

NEW MEXICO HERDING DOG ASSOCIATION

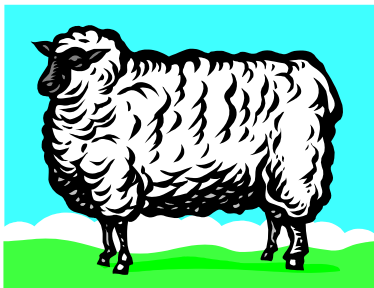
Is pleased to offer

American Herding Breed Association Herding Capability Testing Legs 1 and 2

Saturday and Sunday May 14th and 15th, 2011

Same date and location as the AKC Dog Show Cluster:
New Mexico Expo [State Fair] Grounds, Albuquerque, NM

Location:
Swine Judging Barn
* Follow the signs*



New Mexico Herding Dog Association

President:	Geri Abrams, PO Box 783, Mountainair, NM 87036	505-228-2989
Vice President:	Arlene Starkey, 211 Summer Winds Dr NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	505-892-8538
Secretary:	Mary Starr Charlton, 2819 Calle de Sonoro, Santa Fe, NM 87501	505-471-2688
Treasurer:	Sandy Kieft, 1103 Bullock, Socorro, NM 87801	575-838-6404
Board Member:	Laura De La Cruz, 520 Castile Ave, El Paso, TX 79912	915-603-0209

Cost

\$40 Dog/Run

Entries

Entries are limited to 40 runs each day. Entries will be on a first come, first served basis. Pre-entry is recommended, but not necessary. Run order will be the order in which the entry is received, but will be somewhat flexible to accommodate other ring obligations which you may have. However, any special needs you may have must be communicated ½ hour prior to the start of the event on the day of the testing. Please use a separate entry form for each dog entered.

Livestock

Livestock will be hair sheep, Dorper, Dorper cross, Katahdin and Katahdin cross

Event hours:

9:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday

Sign in starting at:

8:30 am Saturday

8:30 am Sunday

**** THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN AN OPEN, COVERED BUILDING****

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Proof of current rabies vaccination, must be available at check in time.

Pre Entries are not required, but will be accepted prior to the event to save a specific time slot.

Entries are encouraged and accepted on the day of the event until the 40 dog per day limit has been reached.

This test is open to all herding breeds and multi-purpose breeds with herding background as listed in the AHBA herding program rules book. (See list elsewhere in this premium.)

All dogs must wear a plain buckle or snap-lock collar while being tested.

All dogs must be held on leash, except while doing their testing. Dogs must be kept at a suitable distance away from the testing area. Dogs that bark excessively may be asked to leave the area. Handlers are required to pick up after their dogs and to keep the grounds neat and tidy.

Dogs must be 9 months of age or older. Spayed bitches and neutered males may participate.

Bitches in season may take part in testing but must wait until all other dogs have participated. Please notify the Trial Secretary before the beginning of the testing if the bitch is in season.

Declination of Entries: New Mexico Herding Dog Association may decline any entries, may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness or other cause, and shall have any claim against NMHDA or any official thereof.

Dogs must have prior training to come reliably when called and stop (down, sit or stand-stay) for second-leg HCT qualifications. For the first-leg HCT test, it is highly recommended that dogs have had prior supervised exposure to livestock, although it is not a requirement that dogs have had prior herding training.

Entry fee shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent and no alternate is available to run in its place, not allowed to compete in the entered class, disqualified, excused by a Veterinarian or Tester, or barred from testing by action of test committee. If because of riots, civil disturbance or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to start or complete the testing, no refund of entry fee will be made.

Judges: Members of the New Mexico Herding Dog Association who have been approved as judges by the AHBA will judge this event: Geri Abrams, Malcolm Charlton, Mary Starr Charlton, Sandy Kieft, Debbie Stull, Kathie Woods.



This test is open to the following breeds

Appenzeller Sennenhund	Catahoula	Puli
Australian Cattle Dog	Catalonian Sheepdog	Pumi
Australian Kelpie	Collie	Pyrenean Shepherd
Australian Shepherd	Dutch Shepherd	Queensland Heeler
Bearded Collie	English Shepherd	Rottweiler
Beauceron	Entlebucher Sennenhund	Samoyed
Belgian Lackenois	German Shepherd Dog	Schnauzer, Giant
Belgian Malinois	Icelandic Sheepdog	Schnauzer, Standard
Belgian Sheepdog	Lapphund	Shetland Sheepdog
Belgian Tervuren	McNab	Shiloh Shepherd
Bergamasco	Min.Australian Shepherd	Spanish Water Dog
Black Mouth Cur	Mudi	Swedish Valhund
Border Collie	Norwegian Buhund	Welsh Corgi, Cardigan
Bouvier des Flandres	Old English Sheepdog	Welsh Corgi, Pembroke
Briard	Picardy Shepherd	Welsh Sheepdog
Canaan Dog	Polish Lowland Sheepdog	White Shepherd

