



**ASCA SANCTIONED *
ALL BREED
AGILITY TRIAL
(Open to ALL Dogs)**

Hosted by

The Australian Shepherd Club of New England

(ASCNE)

(*Sanctioning pending)

**June 5 & 6, 2021
Westfield Fairgrounds
135 Russellville Road
Westfield, MA 01085**

JUDGE:

Pamela Bryant-Meeks - Texas

CLASSES OFFERED:

Regular (2 Rounds Saturday, 2 Rounds Sunday)

Jumpers (2 Round Saturday, 2 Rounds Sunday)

Gamblers (2 Rounds Saturday, 2 Round Sunday)

For Novice, Open, and Elite

**Championship STD/VET/JrH and ACE STD/SR Dog Divisions
For Exhibition Only (FEO) Entries accepted**

LIMITED TO 350 Runs per Day

Entry by Postmark Date (not delivery date)

Please be sure that the envelope postmark is legible.

Hand stamping by the Post Office is recommended.

No entries accepted day-of trial

NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN April 26, 2021

ENTRIES/MOVE-UPS CLOSE May 26, 2021

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA. **Masks may be required depending on the COVID-19 protocols at the time.** 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 trial is open to all dogs** being at least eighteen (18) months of age, **including purebred and non-purebred**, 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.
- Dogs are not required to have an ASCA Registration, ASCA LEP, or Q Tracking number to enter this trial. However, to receive ASCA titling certificates, refer to the next bullet. Handlers do not need to be ASCA members. However, no entry will be accepted from anyone not in good standing with ASCA or any dog/handler disqualified from the ASCA agility program.
- **Receipt of ASCA Titling Certificates –**
In order to have ASCA qualifying legs tracked and to receive ASCA titling certificates, each non-ASCA registered dog will be required to have an ASCA Q Tracking Number. This is a one-time fee of \$10/dog. At the time of applying for the Q tracking number, the individual owner must also be an ASCA member (minimum membership type of Service). ASCA membership does not need to be maintained in subsequent years. It will be the responsibility of the owner to identify to ASCA the shows and legs earned when applying for a Q Tracking Number after ASCA qualifying legs have already been earned. The ASCA Membership and Q Tracking Number Application form is included in this premium. For additional membership information, please go to www.asca.org.
- Current jump height table, breed exemption list, 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 the ASCA office will be informed of the problem.**
- **AGILITY OBSTACLES:** slatted rubberized A-Frame and dog walk, slat-less rubberized Teeter, open tunnels, non-winged jumps, winged jumps, double bar jump, displaceable tire and 24" weave poles. A-Frame height will be set to 5'3"
- 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.
- No entry shall be accepted from a handler or for a dog disqualified from the ASCA Agility program, disqualified from all ASCA programs, or anyone not in good standing with ASCA.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

ASCA rules: ASCA Business Office, 6091 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77808.

Web: www.asca.org; e-mail: agility@asca.org.

TRIAL COMMITTEE

Agility Trial Chairpersons	Lee/Linda Prager	President@ASCNE.org 978-618-4896
Trial Secretary	Kathy Fretz	sunpiperaussies@gmail.com 802-738-6888
Chief Ring Steward(s)	Judy Schachte	
Chief Course Builder	Wendy Richmond	
Chief Scorekeeper	Deb Keach-Tomes	
Equipment Supplier	MAX 200	

FOOD / VENDORS

There will be a food truck on the premises.

ENTRY FORM / ENTRIES / CONFIRMATIONS:

- Entries will be accepted in the order they are sent, not 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.
- Entries may be accepted after the closing date if the trial does not fill.
- ASCA Registration/ Q Tracking No - If your dog is an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd (either full registration or LEP) or has an ASCA Q Tracking Number, write your dog's ASCA registration/LEP number/ Q Tracking Number in this space. If this field is left blank, the ASCA Business Office will assume this dog is not registered with ASCA and will not automatically track qualifying legs. However, these dogs will still be placed and will receive any placement awards offered. You may submit the Q Tracking Form with your entry – HOWEVER, please make this fee payable to ASCA.
- 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. A few smaller breeds are on the Jump Height Exemption List. Refer to the current ASCA rulebook for this breed list.
- 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 \$25 service charge.
- Telephone calls returned/initiated with questions on any entries will be made collect.
- Please include an email address on your entry form(s) to receive confirmation of pre-entries.
- Need HELP to fill out your entry? Feel free to ask the Trial Chair or Trial Secretary.
- **FOR EXHIBITION ONLY (FEO)** entries will be accepted. Minimum age is 15 months. Any dog younger than 18 months must jump at least 4" lower than regular height. No placements. Non-titling.

