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## New Hope Australian Shepherd Club



## ASCA SANCTIONED Agility Trial

**December 5-6, 2020**

Indoors on Dirt

**Louis Pearce Pavilion**

555 George Bush Drive West  
College Station, TX 77840

**Classes Offered & Run Order:**

**Saturday: 2 Jumpers, Gamblers 1, 2 Regulars, Gamblers 2**

**Sunday: Gamblers 1, 2 Regulars, Gamblers 2, 2 Jumpers**

**(FEO entries in all classes are available!)**

**Training Runs (with a toy) will be allowed.**

**Judge: Harold Baska from Decatur, GA**

**ALL BREEDS AND MIXED BREEDS MAY COMPETE!!**

**TO OBTAIN AN ASCA NUMBER, SEE THE FORM INSIDE THIS PREMIUM.**

**Entries limited to 350 runs per day**

**Pre-entries open upon premium publication and close  
Wednesday November 25, 2020 (email move-ups accepted through 11/30/20)**

**Day-of-show entries will be accepted as entry limits permit.**

This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. For a complete listing of the rules, visit [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org), or send \$5.00 (\$2.50 for full members) to ASCA, 6091 E. State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77808-9652.

**Copies of the ASCA Service Membership & QTracking Number Application can be found online at <http://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2016/04/trackapp.pdf> if you wish to apply for an ASCA number.**

Through submission of entry, the competitor acknowledges that they are knowledgeable of ASCA rules and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA agility or ALL ASCA programs or any person not in good standing with ASCA. No one with outstanding checks to either ASCA or NHASC is considered in good standing.

### **Eligibility for Entry**

All healthy, trained dogs over eighteen (18) months of age are eligible to compete in ASCA Agility Trials. Bitches in heat, lame, or blind dogs are ineligible for entry. Bitches that come into heat or dogs that become injured prior to the closing date will have their entry fees refunded, less \$15, pending proof from a veterinarian. Any dog which demonstrates aggression towards any person or any dog, whether inside the ring or outside the ring, must be excused from the Agility trial. Any dog which the judge feels is not in control will be excused from the Agility trial. All ASCA Agility trials shall be open to purebred and mixed breed dogs.

Any owner, handler, or spectator exhibiting poor sportsmanship or abuse towards a dog or person will be required to leave the show site for the duration of the trial and may be banned from further New Hope events. All incidences of abuse will also be reported to ASCA.

### **Programs, Divisions, Levels, and Classes**

The ASCA certification structure is based upon Programs (Championship or ACE), Divisions (Standard, Veteran, or Junior Handler within Championship and Standard and Senior Dog within ACE), Levels (Novice, Open or Elite), and Classes (Regular, Jumpers, and Gamblers). Please see the ASCA Rulebook at <http://www.asca.org/Portals/0/AgilityRules.pdf> for detailed descriptions of each.

For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries will be allowed. All FEO entrants **must be at least 15 months old.**

**Jump Height Exemptions are available for certain breeds. A listing may be obtained in the Agility Rulebook at [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org).**

**\*\* MEASURING POLICY\*\* All standard division dogs entered in 20” or less (or vet/JH dogs entered 16” or less) without an ASCA, AKC, or NADAC height card must be measured at check-in. This includes 20” jumping dogs not entered in 20+.** \*\* Please send in a copy of your Height Card with your entry if you have one.

Trial Chairman: Donna Doubler, 281-851-8131, [slydrock@yahoo.com](mailto:slydrock@yahoo.com)  
Trial Secretary: Liz Neuman, 979-257-9615, [quidpocket@gmail.com](mailto:quidpocket@gmail.com)

### **Agility Obstacles:**

The following obstacles may be used at this agility trial: Dog Walk, 24” Weave Poles, 5’ 6” tall A-Frame, Displaceable Tire Jump, Teeter-totter, Non-winged single hurdle(s), Winged single hurdles, Open tunnel. Contact obstacles will be slatless and rubber. There will be no collapsed tunnel.



Dogs must be registered with ASCA to have their titles tracked with ASCA. You may enter as “pending”, but need to send in your registration forms to ASCA at the same time. We are not responsible for lost Qs if you do not register with ASCA in a timely manner. You may enter without a QTracking number; you just won’t be getting your Q’s recorded with ASCA. If you have any questions about obtaining an ASCA QTracking number, send an email to [agility@asca.org](mailto:agility@asca.org). Forms can be downloaded from <http://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2016/04/trackapp.pdf>

### **Pre-entry Fees:**

**Individual runs: \$16 each**

**Sat/Sun Everything Package (12 runs) - \$145 (\$135 for 2<sup>nd</sup> dog)**

**Half Package (6 total runs) - \$79**

**(packages cannot be split between dogs or added on to)**

**Junior Handler runs are half-price.**

**All day-of show entries will be \$22/run. No package pricing.**

**Day-of show entries will be allowed, if the entry limit is not met.**

**Day-of-show entries will be taken up to 30 minutes before the trial starts.**

Pre-entries close Wednesday November 25, 2020. Move-ups will be allowed through Monday 11/30/20. Only emailed move-ups will be accepted at [quidpocket@gmail.com](mailto:quidpocket@gmail.com).

