

Heart Of Texas Australian Shepherd Club



**ASCA SANCTIONED
All Breed Dog Agility Trial
January 20 & 21, 2024**

**JIM-A-DEE RANCH
9494 Waide Rd
Sanger, TX 76266**

<http://www.jimadeeranch.com/>
Covered horse arena on dirt

Toys allowed in the ring for training

Opening date: December 1, 2023

Pre-Entries close January 8, 2024 (postmark)

Limit of 350 runs per day

No email or phone entries accepted

Day of show entries accepted if trial does not fill

Judge: Kay Stimson

Dallas, Texas

Classes Offered Both Days

Jumpers 1&2 Regular 1&2

Gamblers 1 & 2

Levels offered: Elite, Open, Novice

Classes offered in the Championship and ACE Programs

There will also be ASCA Conformation and Rally at this facility this weekend.

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.

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. However, you may enter without a tracking number; you just won’t be getting your Qs recorded with ASCA. If you have any questions about obtaining an ASCA tracking number, send an email to agility@asca.org. The forms are available at:

<https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>

Dogs entering the jump height classes 20” or less (Wither 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 as well as Vet/JR./ACE dogs entering the 16”+ jump heights. Please include a copy of your card with your entry.

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

All healthy, trained dogs, purebred or otherwise, at least 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 may have their entry fees refunded, less \$25, 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.

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, a report will be sent to ASCA and may be banned from further HOTASC events. No entry will be accepted for a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Agility program nor anyone not in good standing with ASCA.

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

Toys may be brought into the ring 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. They will be able to run at their jump height. *Handlers using toys for training in the ring must keep the toy concealed until the previous dog has left the ring and the handler and dog are in the ring. If the toy cannot be concealed, the handler must stay back 10' from the ring until the previous dog has left the ring. The handler cannot use the toy until they are in the ring. * Handlers may tug or toss the toy but not further than 15 feet (4.57 meters). If the dog does not return with the toy but runs around the ring past the Maximum Course Time (MCT) their training time, they cannot use the toy again for that day. * If the toy leaves the ring, the handler cannot use a toy again for the rest of the trial. If the dog leaves the ring to get the toy that has left the arena and starts a fight, the dog who left the ring will be excused from the trial per the ASCA Dog Aggression Rule. *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 Maximum Course Time (MCT) 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 and will not be able to use a toy for the remainder of the trial. If they use a toy again after being told that they cannot use it again in the trial, they will be excused from that trial.

All dogs must be on lead or securely crated when not in the ring. No dogs may be tied to any piece of property.

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. Make all checks and money orders payable to HOTASC (Heart of Texas Australian Shepherd Club). 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 are not permitted on the trial grounds.

HOTASC, 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.

***Crating:** Crating is ringside on dirt. Crates may be left overnight, however the facility management is not responsible for lost or damaged items left at the site.

Stall Rental: Stalls \$15 per day. Please pay with your entry, we will then pay the owner in one check. This is the fee the facility is charging per stall. Electricity not in each one but close by and will need extension cords. **There are a limited number of stalls. We ran out of stalls last year.** Get your entries in early if you want a stall.

Lodging: Please check with the hotel to confirm their pet policy.
PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

***At the Facility RV \$25 per night** water and electric, contact the owner: Dee 502-370-7200. 11 RV spots.

***Valley View**

OYO Hotel 1000 I-35, Valley View, TX 76272 628-228-0330

***Denton**

LaQuinta Inn & Suite by Wyndham - 4465 N Interstate 35, Denton, TX 76207 • (940) 808-0444 18.1 miles from site

***Woodsprings Suites Denton** - 4505 N Interstate 35, Denton, TX 76207 (940) 387-3400 18 miles from site.

***Red Roof Inn & Suites** - 3116 Bandera St, Denton, TX 76207 (940) 383-1681 18.6 miles from site

Food: Concession stand breakfast and lunch both days, cash or check, upcharge for credit card. Otherwise, the closest restaurants and Fast Food located at FM 455 and I35, in Sanger.

Directions: I-35 North towards Sanger, Exit 478
Turn left onto W. Chapman/FM 455 (go 7.12 miles)
Turn right onto Forester Rd. (go 1.90 miles)
Turn right onto Waide Rd. (.18 mile to arena)
(Typing Jim-a-Dee Ranch into Google maps, will take you right there).

