## FARM TRIAL TASKS

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The purpose of this practice trial is to acquaint you and your dog with chores/tasks that could be typical of farm work and trials. We invite you to use these tasks as you see fit to prepare yourself and your dog for farm trials. You will have 20 minutes to complete the course, you can work through the course then go back and practice the elements, or redo tasks as you work your way through, your choice, but when your time is up you will be expected to quit. It should take almost the full time to finish the tasks. Feel free to bring a trainer or helper with you or we will assign one for you if you would like. The trial should be valuable to those who want to try a farm trial, experienced handlers starting a new dog, and experienced handlers and dogs who want to practice.

TASK1: take the 5 sheep out of their stall and move them down the alley to pen 2. Close the barn door. Pen2 approximately 30'X30'

TASK2: move all 5 sheep into pen 3 (chute pen) take all 5 sheep down the chute; unmarked sheep should go through to pen 4 (Approximately 10'X 12'). The 2 marked sheep stay in pen3.

TASK3: take the 2 sheep in pen3 back into pen 2 and load them into the trailer.

TASK4: open the barn door and stall door fetch or drive the 5 sheep from pen5 (40'X100') and put them in the stall you took the 1st group from.

TASK5: take the 3 sheep out of pen4 and take them back into pen2. Shut the gate and remove the 2 sheep from the trailer.

TASK 6: leave the gate open and return with your dog to the gates into pen6 (pen6 gate should be open). Send your dog back to pen 2 to bring you the sheep (blind send). Close sheep into pen6

TASK7: drive or fetch the sheep behind the panels at the end of pen6 (feeding station). Put feed in the feeder and return with your dog to the cone. Send your dog to lift the sheep off the feed and bring them to you.

TASK8: divide the sheep into 2 pens 7 and 4. You need to end up with a marked sheep in each pen; other than that, you can do any combo of sheep you like but remember that sheep like company, so you should not leave a sheep in a pen by itself.

TASK9: put all sheep back into pen 6, then take them back through pen 3 into pen2 and finish by putting them into pen5, congratulations you are done!