And others included on the Breed List at <http://www.ahba-herding> as Multi-Purpose Breeds with a Herding Background: American Eskimo, Boxer, Bernese Mountain Dog, Black Russin Terrier, Chinook, Doberman Pinscher, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Keeshond, Kerry Blue Terrier, Poodle, Schipperke, Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier



Many National Parent clubs offer Herding certificates for dogs who achieve the AHBA's Herding Capabilities tested title. Check with your Parent club's herding program for more information.

HCT TITLE REQUIREMENTS

1. For each title, two qualifying scores are required, earned under different judges. Upon completion of the second leg, a certificate will be issued by the AHBA awarding the title.
2. **Dogs should earn the two legs on different days. However if at a tester's discretion it is felt that the dog has the ability to perform the tasks required and time permits, he will be allowed to attempt the second leg later in the day. At no time will a dog be allowed to rerun for an attempt for the same leg on the same day.**
3. **FIRST LEG** – The dog must, after a period of introduction, show sustained interest in herding livestock, either going around them, gathering them and moving them towards the handler, or moving them ahead of the handler to drive them, or a combination. Dog should show some responsiveness to direction. It is to be remembered that many dogs through inexperience will make mistakes in the early exposure to livestock, but at all times the tester must see clear-cut evidence of herding instinct, with the dog attempting to keep the animals grouped and attempting to control their movement. Dogs which merely chase, play or push stock around, not really herding, must not be passed; distinction must be made between herding behavior and chasing.
4. **SECOND LEG** – In addition to the above, the dog must exhibit the ability to move the stock in a controlled fashion from one end of the arena to the other, demonstrate the ability to stop (down, sit or stand are acceptable) and a recall. The dog, on lead, is positioned by the handler as desired. The dog is put into an initial stay and the lead is removed; the handler may change position while the dog remains in place or send the dog from his/her side after a brief pause. At some point, most likely at the conclusion of the test, the dog should demonstrate a stop and a recall. The handler may take a position between the dog and stock for the recall, but may not simply grab the dog on its way to the stock. The movement of the stock should be fairly controlled. Haphazard running back and forth in the arena will not be acceptable for passing. The dog should not circle the stock excessively.

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May 14th and 15th, 2011

New Mexico State Fair Grounds

Albuquerque, NM

Saturday, May 15th Time Requested _____ \$40
Sunday, May 16th Time Requested _____ \$40

BREED _____

REGISTERED NAME _____

CALL NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____

COLOR _____ SEX _____

REGISTRY AND # _____

SIRE _____

DAM _____

BREEDER _____

OWNER(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE# _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PLEASE USE SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DOG ENTERED.

Entries will not be accepted without payment and a signed release form. You may use the space above to request your test to be scheduled at a specific time. Entries will be accepted at the event; pre-registration is not required, but should be received by May 5 if you wish to save a specific time.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Sandy Kieft, 1103 Bullock, Socorro, NM 87801, (or apply on-site).

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NMHDA

IMPORTANT: READ THIS FIRST

In consideration for the participation in an event sanctioned by the American Herding breed Association (AHBA), I agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near this event, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog(s) I have entered in or brought to this event. I further agree that I will hold the AHBA and/or NMHDA, their officers, directors, agents and members harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claim, damage or loss of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, caused at or near this event, whether directly or indirectly, by me or any dog(s) I have entered in this event. I agree to indemnify the AHBA and/or NMHDA, their officers, directors, agents and members for any loss, cost or expense including attorneys' fees and costs, to which the AHBA and/or NMHDA, their officers, directors, agents and member might be subject as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way be any act or negligence on my part or on the part of any dog(s) I have entered in or brought to this event. I acknowledge that while the AHBA may provide sanctioning for this event with regard to the issuing of titles, it does not have and does not exercise control over the conduct of the event or those present. I certify and represent that the dog(s) I have entered in or brought to this event is/are not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or other people. I/We further agree to pay for any livestock injuries or replacement value in the event of death of any livestock caused by my dog(s). I understand that the minimum fee for any injury is \$15 and that the minimum replacement value of any individual is \$200. I agree to pay the replacement value of the injured animal in the case of serious injury or death, or the veterinarian's bill if the injury is slight.

Signature of owner or agent

Signature of Parent (If owner under 18)

Date