SHOW SITE:

- This event will be held outdoors, on grass, in a 100' X 100' ring.
- A warm-up area including 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. - Please have your dog's rabies certificate available.
- **Masks may be required on-site depending on the COVID-19 protocols at the time.**

REFUNDS / WITHDRAWALS:

- There will be no refund/credit for entries withdrawn after the closing date, except for a dog's injury and/or illness or for bitches that come into season after the closing date. These entries will be eligible for a voucher for the amount of the total entry fee paid less \$20.00. A signed letter from your veterinarian must be included with your written request. Requests must be received by the trial secretary prior to the start of the trial. Voucher must be used towards another ASCNE agility trial.
- There will be no refunds if the trial 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 is dismissed from the competition, regardless of reason.

**RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Toys in the Ring:** At the discretion of the host club and limited to one-ring trials, toys may be brought into the arena for training purposes. These toys may not involve food or treats of any kind, may not make noise, or may not leave parts behind. All handlers declaring toys will mark the gate sheet with a "T" at the run check-in and will run at the end of their jump height. Upon entering the ring, handlers must declare to the judge that they have a toy. They will be immediately eliminated whether or not the toy is used and will have the specified time for training in the ring. If handlers bring a toy in the ring without declaring it, they will be asked to leave immediately
- **Leashes:** There will not be a leash runner. Handlers will carry their own leash in their pocket or bring a second leash to leave at the exit.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RING ASSIGNMENT

Saturday – EG1, OG1, NG1, EG2, OG2, NG2, ER1/ER2, OR1/OR2, NR1/NR2, EJ1/EJ2, OJ1/OJ2, NJ1/NJ2. Run order low to high.

Sunday – EG3, OG3, NG3, EG4, OG4, NG4, ER3/ER4, OR3/OR4, NR4/NR5, EJ3/EJ4, OJ3/OJ4, NJ3/OJ4. Run order high to low.

E=Elite, O=Open, N=Novice, PN=Pre-Novice, J=Jumpers, R=Regular, G=Gamblers

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 7:00 and 7:30AM and Sunday between 7:00 and 7:15
- Dogs with a wither height $\leq 20"$ will need to show proof of measurement or be measured at registration, unless the dog is jumping in the highest jump height offered in the specific program. Copies of ASCA, NADAC or AKC height cards may either be mailed in or presented at registration

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.
- Move-ups from Saturday to Sunday will be permitted. Trial Secretary must be notified no later than 15 minutes after the last class on Saturday has finished.

PRIZES / AWARDS

- Green Qualifying Rosettes will be awarded to all dogs achieving a qualifying score.
- Placement Ribbons will be awarded to all dogs placing 1st through 4th in each class and jump height.
- Championship 20+ and 24 jump heights will be scored and placed together as one class.
- Ribbons/prizes must be picked up during the weekend. Ribbons WILL NOT be mailed

GAMBLERS SEMINAR ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE TRIAL:

Pamela is teaching two 4-hour gamblers seminars on Friday June 4th. There will be a separate entry form for that seminar available on groups.io

TUNNELERS FUN RUN AFTER TRIAL ON SATURDAY:

There will be a tunnelers fun run after the trial ends on Saturday to benefit ASHGI. Please enter to have fun with your dog! There will be a separate entry form available on groups.io for that event as well as on-site sign-up.

Days Inn, 450 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020, (413) 739-7311 Pet Fee: \$20

Quality Inn, 463 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA, 01020, (413) 592-6171 Pet Fee \$10

Camping on grounds with limited electric and water hook-ups. First arrivals get the first pick with hook-up. No reserved spots except for show committee. Please only parallel park in spaces provided along fence opposite the agility area. Camping reservation form is on the following page.

SOME MOTEL COURTESIES TO OBSERVE:

- Cover the motel's bedding with a sheet, whether or not you think your dog will get on the bed.
- If you crate your dog, please bring a towel to put under the crate to keep marks off the rug. Bring a towel to put under your dog's food dish.
- Make every effort to have your dog free of fleas BEFORE arriving.
- All poop must be picked up, bagged, and disposed of properly by the dog's handler. The Event Committee will excuse competitors who fail to pick up after their dogs at the trial site or the motel.
- Don't leave your dog unattended. If you must leave, take them with you.

