



Australian Shepherd Club of Texas

Presents an

ASCA Agility Trial (Open to All Breeds of Dogs)

January 9 & 10, 2021

NorthCrest Equestrian Training Complex

3900 CR 805B, Cleburne, TX 76031

31 miles south of Fort Worth

Covered horse arena, dirt flooring, cedar plank fencing

Opening Date: November 7, 2020

Closing Date: December 28, 2020

Limited to 350 runs per day

Judges

Sue Graham of La Verne, CA

Classes Offered Both Days

Regular 1&2

Jumpers 1&2

Gamblers 1

Gamblers 2 Elite Only

Training Runs with Toys Will be Permitted

ASCA Conformation Trials Also Offered Onsite

Trial Secretary

Nikki Heep

PO Box 468

Crowley, TX 76036

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nmheep@gmail.com

Trial Chair

Helen Wilson

940-391-4924

reddogag@yahoo.com

All breeds of dogs, including mixes, may compete and title in ASCA trials.

Simply register your dog with ASCA using the QT Number Application

form available at <http://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2016/04/trackapp.pdf>

****JUMP HEIGHT CARD OR MEASUREMENT REQUIRED****

Dogs entering the standard jump height classes 20" or less (with height less than or equal to 20") that do not have a permanent ASCA, AKC or NADAC height card must be measured. Dogs entering 20+" or 24" jump heights are exempt. Please include a copy of your card with your entry or present your dog for measuring at check-in.

Notice that exhibitors, through submission of entries, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of and agree to follow ASCA rules and regulations and ASCOT's trial policies, including but not limited to the following:

- This trial is open to all dogs, purebred or otherwise, at least 18 months of age.
- Bitches in heat, lame or blind dogs are ineligible for entry, as is any dog with a deformity which may cause the judge to not be able to reasonably assess the dog's ability to function and perform the obstacles safely, and in a manner that is in the best interest, health, and welfare of the dog. Any dog that demonstrates aggression towards any person or any other dog, whether inside or outside the ring, must be excused from the trial, as will any dog which the judge feels is not in enough control to perform all obstacles in a safe manner. 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.
- Bitches in heat are not allowed on the trial site. Bitches that come into heat or dogs that become injured before the closing date may have their entry fees refunded, less \$25.00, pending proof by veterinarian. Refund to be made after the trial closing date. No other refunds will be made after trial closing date. Overpayments below \$10 will be returned only upon request otherwise such overpayments will go to Aussie Rescue.
- This show will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA. A copy of the rulebook may be obtained from the ASCA web site at www.asca.org.
- No leads, collars, food, toys, etc. shall be permitted on the course at any time.
- All dogs must be on leash or securely crated when not competing in the ring.
- Safety shall always be the foremost consideration in actions by handlers at all times.
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry on the basis expressly provided through ASCA rules and regulations. Anyone not currently in good standing with ASCA will not be allowed entry into the trial.
- Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee based on suitable cause only. Refusal of entries shall be reported to the ASCA office.
- Entries must be made on the enclosed entry forms. Copies may be made if entire form is copied. No other forms will be accepted. Entries must be signed to be valid.
- Make all checks and money orders payable to **Australian Shepherd Club of Texas**. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and there will be a \$35.00 service fee on all returned checks. Entry into future trials and participation in this trial will not be allowed until all fees are paid in cash or money order. Illegible or incomplete entry forms do not constitute a valid entry.
- Dog sales or puppies under eight weeks old are not permitted on the trial site.
- ASCOT, their board of directors, ASCA, management, and the property owner assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs, personal property, and/or children.

Lodging & RV

Hotels and RV parks are all 10-30 minutes away from show site. Please check with each hotel concerning their current pet policies. The number of hotels in the area that accept dogs is dropping dramatically. To help preserve the few that are left that allow pets, please CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG, keep them crated while they're in the room, and do not leave them unattended if they will not remain quiet. Thank you!

