



## Fort Worth Agility Sports Team

Presents an

### ASCA Agility Trial

**(Open to All Breeds of Dogs)**

ASCA Sanctioning provided by The Australian Shepherd Club of Texas

**April 20-21, 2024**

### NorthCrest Equestrian Training Complex

3900 CR 805B, Keene, TX 76031

31 miles south of Fort Worth

**Covered horse arena, dirt flooring, cedar plank fencing**

**Opening Date: February 19, 2024**

**Closing Date: April 8, 2024**

Limited to 350 runs per day

### Judge

Sue Graham of Paso Robles, CA

### Classes Offered Both Days

Regular 1&2

Jumpers 1&2

Gamblers 1

Gamblers 2 **Elite Only**

**Training Runs with Toys Will be Permitted**

### Trial Secretary

Nikki Heep

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### Trial Chair

Pamela Bryant-Meeks

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**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 <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.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 FAST/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](http://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 FAST. 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.
- FAST, 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  
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

### Show Site

Dry Camping is permitted at the show site. No hookups or facilities of any kind avail.

## 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 is no food available onsite. Please bring your own food/drinks or be prepared to drive to the closest restaurants and fast food eateries, which are located 10-15 minutes away in Joshua, Cleburne, Burleson, or Alvarado.

## Entries

Entries must be postmarked by April 8, 2024 to qualify for pre-entry pricing.

Make checks payable to **FAST** and mail to:

**FAST April**

**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 FAST Bucks for this trial, not Bucks from other clubs.**

## Tentative Running Order Both Days

### Saturday

Novice Jumpers 1&2

Open Jumpers 1&2

Elite Jumpers 1&2

Gamblers 1 N/O/E

Novice Regular 1&2

Open Regular 1&2

Elite Regular 1&2

Gamblers 2 **Elite Only**

### Sunday

Gamblers 2 **Elite Only**

Gamblers 1 E/O/N

Elite Regular 1&2

Open Regular 1&2

Novice Regular 1&2

Elite Jumpers 1&2

Open Jumpers 1&2

Novice Jumpers 1&2

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 - \$15 per run

10-19 runs - \$13 per run

20+ runs - \$11 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 \$19

## Check-In and Setup

**There is NO SETUP available on Friday PM or before the times below.**

	<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 **April 15, 2024**. 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** - FAST 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 arena fence and the overhang as that is the only way for people to drive in/out.

#### **For This Trial Only and Only if you are Crating Out of Your Vehicle:**

Since this is a one ring trial, we would like to allow exhibitors to crate out of their vehicles under the cover of the arena. Please park on the north end of the arena with your vehicle facing west. Please park in such a way (rows) as to maximize the number of vehicles that can fit in the arena and leave aisles for people to use to exit the arena w/ their vehicles. Please be considerate to your fellow exhibitors and park so that your dogs are not a distraction to the dogs in the ring. If you have loud or reactive dogs **DO NOT** crate out of your car in the arena.

We are testing this. If this type of parking goes over well it may be available for future trials.

**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 7 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. Non-participants and the young, elderly, and anyone at risk are encouraged to remain at home.
2. 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.
3. Do not attend if you are sick or have been in the last 5 days.
4. Do not attend if you have been near anyone with symptoms.
5. Social distancing is encouraged in crating areas, seating, restrooms, and anywhere else lines could be formed (Check-in, Course Map Postings, Results Postings, concession stand, etc.).
6. If you don't want volunteers to touch your leash, you may carry it in your pocket or fastened around your body during your run as long as it's not flopping around like a carried toy might. 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. FAST, ASCA and ASCOT assumes no liability if the handler chooses to carry their leash and it catches on obstacles and/or causes the handler to trip.
7. Participants are encouraged to use hand sanitizer.
8. 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.
9. Additional guidelines may be specified in your confirmation letter or at the event.
10. Please contact the Trial Secretary or Chairperson if you have any additional questions.



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

**April 20-21, 2024**

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:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK 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 <sup>1</sup>	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Regular 1 <sup>1</sup>						A or B				
Regular 2 <sup>1</sup>						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—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.