill Rd on the left, we are the 3rd place on the left after Laurel Hill and across from Mason Rd. Look for a white cape with black shutters. Go past the house and turn left into our driveway.

We are again hosting the ASCNE meeting and invite ASCNE members to bring their Aussies for a day of fun. The location is a small farm; the meeting will be in Bill's shop so please dress accordingly and bring a chair.

9:30-11:30: Experienced handlers are invited to work their trained dogs on sheep. The facility is a 100'X185' fenced arena. Experienced handlers with trial dogs or trial ready dogs are invited to come and try a 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.

11:30-Noon: Pot Luck lunch: bring your favorite dish, followed with the ASCNE meeting.

After the meeting activities will 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: There will be an opportunity to learn to understand sheep and learn the basics of how to control and move sheep in the arena under the guidance of an experienced handler with the dog on a line.
- 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.

There is no fee for this event. Just bring your dog, your appetite, and your enthusiasm. It would be helpful to e-mail Bill and Pauli if you plan to work a dog or dogs. Those who give advanced notice will get priority over those who just show up the day of the meeting. (whaggis@snet.net) 860 774 8662)