

AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION TRIALS



Sponsored by Maple Grove Farm  
1886 Bescher Chapel Rd  
Denton, NC 27239

**September 22-23, 2023**

**FRIDAY September 22, 2023**

AM Trial: Ranch Large Flock Sheep  
PM Trial: Ranch Large Flock Sheep  
**Judges: AM - Jane Bradley PM - Kay Delk-Keziah**  
Entry limit: 12 runs per trial

**SATURDAY September 23, 2023**

AM Trial: HTAD Call Ducks - Course 5 "Field Course"  
HTAD Runner Ducks - Course 2  
HTAD Call Ducks - Course 5 "Creek Course"  
PM Trial: HTAD Call Ducks - Course 5 "Field Course"  
HTAD Runner Ducks - Course 2  
HTAD Call Ducks - Course 5 "Creek Course"  
**Judges: AM - Jane Bradley PM - Kay Delk-Keziah**  
Duck course entry limits vary based on classes entered and stock available

Trial starts **7:30am**, first handlers meeting **7:00am**

**ENTRIES:** Pre-entries must be received by Friday, **September 15, 2023**

**FEES:** All Courses - **\$40.00/run**

There will be a \$40.00 service charge for any returned checks.  
Same day entries will be accepted each day if available. Additional \$10.00/run.

Make checks payable to Kay Delk and mail along with completed entry form to:

Ilona Meeks  
590 Oak Grove Road  
Westminster, SC 29693

**For more information contact:**

Kay Delk-Keziah - (336) 523-4161 - [maplegrovesfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:maplegrovesfarm@yahoo.com)

**ELIGIBILITY:** All dogs nine months of age or older are eligible to participate in Herding Trials and JHD. Dogs classified as Herding Dogs in AHBA are eligible for HERDING TEST (HCT) and may participate at six months of age or older. No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same kind of stock under the same judge at any Test/Trial. Bitches in season shall run in drawn running order without adjustment.

**IMPORTANT. READ THIS BEFORE SIGNING RELEASE FORM**

In consideration for participation in the Herding Test/Trial held by MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY I (we) agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near the Herding Test/Trial, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog or dogs I (we) have entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial. I (we) further agree that I (we) will hold MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, AHBA, its Officers, Directors, Agents and Members; harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claim, damage or loss, of whatever kind, directly or indirectly, by me (us) or any dog I (we) have entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial. I (we) agree to indemnify MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, the AHBA, its Officers, Directors, Agents and Members; for any loss, cost, or expenses, including attorney fees and costs, in which MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, the AHBA, its Officers, Directors, Agents and Members; might be subject to as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my (our) part or on the part of any dog or dogs I (we) have entered or brought to the Herding Test/Trial. I (we) acknowledge that while MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, may provide for this Herding Test/Trial, it does not have and does not exercise control over the conduct of those present. I (we) certify and represent that the dog or dogs I (we) have entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial is (are) not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or to people. I (we) will pay for injuries or replacement value in the event of the death of any livestock by my (our) dog. If injury to any stock is caused by my (our) dog entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial, I (we) assume full responsibility for any damage. I (we) agree to pay full market value of the injured animal in case of injury or the veterinary bill for the injury, whichever is agreed to by the Livestock Owner. I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owners whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the AHBA in effect at the time of this Herding Test or Trial or both, and further agree to be bound by the agreement printed above. The entry is submitted on the foregoing representation and agreement.

Signature of Owner &/or Agent:

(SEAL)

**NOTE: A dog must be entered in the name of the person(s) who actually owns it at the time entries are made for the Herding Test or Trial. A Registration and Registration number or Tracking Number must be included.**

Actual owner(s):			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Telephone:		Email:	
Agent's name (if applicable):		Telephone (Agent only):	
Email (Agent only):			
Full name of Dog:			
Registration Number OR Tracking Number:		Registry:	Date of Birth:
Place of Birth {} USA {} Canada {} Other			
Breed:	Variety:	Sex:	
Breeder:			
Call Name:			

Please enter one dog per Entry Form. **Circle the level of each class you wish to enter.**

**Friday, September 22, 2023**

Judge: Jane Bradley	Class: RLF Sheep	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Judge: Kay Delk-Keziah	Class: RLF Sheep	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

Judge: Jane Bradley	Class: HTAD Call Ducks "Field Course"	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Judge: Jane Bradley	Class: HTAD Runner Ducks Course 2	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Judge: Jane Bradley	Class: HTAD Call Ducks "Creek Course"	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Judge: Kay Delk-Keziah	Class: HTAD Call Ducks "Field Course"	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Judge: Kay Delk-Keziah	Class: HTAD Runner Ducks Course 2	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Judge: Kay Delk-Keziah	Class: HTAD Call Ducks "Creek Course"	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40

**POLICIES:**

- This trial shall be run under all AHBA rules and regulations. FMI: [www.ahba-herding.org](http://www.ahba-herding.org)
- Use official AHBA entry form
- Everyone is responsible for any damage caused by himself, his family or his dog while in the trial arena or on the trial grounds.
- Livestock replacement costs are as follows: Sheep - \$400.00 Ducks - \$75  
\*AHBA, Maple Grove Farm, Vivian Kay Delk and all trial workers assume no responsibility for any accident or injury.
- Females in season will run last. They should be crated away from trial arenas when not competing.
- All dogs must be on leash when not competing.
- Entry confirmation will be sent by email; please be sure to include your email address.
- Trial committee will draw run order prior to the trial.
- Entry fees will only be refunded if request is received on or before pre-entry closing date (**September 15, 2023**).

