



The Australian Shepherd Club of New England
(ASCNE) invites you to attend our

Winter Warm-up Obedience Trials

2 All-Breed Obedience Trials

February 18, 2024

Canine Mastery, 102 A Pond St, Seekonk, MA 02771

Ribbons are awarded for qualifying scores and placement

No flexi-leads in the building.



Judging

2 Obedience Trials Sunday February 18, 2024

Trial 1 Denise Lacroix – Spencer MA

Trial 2 Denise Lacroix – Spencer MA

Obedience

Regular Obedience – Utility B/A, Open, (ODX/CDX) B/A, Novice - levels B/A/C, Veterans can jump 4" lower
Optional Titling Class: Beginner Novice levels B,A, Graduate Novice,
Each trial will start with Utility. Novice group stays will be after the individual exercises
Limited to 60 entries for the day

Entries

Pre-entries: Open on 12/8/2023, close on 2/9/2024 or when the trial is full. Once the trial is full – you can request to be put on a waitlist or have your entry refunded. If the pre-entries fill the trial, there will be no day of show entries taken

No refunds after the pre-entry closing date***

***ENTRY CHECKS WILL BE SHREDDED IF THE TRIAL IS CANCELED.

Covid Guidelines: ASCNE will comply with all ASCA guidelines and Massachusetts State Law.

Please make sure you are aware of all guidelines in effect on the date of the show.

Day of show entries:

Will only be accepted if the trial does not fill during the pre-entry process. Same day move ups are allowed

Trial 1 - Entries taken 7:30 - 8:30. Trial starts at 9:00

Trial 2 - Entries taken 7:30 -10:00. Trial starts 1/2 hour after trial 1 ends

****A 30-minute lunch to be taken at the discretion of the Judge.

Fees

Pre-entry: \$28.00

Pre-entry special: 2 entries – same dog \$50.00, each additional entry \$25

Day of show entries: \$30.00, 2 entries – same dog \$55.00 each additional entry \$28.00

Entry Information

Make checks out to ASCNE and mail entries to:

ASCNE SHOW, c/o Dianne Barrett, Pre-Entry Clerk, PO BOX 503, Putnam, CT 06260

- You must use the most current entry form. Do not forget to sign your entry form.
- Obedience entry form: <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/obedentryform.pdf>
- All dogs must have an individual ASCA registration, an ASCA tracking number, or QTracker number to compete in ASCA sanctioned Obedience and Rally Trials
- QT Tracker Application: <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>.
- All Dogs must have proof of registration and rabies certificate available.
- ASCA Rally and Obedience Rule Books – for your reading pleasure ** rulebooks are updated June 1
- Obedience: <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/obedrules.pdf>

This is an ASCA sanctioned show, no food or corrections allowed.

Contact Information

Trial Secretary – Kathy Buckley pupmum@comcast.net or at **Canine Mastery 508-399-5867**

Pre-entry Clerk – Dianne Barrett Dianne.barrett@att.net or 860-753-2024

To volunteer: contact Kathy Buckley, Trial Secretary: pupmum@comcast.net or 508-399-5867

New to Obedience? New to ASCA? Need help with your entry forms or your tracking number application?

Contact Dianne Barrett Dianne.Barrett@att.net or 860-753-2024

ASCA Information

- For information regarding what classes you may enter, refer to the rulebooks on the ASCA site: ..
- <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/obedrules.pdf>
- The Novice A Class is for handlers that have not placed a CD title on a dog from ASCA or any registry and the dog does not have an CD title from any registry.
- All dogs competing for ASCA titles are required to start at Novice and work through Utility regardless of titles awarded by other Registries.
- No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA

Registration & Tracking

All Australian Shepherds over the age of 6 months must be registered.
Effective January 1, 2004: All dogs six (6) months and older must have an individual ASCA registration or LEP number or and ASCA tracking (QTracker) number to compete in ASCA sanctioned Obedience Trials. A dog will be allowed to be shown at the trial where the handler applies for an ASCA tracking number. The handler will be issued a receipt by the Registration table valid for sixty (60) days to allow the Business Office time to issue the tracking number. Photo copies or originals of registration or tracking number papers must be presented to the Registration Table upon request when entering ASCA sanctioned Obedience or Rally Trials. Please visit <https://www.asca.org/> for information and <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf> for tracking application.

Bitches in Season

Bitches in season will not be allowed to compete.