JUMP HEIGHTS –

Dog's height at withers	11" & under	14" & under	18" & Under	20" & Under	Over 20"	Over 20" Optional
CH Standard	8"	12"	16"	20"	20+ (jumps 20")	24"
CH Vet	4	8	12	16	16+ (jumps 16")	
CH JrH	may jump at the CH standard jump height or 4" lower					
ACE Standard	4"	8"	12"	16"	16+ (jumps 16")	
ACE Senior	4"	4"	8"	12"	12+ (jumps 12")	

- 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 Veteran or ACE Senior Dog Division classes.
- No dog shall ever jump lower than 4" in the Junior Handler or Veteran, ACE Standard or ACE Senior Division.
- Refer to the current ASCA rulebook for the current Breed Jump Height Exemption List.

Directions to Westfield Fairgrounds:

From Interstate 91: Take Exit 15, Holyoke Mall at Ingleside. Turn left at bottom of ramp. Go to second set of lights and turn right onto Homestead Ave. At next light turn left onto Rt. 202. Go approximately 5 miles. Cross Rt. 10 (at light) and go to cemetery on the left. At stop sign turn left. Show site is on the left, about 1 1/2 miles.

From the Massachusetts Turnpike—I-90: Take exit 3. Turn right at the light at the end of the ramp. Go about 100 ft. and make a right onto Arch Road. (Westfield Motor Inn/Westfield Quality Inn is on the corner.) Go about 1.5 miles. With the Southern States Building on your right, make a left onto Cabot Road. Go to the end of Cabot and make a right onto Russellville Rd. Show site is a short distance up on the right.

ACCOMMODATIONS - Make your Reservations Early!!!

Hotels that accept dogs are quickly becoming a rarity. Please behave responsibly! Clean up after your dog, bring sheets to cover the furniture, do not groom or bathe your dog inside, do not leave your dog(s) unattended in the room, and please be respectful of other guests who do not have to be up at 6:00 a.m.

Quality Inn, 2 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085, (413) 568-2821. Refer to block # 4176394 for the ASCNE discounted rate before the May 19th deadline when reserving a room. No pet fee.

Red Roof Inn 1254 Riverdale St, West Springfield, MA 01089 413-731-1010 No pet fee.

Comfort Inn, 237 Russell Road, Route 9, Hadley, MA 01035 (413) 584-9816
Pet Fee: \$25 first night,

RV/CAMPING RESERVATION

Make checks payable to ASCNE and mail to: Deb Keach-Tomes, 122 Broad St Pascoag, RI 02859-2612

Name: _____

Nights: THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

Fee: _____ (\$20.00 for camper, \$10 for tent per night)

RV Type: Motor Home Travel Trailer Tent

License Plate # _____ STATE _____

Length: _____

DUMP STATION NOW AVAILABLE !

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 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!

Emergency Veterinarian

VCA Montgomery Road Animal Hospital



**ASCA MEMBERSHIP
AND
Q TRACKING NUMBER
APPLICATION FORM**

For Your records, summary of entries:

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Please type or print clearly. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned.

Membership Application:

Owner's Name (1) _____

Owner's Name (2) _____

Owner's Address: _____

City, State, Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Service Membership Fee: \$10.00 per person

(If you are interested in other membership types, go to www.asca.org)

I (We) agree to abide by the ASCA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all ASCA Rules and Regulations governing the ASCA Registry and all other ASCA programs.

Owner's Signature (1): _____

Owner's Signature (2): _____

Dog

Information: Lifetime fee for Q tracking number: \$10.00 per dog for ASCA Member.

Dog's Full Name: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Any/All Previous Registration Numbers Used: _____

Sex: _____ Birth date: _____

Breed: _____

Events/Qs Earned _____

Entries Mailed: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Dog 1: _____

Dog 2: _____

Dog 3: _____

Accommodations:

Hotel: _____

Phone: _____ Confirmation #: _____

Directions: _____

Other Notes: _____

Mail completed form with check or money order to:

ASCA Business Office Phone

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
ASCA SANCTIONED ALL-BREED AGILITY TRIAL**

Australian Shepherd Club of New England (ASCNE)
June 5th & 6th Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA

IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT

Please read the following carefully as it, among other things, may prevent you from suing ASCA® and persons/entities affiliated with it. This agreement could even require you to defend them from demands and suits by third parties that include an assertion of wrongdoing by you. (1) The person signing this Agreement represents being authorized to enter into it on behalf of him/herself, as well as (if different) the owner(s)/exhibitor(s)/handler(s) of the dog(s) for which an entry form is being submitted (all these parties collectively referred to herein as “Applicant”). (2) “Releasees” here collectively refers to the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA®); its affiliate clubs; and the officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents of ASCA® and of those clubs. (3) This Agreement voluntarily is entered into by Applicant in exchange for the acceptance of the associated entry form and permission to participate in related activities. (4) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations applicable to this event. (5) Applicant certifies that the entered dog will not pose a hazard to people, property, stock animals, or other dogs, and further that the dog is current with rabies shots along with any other vaccinations required by its state of residence. (6) Applicant acknowledges and assumes the risks to Applicant and Applicant’s dog associated with participation in the event, among which could be ones associated with poor condition of the facilities and surrounding areas; security measures or lack of them; electrical appliances; fittings; show rings; the presence of unfamiliar persons; and the presence/involvement of other animals—whether stock, dogs, or otherwise. (7) Applicant further agrees to comply with all recommended and required health and safety precautions, among which may be those related to social distancing; quarantining; wearing of face coverings; and non-participation of persons exhibiting symptoms or for whom there otherwise has been a likelihood of recent exposure to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases. (8) Applicant additionally acknowledges and agrees to assume the risks associated with taking part in the event though others might neglect compliance with health and safety precautions/requirements or pose an undue risk of spreading disease. For example, as is true as to any public event, there is some risk that Applicant and/or those affiliated with Applicant may catch COVID-19 or another contagious disease at the event. (9) To the maximum extent permissible, this release is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice of law rules. (10) To the extent that Applicant—or another party suing on behalf of Applicant or suing to recover based on injuries/death/damage to Applicant/Applicant’s dog/Applicant’s property—sues ASCA® (or a board member or staff member or agent of ASCA®) as a defendant, the sole appropriate forum (to the maximum extent permitted by law) for the suit shall be the state or federal courts serving Brazos County, Texas (where ASCA® has its headquarters). (11) Applicant hereby releases and waives any claims Applicant otherwise might assert against the Releasees as to any injury or damage claim connected in any way to any alleged act or omission arising out of, or occurring concurrent with, the event and related activities, interactions, communications, and even adjacent premises. (12) This release is made not only as to Applicant but also for anyone who might assert a claim on behalf of Applicant or based on purported injury or damage to Applicant/Applicant’s dog/Applicant’s property, as well as any heir, beneficiary, assignee, executor, trustee, agent, or survivor of Applicant. (13) Applicant further agrees to assume sole responsibility for and indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from related claims, demands, judgments, and settlement payments. (14) These waiver, release, and indemnification provisions extend even to claims or demands asserting that the acts or omissions resulted in bodily injury or death or from intentional wrongdoing, as well as to attorney fees and other costs of defense. (15) The duties of indemnification further extend to any claims or demands asserted against Releasees that are alleged to have arisen out of the acts or omissions of Applicant, Applicant’s dog, or others affiliated with Applicant. Among other things, this means that Applicant would pay the legal defense of Releasees if someone sued them based on a claim Applicant carelessly exposed the claimant to COVID-19. (16) Applicant’s promises in this agreement apply without regard to the type of claim or cause of action asserted against Releasees. (17) To the extent any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, the remainder of it nonetheless is to be enforced. (18) This agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum permissible legal protection from—among other things—claims and suits pursued by Applicant (and/or those acting on behalf of Applicant or over injury/damage to Applicant), as well as from ones based on the purported wrongful acts or omissions of Applicant. (19) Nothing in this Agreement requires you to indemnify Releasees from claims by third parties that involve no allegations of improper acts or omissions by you, those affiliated with you, nor your dog(s). (20) Applicant acknowledges having read, understood, and had the opportunity for independent legal review of this document prior to signing it.

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

Signature: Owner/Exhibitor OR Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor

Date

Owner: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Info: _____

Dog’s Call Name: _____ Withers Height: _____

Breed: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____

Dog’s ASCA Registration/LEP/Q Tracking No: _____

Registered Name: _____

Circle ACTUAL Jump Height Dog will Jump: 4” 8” 12” 12+” 16” 16+” 20” 20+” 24”

Handler (If different from Owner): _____

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

CLASSES	DIVISION					FEO	LEVEL			DAY	
	Champion			ACE			Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
	JrH	Vet	Std	Sr	Std						
Gamblers 1											
Gamblers 2											
Gamblers 3											
Gamblers 4											
Regular 1							A	B			
Regular 2							A	B			
Regular 3							A	B			
Regular 4							A	B			
Jumpers 1											
Jumpers 2											
Jumpers 3											
Jumpers 4											

FEES: \$15/run; Jr. Handler \$7.50/run; All 12 runs with the same dog - \$165

_____ \$10 charge if after closing date **TOTAL FEES \$** _____

Please make checks payable to ASCNE in U.S. funds only

Send this completed entry form and entry fees to:

ASCNE c/o Kathy Fretz

37 Maxham Rd., Woodstock, VT. 05091