Alvarado

I35W-Ex 26 La Quinta 817/783-8700 (**CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY to book and mention ASCOT to receive a special rate w/ no pet fee & no pet limit!**)
Americas Best Value Inn 817/783-2277
Motel 6 817/783-2277

Burleson

I35W-Ex 32 RV Ranch 817/426-5037 (also cabins @ \$10/day pet fee)
I35W-Ex 36 Comfort Suites 817/426-6666 or 800/228-5150 (pet fees)
Days Inn 817/447-1111 or 800/329-7466 (\$10/day pet fee)
Best Western 817-744-7747 (\$10/day pet fee)

I35W-Ex 39 La Quinta 817-447-2336
Red Roof PLUS+ Fort Worth 937-328-1763

Fort Worth

I35W-Ex 40 Motel 6 817/551-7000

Cleburne

La Quinta 107 Kilpatrick St. 817/641-4455
Motel 6 1720 W Henderson St. 817/666-1100

Joshua

Motel 6 501 S Broadway St 682/459-0040

Directions

From I-35W take exit 30 towards Mansfield/Joshua/FM Rd 917.
Turn West on FM 917.
Continue West on FM 917 for 2.3 miles.
FM 917 change names to FM 2280; continue on FM 2280 for another 0.7 miles.
Turn right onto CR 805B.
Continue on CR 805B for 1.1 miles.
The arena will be on your left, back off the road a bit. Don't pull into the driveway in front of the house, go to the next drive (a big gravel one) w/ pipe fencing and you will have found the arena entrance.
Please note that the Waze app is not accurate, but Google Maps is.

Food

There may be a concession stand open onsite. We will provide more information in your final conformation letter regarding whether they'll be open or not. If they are, please support the concession stand! Otherwise, the closest restaurants and fast food eateries are located 10-15 minutes away in Joshua, Cleburne, Burleson, or Alvarado.

Entries

Entries must be postmarked by Dec 28, 2020 to qualify for pre-entry pricing. Make checks payable to **Australian Shepherd Club of Texas** (do NOT abbreviate as ASCOT) and mail to:

ASCOT-Jan
c/o Nikki Heep
PO Box 468
Crowley, TX 76036

If you need help completing your entry form, please ask your agility instructor for assistance or contact the trial secretary.

NOTE: We will only accept ASCOT Bucks for this trial, not Bucks from other clubs.

Tentative Running Order

Saturday

Gamblers 2 **Elite Only**
Gamblers 1 N/O/E
Novice Jumpers 1&2
Open Jumpers 1&2
Elite Jumpers 1&2
Novice Regular 1&2
Open Regular 1&2
Elite Regular 1&2

Sunday

Gamblers 1 E/O/N
Elite Jumpers 1&2
Open Jumpers 1&2
Novice Jumpers 1&2
Elite Regular 1&2
Open Regular 1&2
Novice Regular 1&2
Gamblers 2 **Elite Only**

This is a one ring trial. There will be NO CONFLICTS.

Pre-Entry Fees

Pre-entry pricing is priced by the run. The more runs you enter, the more you save. This includes all dogs in your household that are competing in this trial

1-9 runs - \$14 per run
10-19 runs - \$12 per run
20+ runs - \$10 per run

Junior Handler (must enter JH classes only) ½ price off all pricing above.

Day of Show Entry Fees (If runs are available. No quantity discounts.)

Entry per dog per run \$18

Check-In and Setup

There is NO SETUP available on Friday PM.

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Setup begins at:	8 AM	7 AM
Check-In:	8-8:30 AM	7-7:30 AM
First dog on the line at:	9 AM	8 AM

Other Important Info

Catalogs/Run Orders - No catalogs will be printed. Running orders will be posted at the gates. Handlers with multiple dogs will be separated as much as the class allows.

Move-Ups - All move-up requests must be received by the trial secretary by **January 4, 2021**. There will be **NO move-ups offered on the weekend of the trial**.

Cancellation of Entries - Cancellation of entries due to exhibitor request prior to the trial closing date will be subject to a processing fee of \$25 per entry/dog at the discretion of the club. Refund of any entry fees following cancellation requests made after trial closing will be at the discretion of the club.

Obstacle Specification – The obstacles that will be made available to the judge of the trial are: Dog Walk, A-Frame (set at 5’6” for 12-24” jump height, 5’ for 4-8” jump height by handler request), Teeter, Tunnel, Tire Jump (displaceable), Weave Poles (24” spacing), Non-Winged Single Hurdles, Winged Single Hurdles, and Double Bar Hurdle. All contacts have rubber surfaces. Dog Walk and A-Frame will be slatted.

Prizes and Awards - ASCOT will award strip ribbons for 1st through 4th places and awards for each qualifying score in the Titling Classes. Additional awards may be offered at club’s discretion.

FEO (For Exhibition Only) – We will accept FEO entries. FEO entries may jump any jump height but will not be eligible for any prizes or awards. Minimum age permitted is 15 months. Any dog younger than 18 months must jump at a lower height than their regular jump height. This is a non-qualifying division.