Site Information

- Show site is indoors on matting
- The show site is available Sunday at 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM or a half hour after the show is completed.
- Flexi-leads are not allowed in the building

Food Vendor

- There is no food vendor on site. There are restaurants and fast-food options nearby

Veterinary Hospital

**Bay State Veterinary Emergency Services, 76 Baptist Street Swansea, MA 02777
(508) 379-1233**

Directions

From Rt.95 South of Attleboro **exit numbers could be changed

Take Exit 2A (Newport Ave.) to the 1st light. Take that left onto Cottage St. Go approximately one mile and turn Right onto Read St. Take 2nd Right onto Pond St. Watch for the Orion Industrial Park on your right (3/10 mile). Turn into the park, we are the second building on the left.

From Rt.95 North of Attleboro **exit numbers could be changed

From Rt. 95 North of Attleboro: Take Exit 3A Rt. 123. At the 2nd set of lights take a right onto County St. Follow along and after the Stone E Lea golf course take a left onto Read St. (There are signs for the animal shelter). Take the 2nd right onto Pond St. Turn right into the Orion Industrial Park in approximately 3/10 mile. We are the 2nd building on the left.

From Rte. 195 East or West **exit numbers could be changed

Take Massachusetts Exit 1. Follow 114 A (north). In approximately one mile you will reach a fork in the road, bear to the right (Grist Mill Restaurant will be on your left). This is Arcade Street. You will come to the intersection of Route 44. Go Straight across and continue on Arcade to the end. This is the Jct. of Route 152. Take a right onto 152 North – Newman Ave. Follow along for about 5 miles. You will come to the intersection of Central Ave. continue ½ mile and take a left onto Pond Street. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on the left (2/10-mile). Turn into the park, we are the second building on the left.

**Canine
Mastery**
102A Pond
Street
Seekonk, MA
02771
(508) 399-
5867

Lodging

Accommodations That Accept Well Behaved Dogs, please confirm when calling
Motel 6, 821 Fall River Ave, Seekonk, MA (508) 336-7800 – 20 minutes from site
Comfort Inn, 341 Highland Avenue Seekonk, MA 02771 – 20 minutes from site
Clarion Inn, 940 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA (508) 336-7300 – 20 minutes from site
Extended Stay, 1000 Warren Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914 – 20 minutes from site
Red Roof Inn, Mansfield, MA, (508) 339-2323 25 minutes from show site
Normandy Campground, Foxboro, MA, (508) 543-7600 20 minutes from show site

Motel and Campground Courtesies:

- Cover the motels 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 test site or the motel.
- Do not leave your dog unattended. If you must leave, take them with you.

**On-Site
Camping**

On site camping is available for self-contained units only. No electricity is available. \$10/night.

On-Site Camping Registration

\$15 per night with no electric

Camping on: Friday Saturday

Total Fees: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check one:

Trailer ___ Motor Home ___ Fifth Wheel ___

Length ___ feet x Width ___ feet Slide-out ___ Yes ___ No

Send in with your entries. Please enclose a **separate** check payable to Canine Mastery.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

Please keep in mind – the State rules on the day of the trial take precedent. This club will comply with ASCA guidelines and Massachusetts State Law. Please be sure you are aware of all guidelines in effect on the date of the shows.

As of September 1, 2020, this is the plan:

Everyone will be required to wear masks if you are on the grounds. Please provide your own PPE. Competitors showing any symptoms, or who have someone that they are in regular contact with, showing symptoms must stay home and not participate in events. People who test positive, or have someone that they are in regular contact with who tests positive, for coronavirus should follow state and local quarantine rules. If you enter and decide to cancel for these reasons – your check will be shredded

Social distancing will be practiced at all times:

Dogs can be crated in the building at all times, but if your class is not running, please remain outside. When your class is in the ring, you may be in the building – this will keep the number of people in the building, at any one time, at a minimum. Please bring your own chair for inside the building, and space yourselves at least six feet from your neighbor. You may want to bring shade cloth or some sort of e-z up for outside. There will be separate entrances and exits for the building.

This is the link to the complete document of the ASCA Guidelines as of September 1, 2020:

<https://www.asca.org/covid-19-related-guidelines-for-asca-sanctioned-events/>

These are the specific guidelines under the heading of “Obedience”

Obedience Specific Guidelines

These temporary measures were developed to enact procedures for safely holding ASCA obedience trials during the Covid-19 pandemic. Regulations differ across the many jurisdictions where ASCA trials are held, and it is the host club’s responsibility to know the laws affecting the trial site. Judges and stewards are the most at risk of exposure (handlers are only in the ring for a short time). These measures are in effect immediately, until further notice.