Emergency Vet: Denton County Animal ER 4145 South I-35E, Ste 101,
Denton, TX 76210 940-271-1200 or 800-876-0060

Important Information:

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. Please notify the gate steward and mark a "C" on the gate sheet if you have a conflict with Conformation or Rally, we will work with you within reason if we are aware of a conflict.

All move up requests must be received by the trial secretary by Jan 12, 2024. No changes will be made after Jan 12. There will be move-ups offered on the weekend of the trial.

Awards: HOTASC will award strip ribbons for 1st through 4th place as well as double flat ribbons for all qualifying runs.

FEO (For Exhibition Only) – We will accept FEO entries, but they are not eligible for any prizes or awards. Minimum age 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.

Cancellation of Entries - Refund of any entry fees following cancellation requests made after the trial closing date (January 8, 2024) will be at the discretion of the club.

Agility Obstacles: The obstacles that will be made available to the judge of the trial are: winged and non-winged jumps, double jump, tire, rubber coated contacts (slatted A-frame & dog walk), teeter, weave poles (24" spacing), 15' tunnel and a 20' tunnel.

Trial Secretary – Sheila Freeman loveandlaughterdogs@gmail.com
281-723-7475

Trial Chairperson – Rick Tucker tucker.rick@sbcglobal.net
817- 992-9937

Pre-Entry Fees:

\$17.00 per run

\$150.00 Weekend Package (all 12 runs, same dog)

\$140.00 Weekend Package for 2nd + dog(s) same household

\$89.00 Half Package (6 runs same dog)

Junior Handler ½ price if entered before closing

Day of Show Entry Fee (only if trial has not filled): \$20 per run, no quantity discounts

Entries open December 1, 2023

Pre- Entries Close January 8, 2024 (must be postmarked)

Make checks payable to HOTASC and mail to:

HOTASC

c/o Sheila Freeman

7269 North Walker Road

Cleveland, Tx 77328

Email: loveandlaughterdogs@gmail.com

Phone: 281-723-7475

Building available for set up 7:30AM Sat & Sun. NO FRIDAY SET UP.

Check-In Saturday and Sunday:

7:30 to 7:45 AM. First dog on the line at 8:30 AM.

Day of Show Entries if available will be accepted only during check in.

We will start with 4" on Saturday and start with 24" on Sunday.

TENTATIVE Running Order

Saturday

Jumpers 1 & 2 - EE/OO/NN

Regular 1 & 2 – EE/OO/NN

Gamblers 1 – E/O/N

Gamblers 2 – E/O/N

Sunday

Gamblers 1 - E/O/N

Gamblers 2 – E/O/N

Regular 1 & 2 – EE, OO, NN

Jumpers 1 & 2 – EE, OO, NN

ASCA ACE Program

The new 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 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”.

Withers 11 & under Jump 4”	Withers (>11” & <14”) Jump 8” Sr Dog Jumps 4”	Withers (>14” & <18”) Jump 12” Sr Dog Jumps 8”	Withers (>18” & <20”) In the 16” class Jump 16” Sr Dog Jumps 12”	Withers over 20” In the 16+” class Jump 16” Sr. Dog Jumps in the 12”+ class jumps12”
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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.

AGILITY TRIAL ENTRY FORM



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Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ **Birth date:** _____

Registered Name: _____

Breed: _____ **Sex:** _____

ASCA # _____ (required to earn titles)

Dog's Circle Height you want to Jump:

Height at withers: _____ **4 8 12 16 16+ 20 20+ 24**

ACE _____ (Std/Sr. Dog division) or **CH** _____ (Vet/Jr./Std division)

Class Entered	Division					Level			Day Entered	
	JH	Vet Dog	Std	ACE Sr Dog	FEO	Nov	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Regular 1						A B				
Regular 2						A B				
Gamblers 1										
Gamblers 2										

Please Circle A or B for Novice Regular runs

Pre-Entry Only Fees: \$17/run or Weekend Package of \$150 for 12 runs.
2nd + dog(s) \$140 Weekend Package, \$89.00 Half Package (6 runs same dog)

TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \$ _____
(checks payable to HOTASC) Mail to: HOTASC c/o Sheila Freeman
7269 North Walker Rd Cleveland, TX 77328

Handler: _____ **ILLEGIBLE or incomplete entry forms will NOT be accepted. VOLUNTEERS are always needed.**

If interested please complete this form. Willing to work or learn (please circle):

Time Scribe Gate Steward Leash Runner Ring Crew

Anything about your availability _____

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.

Name _____ **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