Arena Note – Please note that the NorthCrest Equestrian Training Complex is a working rodeo and horse arena. Please expect smells, horses, and livestock associated with arenas. Any dog found harassing the livestock will be removed from the show site and no refunds will be made.

Parking – Please park on the crushed rock parking areas around the arena. If it has rained recently, please stay on the gravel to prevent getting your vehicle stuck in the mud. If you are crating out of your vehicle, you can park under the arena overhang on the West side of the arena, but please park your vehicle nose out and back up to just under the overhang. Do not block the alley between the area fence and the overhang as that is the only way for people to drive in/out.

Crating – You can crate in the arena around the rings, but please keep your setup at least 10’ away from the rings.

Toys In The Ring – We will be permitting handlers to have toys in the ring at this trial. Toy runs will run **in order** in their jump height. For details, please refer to Section 9.1 of the most recent rulebook available at <http://www.asca.org>.

ACE Program

ASCA is offering an ACE Agility Program that permits any dog to jump 4” lower than their standard jump height and dogs 10 years or old to jump 8” lower than their standard jump height. For details, please refer to Chapter 4 of the most recent rulebook available at <http://www.asca.org>.

COVID-19 Information

1. **All attendees will be required to sign a COVID-19 Waiver. Please sign and include the waiver with your entry form.** This applies not only to participants but to anyone planning to attend the event with the participant (including minors). If more people attend the event with you than were listed on the waiver you sent with your entry, bring them to see the Trial Secretary so that the additional attendees can sign the Waiver as well.
2. Non-participants and the young, elderly, and anyone at risk are encouraged to remain at home.
3. Clubs, show officials, participants and anyone attending the show are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
4. Do not attend if you are sick or have been in the last 14 days.
5. Do not attend if you have been near anyone with symptoms.
6. Social distancing is required in crating areas, seating, restrooms, and anywhere else lines could be formed (Check-in, Course Map Postings, Results Postings, concession stand, etc.).
7. Do not congregate, leave 6 feet between you and all other participants.
8. Bring your own pen/marker to check-in and if you will be volunteering as Gate Steward or Scribe.
9. If you don’t want volunteers to touch your leash, you may carry it in your pocket during your run as long as it’s entirely concealed. If your leash falls off or the dog grabs your leash during your run it will be considered a toy in the ring and scored as an elimination. ASCA and ASCOT assumes no liability if the handler chooses to pocket their leash and it catches on obstacles and/or causes the handler to trip.
10. Participants are encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or longer.
11. Participants are encouraged to use hand sanitizer.
12. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, high-fives or other physical contact.
13. Avoid touching dogs, chairs, crates, etc that aren’t yours.
14. Show officials and participants may be wearing face masks if government/facility regulations require it or if they choose to do so. You are strongly encouraged to accustom your dog to seeing people wearing facemasks prior to entering the trial.
15. Additional guidelines may be specified in your confirmation letter or at the event.
16. Please contact the Trial Secretary or Chairperson if you have any additional questions.



**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®
AGILITY ENTRY FORM**

January 9-10, 2021

Use one entry form per dog. Print or type all the following information.

ASCA REG. NO: _____

BREED: _____ **SEX:** _____

REGISTERED NAME: _____

CALL NAME: _____ **BIRTH DATE:** _____

OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP+4:** _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ **OTHER PHONE:** (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

DOG'S HGT AT WITHERS: _____

Circle Dog's Jump Height: 4 8 12 16 16+ 20 20+ 24

Program (Circle One): **Championship (CH)** **ACE**

Class Entered	Division					Level			Day Entered	
	Std.	Vet. (CH)	Jr. (CH)	Sr Dog (ACE)	FEO	Nov ¹	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Regular 1 ¹						A or B				
Regular 2 ¹						A or B				
Gamblers 1										
Gamblers 2 Elite Only										

1. Circle A or B for Novice Regular classes.

NAME OF HANDLER: (Please Print) _____ **TOTAL ENTRY FEE:** \$ _____

Volunteers are always needed, and gladly accepted! Please complete this form to volunteer. Thanks!!

Name _____

Job willing to work, or want to learn (circle selections):

Timer Scribe Gate Steward Leash Runner Ring Crew

Prefer NOT to do: _____

Anything else about your availability? _____

AGREEMENT

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.

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

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.

