



The Australian Shepherd Club of Texas

Presents an

ASCA Nationals Agility Pre-Trial
Entries Open to Australian Shepherds Only
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Brazos County Expo

Bryan, TX

Covered Horse Arena on Packed Dirt

Opening Date: August 2, 2021

Closing Date: October 11, 2021

Limited to 450 runs per Judge

Judges

Ric Pittman of El Cajon, CA

Scott Lovelis of American Canyon, CA

Sue Graham of La Verne, CA

Classes Offered

2 Rounds of Regular, 2 Rounds of Jumpers, 2 Round of Gamblers

Trial Secretary

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Trial Chair

Chuck Shults

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

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 only to Australian Shepherds.
- 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.
- 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 near or in the agility rings. 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. This show will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA with the exception that per the ASCA 2021 Committee's requirements, only Australian Shepherds are allowed to enter this trial. 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**. Do NOT abbreviate Club Name. 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.

Check-In and Setup

Last Minute Move-Up Requests at Agility Show Office on 11/1 between 6 and 7 PM

Setup begins at 7 AM

Check-In 7-7:45 AM

All dogs needing measuring must be present at 7:30 AM

The first courses in each ring will be set and available for walk-through from 7 AM to 7:45 AM.

General Briefing 7:45 AM

First dog on the line at 8 AM

Tentative Running Order

(Subject to change based on entry numbers to facilitate the most efficient running of the trial.)

Elite dogs will be split into 2 separate groups and will walk/run within their assigned group.

Handlers with multiple dogs will have all their dogs placed into the same group. More details will be provided in your confirmation letter.

<u>Ring 1</u>	<u>Ring 2</u>	<u>Ring 3</u>
Elite Gamblers 1 - Grp 1	Novice Regular 1	Open Jumpers 1 Open Jumpers 2
Elite Gamblers 1 - Grp 2	Open Regular 1 Elite Regular 1 - Grp 1	Novice Jumpers 2
Open Gamblers 1 Novice Gamblers 1 Elite Regular 2 - Grp 1	Elite Regular 1 - Grp 2 Novice Gamblers 2 Open Gamblers 2	Elite Jumpers 1 - Grp 1 Elite Jumpers 1 - Grp 2
Elite Regular 2 - Grp 2 Open Regular 2 Novice Regular 2	Elite Gamblers 2 - Grp 1 Elite Gamblers 2 - Grp 2	Elite Jumpers 2 - Grp 1 Elite Jumpers 2 - Grp 2

Entries

- Entries received before the opening date WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Signature Required items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Entries must be postmarked by October 11, 2021.
- Entries will be accepted on the basis of date received.
- After the trial fills, a waiting list will be maintained in the order of date received.
- If you wish to receive immediate confirmation of receipt of your entry, please enclose a self-address, stamped postcard with your entry. Otherwise, confirmation of entry will be made via email after the closing date.
- Make checks/Money Orders (US funds only) payable to **Australian Shepherd Club of Texas** (do not abbreviate club name) and mail to:
ASCOT Pre-Trial, c/o Helen Wilson
PO Box 1278
Pilot Point, TX 76258
940-391-4924
reddogag@yahoo.com
- If you are international and do not have easy access to US funds, please contact the trial secretary.

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

Entry Fees

Entry per dog per run \$20

Six Pack (6 runs same dog) \$110

Additional Six Packs (2nd, 3rd, etc dog entered from same household) \$100

Hotels

Please see <https://www.asca.org/asca-national-specialty-2021/> for a listing of area hotels.

Other Important Info

Date for Dog's Age Calculation - For the purpose exhibiting at this trial, a dog's age will be calculated on October 29, 2021.

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.

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. There will be no refund of any entry fees for cancellation requests made after trial closing with the exception of bitches in heat and/or dog injury. Cancellation requests after the closing date due to injury or bitches in season must be accompanied by a veterinarian's letter and will be subject to a processing fee of \$25.

Move-Ups - All email/mail move-up requests must be received by the trial secretary by **October 25, 2021**. We will be accepting last-minute move up requests between 6 PM and 7 PM on Monday 11/1 in the Agility Show Office. You must be present during this time to request a last-minute move-up. No other move-ups will be permitted. **No exceptions!**

Obstacle Specification – The obstacles that will be made available to the judges of the trial are: Dog Walk, A-Frame set at 5'6", Teeter, Tunnel, Weave Poles (24" spacing), Double Bar Hurdle, Non-Winged Hurdles, and Winged Hurdles. All Contact Equipment is rubber-coated and slatless. Electronic Timing will be used.

Prizes and Awards - ASCOT will award ribbons for 1st through 4th places and for each qualifying score in the Titling Classes. We will be offering the following High In Trial Awards: HIT Overall, Elite, Open, Novice, Veteran Dog, Junior Handler, ACE Standard, ACE Senior, and Rescue Dog (to be eligible for this award, please check the YES box on the entry form if your dog is a Rescue). HIT will be calculated as per the rules in section 2.6.2 of the rulebook.

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.

Worker's Raffle – As everyone knows, it takes a tremendous amount of work to run an agility trial. If you have some free time, we would love to have you volunteer to help! There is a volunteer section on the entry form if you'd like to sign up in advance of the trial, or feel free to jump in on the day of the trial itself. We will have a Worker's Raffle with some very nice prizes open only to those who volunteer to work at the trial. If you volunteer, be sure to request your raffle tickets from a club member. Thanks in advance to everyone who volunteers!!



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



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Hosted by the Australian Shepherd Club of Texas

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

Dog's ASCA Registration #: _____ **Sex:** **Male** **Female**

Registered Name: _____

Call Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Owner(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Cell Phone:** (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Handler: (If other than owner) _____

Membership #: _____ **JR DOB:** _____

(Please enter JR# if JR is handling dog)

(If JR is handling dog)

Dog's Height @ Withers: _____ **Is this Aussie a Rescue?** **Yes** **No**

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

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

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.

Total Entry Fees = \$ _____

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

Name: _____

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

Timer **Scribe** **Gate Steward** **Leash Runner** **Ring Crew**

Any notes about your availability?

Date: _____

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.