

**ROCK RIVER VALLEY AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB
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Presents



ASCA® SANCTIONED AGILITY TRIAL

**ALL DOGS ARE WELCOME!
(Not just Aussies!)**

APRIL 1-2, 2023

**LOCATION:
CANINE SPORTS ZONE
3036 Laura Lane
Middleton, WI 53562**

**Classes offered each day:
2 Regular, 2 Gamblers, 2 Jumpers**

**Championship Divisions offered:
Standard, Veteran Dog, Junior Handler, and FEO**

**ACE Division offered:
Standard, Senior Dog**

ACE Program

- Any dog 18 months or older can jump one height lower than their Championship Standard Division height in the ACE Standard Division
- Any dog 7 years or older can jump two heights lower than their Championship Standard Division height in the ACE Senior Dog Division
- The original program is called the Championship Program.

**TOYS ALLOWED
IN THE RING**

**See page 3 of the
premium for more
information**

Judge:

SUSAN ZIMMERMAN

Entries are limited to 350 runs per day

Entries open: February 10, 2023 (Postmark date)

Pre-entries close: March 25, 2023 or when entries fill

**Day of the trial entries will be accepted if runs are available
(Additional fees apply)**

Walk-through will start at 7:30 a.m.

First dog on the line at 8:00 a.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Trial Chair: Jody Cull, 740 Hawthorne Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048, 847-209-4735, JodyC62963@aol.com

Trial Secretary: Sally Meyers, 1910 7th Street, Kenosha, WI 53140, 262-515-6822, sallymeyers1218@gmail.com

ENTRIES AND CHANGES – Entries submitted prior to the Opening Date will *not* be accepted. Requests for changes or move-ups to your entry must be received in writing or email to the Trial Secretary by March 28, 2023. Day to day move-ups will be accepted.

MEASURING - Dogs with a wither height of 20" or less will need show proof of measurement (i.e. AKC, ASCA or NADAC height card) or be measured at the trial, unless they are jumping in the highest jump height in that category/division.

Championship Program					
	Small Dogs		Medium Dogs	Large Dogs	
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 20" class Jump 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 20"+ class Jump 20" (may jump 24")
Jr. Handler Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4" or 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8" or 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12" or 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" or 20" class Jump 16" or 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 16+" or 20"+ class Jump 16" or 20" (may jump 24")
Veterans Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" class Jump 16"	Withers over 20" are in the 16"+ class Jump 16"
ACE Program					
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" class Jump 16"	Withers over 20" are in the 16"+ class Jump 16"
Senior Dog Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 4"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 8"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 12" class Jump 12"	Withers over 20" are in the 12"+ class Jump 12"

TRIAL SITE INFORMATION

The trial will be one ring, 100 x 80, artificial turf. Equipment may include the following: Dog walk (12' rubber, slatted) A-frame (rubber, slatted, 5'6"), teeter-totter (rubber), open tunnel, weave poles (24" spacing), jumps, double jump, displaceable tire.

AWARDS – First through fourth place ribbons will be awarded for each jump height in all classes and levels. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded for each qualifying run.

HIGH IN TRIAL: Rosettes for High in Trial Elite, Open, Novice, Aussie and Other Breed will be awarded for the WEEKEND. HIT calculations are based on scores from Jumpers, Gamblers and Regular in the Championship Program. Elite Q – 7 points, Open Q – 6 points, Novice Q – 5 points. Each faulted Q run (5 point Q) in Regular shall be given one-half the value of the equivalent level HIT Q points. Dog's entry in the Regular class will determine eligibility for each level's HIT (i.e. dog entered in Novice regular and Open Jumpers and Gamblers is eligible for Novice HIT). In the event of a tie, the dog with the fastest combined Regular YPS will be the winner. Dogs must have an ASCA registration or QTracking number and compete in the Championship Program to be eligible for HIT awards.

If you may finish an ATCH during this trial, please inform the Trial Secretary before the trial.

FEO (FOR EXHIBITION ONLY) - The minimum age for dogs entered in FEO is 15 months of age. Any dog younger than 18 months of age must jump at a lower height than their regular jump height. No points towards titles will be earned in this division.