No refunds will be made for entries withdrawn after the closing date. In the event that the trial cannot be held for reasons beyond the show committee’s control, no refunds will be made.

No leads, collars, food, toys, etc will be allowed on the course.

All dogs must be on lead or securely crated when not in the ring.

Entries must be made on the enclosed entry form. Copies may be made.

Entries must be signed, complete, and paid in full to be accepted.

Dog sales or puppies under eight weeks are not permitted on the trial grounds.

No catalogs will be printed. Running order lists will be posted at the ring gate.

Handlers with multiple dogs will be separated as much as the class allows.

You are responsible for being present when it is your turn to run. We will not hold the ring for absent handlers.

NHASC, its board of directors, ASCA, management, and the property owner assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the exhibitors, owners or to any of their dogs, personal property, or children.

Check-in Saturday and Sunday mornings will start at 7:15. We will start walking the first course at 7:45 and begin running dogs at 8:00. **Committee may adjust start times based on entries.** Please check your final email confirmation. All dogs that have to be measured must be done by 7:45. Any day-of-show entries must be completed by 7:30 AM. Dogs checked in on Saturday need not check in again on Sunday.

**Direction to Louis Pearce: From Houston-- Hwy 290 west to Hempstead. Turn RIGHT onto Hwy 6 North. Take the "Business 6" exit (Business 6 becomes Texas Ave.) in College Station. Turn LEFT onto FM 2818 (Harvey Mitchell Parkway-- Wal Mart will be on the left). Go a couple miles on 2818, and turn RIGHT onto George Bush Dr. The pavilion will be on the RIGHT about 1/3 mile.**

**Direction to Louis Pearce: From Austin-- Hwy 21 to Bryan. As you're coming into Bryan, turn RIGHT onto FM 2818 (Harvey Mitchell Parkway). Stay on 2818 all the way to College Station, and turn LEFT onto George Bush Dr. The pavilion will be on the RIGHT about 1/3 mile.**

**Direction to Louis Pearce: From Dallas/Ft. Worth-- I-35 South to Waco. From Waco, take Hwy 6 south all the way to Bryan. Take the "FM 2818—Bryan Business Park--George Bush Library" exit, and turn RIGHT onto FM 2818 (Harvey Mitchell Parkway). Stay on 2818 all the way to College Station, and turn LEFT onto George Bush Dr. The pavilion will be on the RIGHT about 1/3 mile.**

**Lodging: Please inform management of your dogs when making a reservation. Please check with each hotel regarding their current pet policies. There are also LOTS of other hotels in the Bryan/College Station area. Please clean up after your dog!**

**Motel 6: 979-696-3379 – Pets Allowed, No deposit**

**La Quinta: 979-696-7777 – Pets Allowed, No deposit**

**Manor House 979-764-9540 - Pets Allowed, \$40/night non-refundable deposit**

**NO RV parking is allowed at Louis Pearce Pavilion.** You can camp right across the street in Lot 58 (easy walking distance). Texas A&M parking services handles reservations and can be reached Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm at 979-862-2551.

**Food: There are lots of delivery, fast food and dine-in restaurants within 10 minutes of the trial site. You are also welcome to bring your own food and drinks, but please no glass containers.**

Awards: NHASC will award strip ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place as well as qualifying strip ribbons for all qualifying runs. The 20+ and 24" classes may be combined for placements at this trial.

**About training with toys in the ring: Toys maybe brought into the ring for training. These toys may not involve food or treats of any kind, may not make noise or may not leave part behind. Handlers will mark the gate sheet with a "T" at check in and will run at the end of their jump height within the class. Toys must be declared when entering the ring. 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.**