Ring Conditions:

- 1. The judge will ensure that a 6’ distance is maintained between themselves and the handler, including when welcoming a team into the ring, and between all handlers in the ring at the same time.*
- 2. A chair will be placed inside the ring. Handlers will place their own dumbbells, directed retrieve gloves, and article bags on this chair; leashes will be placed by the handler either on the chair or at another designated location. Stewards and judges are not required to handle leashes and dumbbells and may use tongs or wear gloves to handle directed retrieve gloves and scent articles. Handlers will be allowed to enter the ring (with or without their leashed dog) to lay their dumbbell, articles and/or gloves on the specified chair or table, then exit the ring to prepare to enter with their dog for judging.*
- 3. For all classes not concluding with the Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, Stand Stay – Get Your Leash, or Beginner Novice Recall, after performing the last individual exercise, the handler will pick up the leash and attach it to their dog’s collar. After leashing their dog, the handler will gather all personal belongings from the chair before exiting the ring.*
- 4. Stewards should each carry a slip lead at all times in the event that a dog is out of control.*
- 5. Stewards should maintain their distance while setting jump heights, bringing jumps in and out of ring etc. Host clubs should consider arranging armband order by jump height, to minimize jump changes.*
- 6. Stewards may prefer to have only one person touch a piece of equipment (Beginner Novice signs and holders; ODX cone etc.), and/or to wear gloves when touching equipment.*
- 7. Judges may announce scores from inside the ring, with class entrants remaining outside the ring, spaced 6’ apart. If handlers enter the ring for awards, they should remain 6’ apart. Awards may be self-serve after scores are announced.*
- 8. Judges may choose to disallow win photos to be taken inside the ring.*

Beginner Novice:

- 1. Walkthrough: only 2 handlers are allowed in the ring at a time, maintaining a 6’ distance at all times; judges may limit the number of times each handler gets to walk the course, especially for large classes. Host clubs should consider the additional time needed for walkthroughs when determining entry limits.*
- 2. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18” height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Beginner Novice classes and left in the ring until the end of the Beginner Novice classes.*
- 3. Sit for Exam: The judge is to ensure that the handler walks the full 6’ away from the dog. The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog’s side and its front, maintaining 6’ from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear a glove to examine the dog.*

Novice:

- 1. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Novice classes and left in the ring until the end of the Novice classes.*
- 2. After the Figure 8 and the judge's order "Exercise finished," the judge will direct the handler to place their leash at the specified location before setting up for the Stand for Exam.*
- 3. Stand for Exam: The judge is to ensure that handler walks the full 6' away from the dog. The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear a glove to examine the dog.*
- 4. Group exercises: handlers should maintain 6' spacing at all times, including when lining up to enter the ring, and when exiting the ring.*

Open:

- 1. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Open classes and left in the ring until the end of the Open classes.*
- 2. The ODX ring should be designed so that the dog does not confuse the Figure 8 posts with the Directed Open Exercises (DOE) cone. An alternate ODX ring set-up is to use one of the two Figure 8 cones as the DOE exercise cone, and to remove and replace the other Figure 8 cone during the DOE exercise; if this option is chosen, then the placement of the cone to be removed should be marked on the ground. If this option is used, then an 18" or taller cone is to be used in the DOE exercise.*
- 3. Handlers are to pick up their own dumbbell from the chair by the ring gate and place it on the chair after the retrieve exercises. Preferred orders for Open B classes are those in which the two retrieve exercises are consecutive (Orders I, II, and IV).*
- 4. Only one steward should set each jump height. Only one steward should place and remove the ODX cone.*

Utility:

- 1. Scent Discrimination: stewards may wear gloves and/or use tongs to set out and pick up scent articles and to handle the article container, and/or may use hand sanitizer after handling each set of articles.*
- 2. Directed Retrieve: stewards may use gloves and/or tongs to set out and pick up gloves, and/or may use hand sanitizer after handling each set of gloves.*
- 3. Moving stand and Examination: The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear gloves to examine the dog. Should the dog travel forward toward the handler such that the judge cannot maintain a 6' distance from the handler when approaching the dog, then the judge should give the order "Call your dog to heel" without approaching and examining the dog, and a non-qualifying score will be given for the exercise.*
- 4. Only one steward should set each jump height.*