ASCA® ENTRY INFORMATION

- All ASCA agility trials are open to purebred and mixed breed dogs.
- Dogs do not have to have an ASCA registration or QTracking number to participate in an ASCA agility trial.
- If your dog is an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd, fill in your dog's ASCA registration number where designated on the entry form.
- If your dog is not an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd and you would like to earn ASCA titles, you need to obtain an ASCA QTracking number for your dog. Any dog is eligible to get an ASCA QTracking number (not just Australian Shepherds). Once you have an ASCA QTracking number, use it as your dog's ASCA Registration Number. The ASCA Service Membership and QTracking Number Form can be obtained at the ASCA website (<https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>) under "Rules and Forms ~ General Forms" and will also be available at the trial.

ENTRY FEES: Make checks payable to RRVASC

Pre-Entry Fees:

Weekend package (6 runs per day, 12 runs total) \$145.00; one day (all 6 runs) \$73; individual runs \$15

Junior Handlers (entered in junior handler division) one-half of fees

Day of show entry (if available): \$20 per run. Entries accepted 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. each day.

FOOD: There will be no food available for purchase onsite. Drinks and snacks will be provided for workers, so please volunteer!

WORKERS: With 18 course changes, we can't hold these trials without the help of members and exhibitors to keep it running smoothly and efficiently. Your help is greatly appreciated! We will be happy to train those who are not familiar with the various positions. Sign-up sheet will be available day of trial! Thank you for being generous with your time!

Running Order – all classes will run high to low

Saturday:

Gamblers 1 (EON)
Gamblers 2 (EON)
Regular 1 & 2 (EEOONN)
Jumpers 1 & 2 (EEOONN)

Sunday:

Jumpers 1 & 2 (EEOONN)
Gamblers 1 (EON)
Gamblers 2 (EON)
Regular 1 & 2 (EEOONN)

Use of toys while training in the ring: At the discretion of the host club and limited to one-ring trials, toys may be brought into the arena for training purposes. These toys may NOT involve food or treats of any kind, may NOT make noise, or may NOT leave parts behind. All handlers declaring toys will mark the gate sheet with a "T" at the run check-in and will run IN CATALOG ORDER. Upon entering the ring, handlers must declare to the judge that they have a toy. 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. For further information, see most recent rulebook.

MOTELS THAT TAKE DOGS – Please check with each motel as to their current pet policy/fees.

Comfort Suites

1253 John Q Hammons Dr, Madison, WI
(608) 836-3033
2.09 miles

Baymont Inn & Suites

Address: 8102 Excelsior Dr, Madison, WI 53717
Phone:(608) 831-7711
3.49 miles – Call Kim Perez directly for best CSZ pricing
Dogs not allowed to be left unattended.

Staybridge Suites Middleton

7790 Elmwood Avenue, Middleton, WI
Phone: 1 800 225 1237
1.28 miles

CAMPING: Overnight parking is allowed at the trial site, with a limited number of 50 amp electrical hook-up. Link to reservations at www.caninesportszone.com/hotels

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

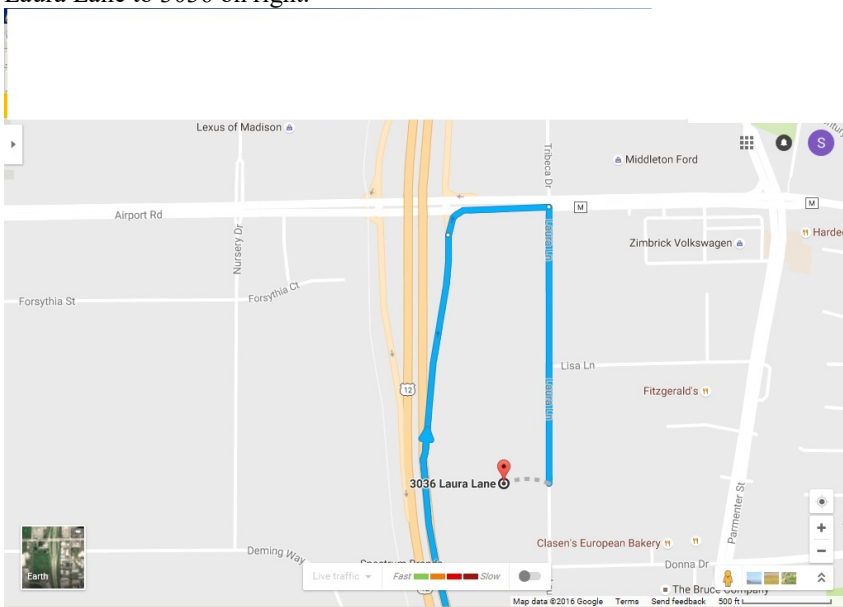
Exhibitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of ASCA® rules and regulations, and agree to abide by all rules in effect at the time of this trial.