## ASCA's ACE Program

- The ACE (Agility Competition Enthusiast) program allows dogs 18 months or older to jump one height lower than their standard height. The current program will be called the Championship program.
  - Course times for dogs in the ACE program will be 10% greater than the Standard Division dogs in the Championship program in Regular and Jumpers. Gamblers time will be the same in both programs and based on the height of the jumps.
  - Effective January 1st, 2015, the ACE program will also offer a Senior Dog Division. Any dog 10 years or older is eligible they will jump an **additional** jump height lower and receive 10% more time than the dogs in the ACE Standard Division. For example, a 10 year old dog measuring 19” at the withers will be able to enter the ACE Sr. Dog Division and jump 12”.
  - Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program on any one day of a trial. Dogs moving from the Championship program to the ACE program will be allowed to compete at a lower level if a qualifying score at a higher level has been obtained in the Championship program. For example, if a dog has earned its Open titles in the Championship program, it can enter the ACE program at the Novice, Open or Elite level. If this dog enters the ACE program in the Open or Elite classes, the Q's will be applied to the Novice ACE titles and since the dog has Q'd at the higher level in the ACE program it cannot return to compete at the lower level.
    - Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except for certain Elite titles from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The “transferring” of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business office. Points from the ACE program may not be transferred to the Championship program.
- The points needed for each title are the same in both programs (base, Outstanding, Superior and ATCH (called ACE in the ACE program).
  - The ACE program is NOT eligible for Finals, Merit List or HOF.
  - For more information regarding the ACE program please visit the agility rules on the ASCA website:
  - <http://www.asca.org/Portals/o/AgilityRules.pdf>

## COVID-19 & THIS TRIAL:

**(New Hope reserves the right to edit this based on current recommendations at the time of the trial)**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of Texas, ASCA, and/or New Hope ASC have instituted the following policies. Please read and follow them – the club does reserve the right to excuse entrants found to be in non-compliance as well as the right to withhold acceptance to future trials. The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

- ☼ If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (or have had them in the last 14 days), including but not limited to: cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or have had close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19, please STAY HOME. New Hope will refund any and all entry fees in this case.
- ☼ All competitors and guests (including minors) MUST sign the attached waiver and send it in with your entries.
- ☼ All persons must wear a face covering (over the nose and mouth) wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another individual not in the same household. Show committee and the judge will also be masked – please accustom your dog to this!
- ☼ Wash and sanitize hands as often as possible.
- ☼ Do not touch other people, dogs, or items. This includes handshakes, hugs, high-fives, petting dogs, sitting in other people's chair, etc.
- ☼ Configure your crating set-ups to maintain six feet of distancing from your neighbor. Keep six feet of social distance in all common areas – restrooms, check-in, results postings, etc.
- ☼ No food or beverages will be provided.
- ☼ NOTICE: You will carry an enhanced risk when in direct contact with anyone age 65 or older for 14 days after participating in a sporting event or practice such as this trial.
- ☼ NOTICE: Persons over age 65 and/or those with known or unknown underlying health conditions are more at risk when attending events and are encouraged to stay home.
- ☼ Please bring your own writing utensils for check-in, scribing, and writing on ribbons.

- ☼ You may wear or carry your leash in your pocket instead of handing it to a leash runner if you prefer. Leashes must be entirely secured, and if it falls off or the dog grabs it while you are running, it will be considered a toy in the ring and scored as an elimination. ASCA and NHASC assume no liability as a result of wearing a leash on course, including damages to handlers and dogs.
- ☼ All competitors and club members must follow any additional state, local, and Texas A&M policies that may apply.
- ☼ NHASC reserves the right to amend, update, and change these policies at any time. Please read your confirmation letter for any changes and be present and listening at the judges briefing at the start of each day for the current policies.
- ☼ If you have any further questions, please contact the Trial Chairman or Trial Secretary.

Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent COVID-19 Waiver  
**(must be signed by all entrants and guests)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
attest that to the best of my knowledge, I do not have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event, and understand the risks of unknowing exposure to this and other illnesses by or to myself, my family, other participants, and third parties. I have not been tested and found positive; am not waiting for test results; and do not have symptoms.

I agree that I will not knowingly expose others to any illness I may have or be at risk to have. I will follow all Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) and New Hope ASC (NHASC) (the “Host Clubs”) rules and requirements that exist or may be established during the event to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading the virus. I will also fully cooperate with and follow any City, County, State, or facility guidelines and restrictions that are in effect in the area in which the event is taking place. If any of the above should change prior to my arrival at the trial site or during the completion of the event that is the subject of this consent, I will inform NHASC and proceed accordingly in light of the new information.

I agree that I am attending this event entirely at my own risk and assume all risk and full responsibility for my own health, wellbeing, and safety during this event. I fully agree that ASCA and the Host Clubs, its Board members, club members, employees, assistants, volunteers and the show site are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after this event. I hereby waive and release ASCA, Texas A&M University (the “Site”) and the Host Clubs, the owners/board members, club members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all liability for damages or personal injury to me, my dogs or my property.

Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless ASCA, the Site and Host Clubs, the owners/board members, club members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all claims by or liability to any third party arising out of my participation in the

Site and Clubs event. Any liability to anyone for any incident involving myself, the location, or those pets or actions of other participants and spectators will be my sole responsibility and I assume all financial liability and will also assume all and any financial costs associated with my actions.