This trial is sanctioned by the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) with Rock River Valley Australian Shepherd Club (RRVASC) as the sponsor club. Exhibitors through submission of their entry acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of ASCA rules and regulations, including the following rules regarding entry.

- All healthy, trained dogs over eighteen (18) months of age are eligible to compete in ASCA agility trials.
- The handlers should always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike fashion.
- Bitches in heat, lame or blind dogs are ineligible for entry.
- Dogs showing threatening behavior will be subject to either disqualification or excusal, per the ASCA Dog Aggression Rule. All RRVASC investigations and appropriate forms will be forwarded to the ASCA Business Office. Dogs excused or disqualified under said policy will be excused from the remainder of the event and asked to leave, without refund of entry fees.

- Pursuant to Section 1.3.7 of the ASCA Agility Rules, any dog displaying clinical symptoms of a communicable disease will be removed from the trial site, with no refund of entries. In the case of removal of a dog that shows symptoms of any contagious disease, all dogs in the same household or traveling with said dog shall also be removed.
- If dog(s) are left unattended, they will be secured in a crate or x-pen. Owners/handlers whose dogs are tethered or improperly secured will not be allowed on the show grounds.
- No collars, leads, food, toys, clickers, or other aids or devices shall be permitted on the course or within ten feet of the ring entrance at any time, except for training runs. Dogs must leave the ring on leash. All dogs should be on leash when not competing.
- Safety shall always be the foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times.
- No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA agility program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a member not in good standing with ASCA.
- The sponsoring clubs will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any exhibitor whether the result be accident or other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at this event is in the care and control of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises.
- Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee on suitable cause only. Refusal of such entries will be reported to ASCA.
- There will be no refunds in the event that a dog and or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason.
- A 100% refund will be given for any request received prior to the closing date. **NO REFUNDS AFTER CLOSING DATE.** Checks not honored by the bank do not constitute a valid entry fee. There will be a \$35.00 service charge for bank returned checks.
- Puppies under eight weeks old and dog sales are not permitted on the trial site.
- Exercise dogs in designated areas, and clean up after your dog! Anyone witnessed not cleaning up after their dog will be asked to leave the trial, with no refund of entries.
- Physical abuse of any animal will not be tolerated. Any person on the show site reported to have physically abused an animal will be ejected from the trial site for the entire trial weekend with no refund of entries, and will be subject to disciplinary action per ASCA rules.
- The Junior Handler Division is open to any dog that is being handled by a junior handler who is 17 years of age or younger. Dogs entered in the Junior Handlers Division classes may jump 4" lower than their regular jump height.
- The Veterans Division is open to any dog age seven (7) or older. Dogs entered in the Veterans Division classes will jump 4" lower than their regular jump height.
- Current Jump Height Table, Breed Exemption List, description of classes, levels, and divisions are included in the current ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations Handbook.
- A copy of the current ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations Handbook may be downloaded free from the ASCA web site: www.asca.org

DIRECTIONS: From US-12 W/US-18 W Take Middleton exit for Century Avenue/Airport Road (Highway M). Turn right onto Laura Lane to 3036 on right.





AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®

Agility Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Host Club	
Trial Dates	

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

Dog's ASCA® Registration #: _____ (LEP/Tracking/Regular)

Breed: _____ **Sex:** Male Female

Registered Name: _____

Call Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Owner(s): _____

Primary Owner Address: _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

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: _____ **Breed Jump Height Exempt?** Yes No

Standard Jump Height: 8" 12" 16" 20" 20+" 24"

Class Jump Height: 4" 8" 12" 16" 16+" 20" 20+" 24"

Program: Championship (CH) ACE

Class Entered	Division				Level			Day(s) Entered		
	Std	Vet (CH)	Jr (CH)	Sr Dog (ACE)	Nov	Open	Elite	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Regular 1					A B <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Regular 2					A B <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Gamblers 1										
Gamblers 2										

Entry Fee Per Class: \$ _____ **Package (all classes) Entry Fee:** \$ _____

TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \$ _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

EXHIBITOR/OWNER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18) MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM

AGREEMENT

IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT—Please read the following carefully as it, among other things, may prevent you from suing ASCA® and persons/entities affiliated with it. This agreement could even require you to defend them from demands and suits by third parties that include an assertion of wrongdoing by you. (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)/exhibitor(s)/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 affiliate clubs; and the officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents of ASCA® and of those clubs. (3) This Agreement voluntarily is entered into by Applicant in exchange for the acceptance of the associated entry form and permission to participate in related activities. (4) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations applicable to this event. (5) Applicant certifies that the entered dog will not pose a hazard to people, property, stock animals, or other dogs, and further that the dog is current with rabies shots along with any other vaccinations required by its state of residence. (6) Applicant acknowledges and assumes the risks to Applicant and Applicant's dog associated with participation in the event, among which could be ones associated with poor condition of the facilities and surrounding areas; security measures or lack of them; electrical appliances; fittings; show rings; the presence of unfamiliar persons; and the presence/involvement of other animals—whether stock, dogs, or otherwise. (7) Applicant further agrees to comply with all recommended and required health and safety precautions, among which may be those related to social distancing; quarantining; wearing of face coverings; and non-participation of persons exhibiting symptoms or for whom there otherwise has been a likelihood of recent exposure to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases. (8) Applicant additionally acknowledges and agrees to assume the risks associated with taking part in the event though others might neglect compliance with health and safety precautions/requirements or pose an undue risk of spreading disease. For example, as is true as to any public event, there is some risk that Applicant and/or those affiliated with Applicant may catch COVID-19 or another contagious disease at the event. (9) To the maximum extent permissible, this release is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice of law rules. (10) To the extent that Applicant—or another party suing on behalf of Applicant, or suing to recover based on injuries/death/damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property—sues ASCA® (or a board member or staff member or agent of ASCA®) as a defendant, the sole appropriate forum (to the maximum extent permitted by law) for the suit shall be the state or federal courts serving Brazos County, Texas (where ASCA® has its headquarters). (11) Applicant hereby releases and waives any claims Applicant otherwise might assert against the Releasees as to any injury or damage claim connected in any way to any alleged act or omission arising out of, or occurring concurrent with, the event and related activities, interactions, communications, and even adjacent premises. (12) This release is made not only as to Applicant but also for anyone who might assert a claim on behalf of Applicant or based on purported injury or damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property, as well as any heir, beneficiary, assignee, executor, trustee, agent, or survivor of Applicant. (13) Applicant further agrees to assume sole responsibility for and indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from related claims, demands, judgments, and settlement payments. (14) These waiver, release, and indemnification provisions extend even to claims or demands asserting that the acts or omissions resulted in bodily injury or death or from intentional wrongdoing, as well as to attorney fees and other costs of defense. (15) The duties of indemnification further extend to any claims or demands asserted against Releasees that are alleged to have arisen out of the acts or omissions of Applicant, Applicant's dog, or others affiliated with Applicant. Among other things, this means that Applicant would pay the legal defense of Releasees if someone sued them based on a claim Applicant carelessly exposed the claimant to COVID-19. (16) Applicant's promises in this agreement apply without regard to the type of claim or cause of action asserted against Releasees. (17) To the extent any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, the remainder of it nonetheless is to be enforced. (18) This agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum permissible legal protection from—among other things—claims and suits pursued by Applicant (and/or those acting on behalf of Applicant or over injury/damage to Applicant), as well as from ones based on the purported wrongful acts or omissions of Applicant. (19) Nothing in this Agreement requires you to indemnify Releasees from claims by third parties that involve no allegations of improper acts or omissions by you, those affiliated with you, nor your dog(s). (20) Applicant acknowledges having read, understood, and had the opportunity for independent legal review of this document prior to signing it.

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. October 8, 2020