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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AGILITY TRIAL ENTRY FORM



ASCA Sanctioned Agility Trial  
New Hope Australian Shepherd Club  
December 5-6, 2020

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

ASCA # \_\_\_\_\_ (required to earn titles - see page 2)

Dog's Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Height you want to jump: 4 8 12 12+ 16 16+  
20 20+ 24

Class Entered	Division Entered					Level Entered			Day Entered	
	ACE Std	ACE Sr.	CH JH	CH Vet	CH Std	Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Regular 1						A or B				
Regular 1						A or B				
Gamblers 1										
Gamblers 2										

Circle A or B for Novice Regular Runs

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteers: What job are you available to do:**

Timer   Scribe   Gate Steward   Bar Setter   Leash Runner

Remember to include your signed COVID-19 Waiver!

Mail to: NHASC c/o Liz Neuman  
8910 Grunwald Rd., Beasley, TX 77417  
quidpocket@gmail.com 979-257-9615  
Checks payable to NHASC

Illegible or incomplete entry forms will NOT be accepted.

IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT—(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) and 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 officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents; as well as ASCA®’s affiliate clubs and each of their members, officers, directors, employees, show chairs, show committees, judges, contractors, insurers, and agents. (3) Applicant enters into this Agreement in consideration for being allowed to submit an entry form and, if approved, to take part in related activities of ASCA® and/or its affiliates. (4) Applicant acknowledges entering into this Agreement voluntarily, after the opportunity to obtain independent legal review of it and to have questions about its likely meaning answered through such review. (5) Applicant accepts the terms of this Agreement not only on his/her own behalf but also for his/her successors, assigns, beneficiaries, heirs, parents/guardians, and anyone else who might raise a claim on his/her behalf or as a result of her suffering harm. (6) To the extent any provision or application of this Agreement turns out to be unenforceable, the rest of it still remains fully effective. (7) This Agreement is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice-of-law rules, and—to the extent permitted by law—any legal action by Applicant that names Releasees as one or more defendants shall be filed and heard solely in the state or federal courts serving the county of ASCA®’s headquarters: Brazos County, Texas. (8) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium for this event. (9) Applicant represents that the dog(s) being entered is/are not known to pose a hazard to persons, other dogs, or property and that all required rabies and other vaccinations under the state and local law of the dog’s state of residence are current. (10) Applicant acknowledges awareness of and assumes the risk associated with his/her participation and that of his/her dog(s) in this event and related activities, among which are personal injury to Applicant and those affiliated with Applicant, injury to Applicant’s dog(s), and damage to Applicant’s property. As but a few examples, Applicant and/or his/her dog(s) may be injured from the condition of (or failure to warn of the condition of) floors, stairways, lighting, security measures or a lack of them, electrical devices, fittings, show rings, parking areas, motor vehicles, and unfamiliar animals and people. (11) Applicant releases Releasees from any claim or liability whatsoever arising from any injury, harm, liability, or demand in anyway said to occur during or in connection with related events, also waiving any right to assert such claims that he/she otherwise might have in the absence of this Agreement. (12) Applicant also agrees to indemnify Releasees from any claim that Applicant or those acting on Applicant’s behalf, for Applicant’s benefit, or in Applicant’s place, might assert against Releasees. The obligation in this regard extends even to Applicant’s paying settlements, judgments, and expenses and costs of legal defense incurred by Releasees. (13) The waivers, releases, and promises of indemnification undertaken by Applicant in this Agreement EXTEND EVEN TO: CLAIMS ASSERTING NEGLIGENCE PER SE, CONDUCT THAT IS INTENTIONAL OR RECKLESS, CLAIMS OF FRAUD, CLAIMS INVOLVING DEATH, ACTIVITY THAT WOULD OVERLAP WITH ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINALITY, AND/OR CLAIMS SEEKING EXEMPLARY DAMAGES. They apply without regard to the basis of the claim (e.g., based on tort, breach of contract, common law, implied or express warranty, or otherwise). Applicant’s promised indemnification of Releasees also extends to claims third parties assert against Releasees said to be based on Applicant’s conduct. (14) INFECTIOUS DISEASE—Applicant’s promises and assumption of risks in this Agreement also extend to the risk and any asserted harm Applicant and the dog(s) may suffer from actual or threatened exposure to infectious disease, whether COVID-19 or otherwise, and Applicant accepts full responsibility for taking such measures as may be required or prudent to protect Applicant and well as other participants in the events. Applicant represents being aware of related recommend health practices, e.g., masking and distancing. (15) Applicant assigns to ASCA® the sole right to pursue any claim in connection with or arising in relation to the scheduled events that Applicant or those acting for Applicant otherwise might assert against any person or entity affiliated with ASCA®. (16) There are no provisions to this Agreement other than as spelled out here and they may not be modified except by formal ASCA® board action. This Agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum protection from liability allowable under the law. AS USED HERE, “ASCA®” MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS, AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.

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SIGNATURE OF OWNER/HANDLER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18)  
PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ERRORS AND RULE VIOLATIONS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