**RIBBON PRIZE FOR EACH DAY**

Qualifying Score.....Dark Green  
 HRD I, II, III.....Rosette 1st thru 4th Place  
 HTAD I, II, III.....Rosette 1st thru 4th Place  
 HIGH IN TRIAL .....Rosette and Tile  
 Reserve HIGH IN TRIAL.....Rosette and Tile

**PRIZES & AWARDS**

- First Place in all trial classes receives a fun award
- Qualifiers in Junior Herding Dog receives a Rosette
- High In Trial (each day) receives a herding themed award
- Reserve High In Trial Herding (each day) receives a herding themed award
- Special Golden Award for dogs ten years old and older. (Not an extra class, simply an award for the highest score achieved by a senior dog in any of the classes over the three days.

**Veterinarian:**

**Carolina Veterinary Specialists**

**1600 Hanes Mall Blvd, Winston Salem, NC**

**1-336-896-0902**

**Concessions:**

- Water will be available for people
- Water stations for dogs are scattered on facility site see Map.

**Lodging:**

HOTELS/MOTELS (please check pet policy before booking)

- COMFORT INN AND SUITES 1113 E Dixie Dr, Asheboro, NC 27203 (844) 209-0758
- QUALITY INN 901 Albemarle Rd, Asheboro, NC 27203 (336) 521-4848
- ECONOLODGE [825 W. Dixie Dr., Asheboro, NC, 27205.](#) (336) 493-4046
- MOTEL 6 827 Albemarle Rd Asheboro NC (877) 362-8688

**CAMPING**

- Maple Grove Farm Denton NC (call Kay for availability) (336)-523-4161
- Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park 964 Crestview Church Rd, Asheboro · (336) 964-0813

Please bring your yard chair, lunch, and dress for the weather!

We will practice the current FDA guidelines regarding COVID-19

Rules for trial participants will be given at course walk thru with judges.

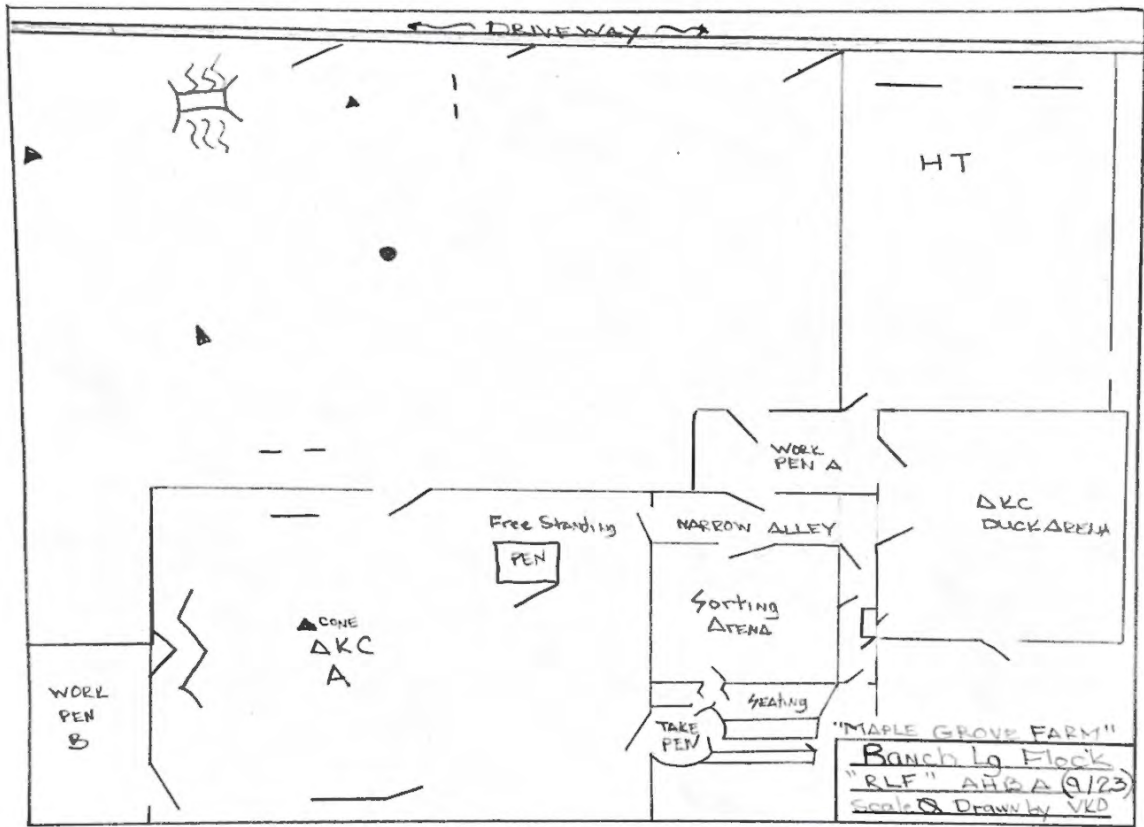
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Please understand all of this is for everyone's safety

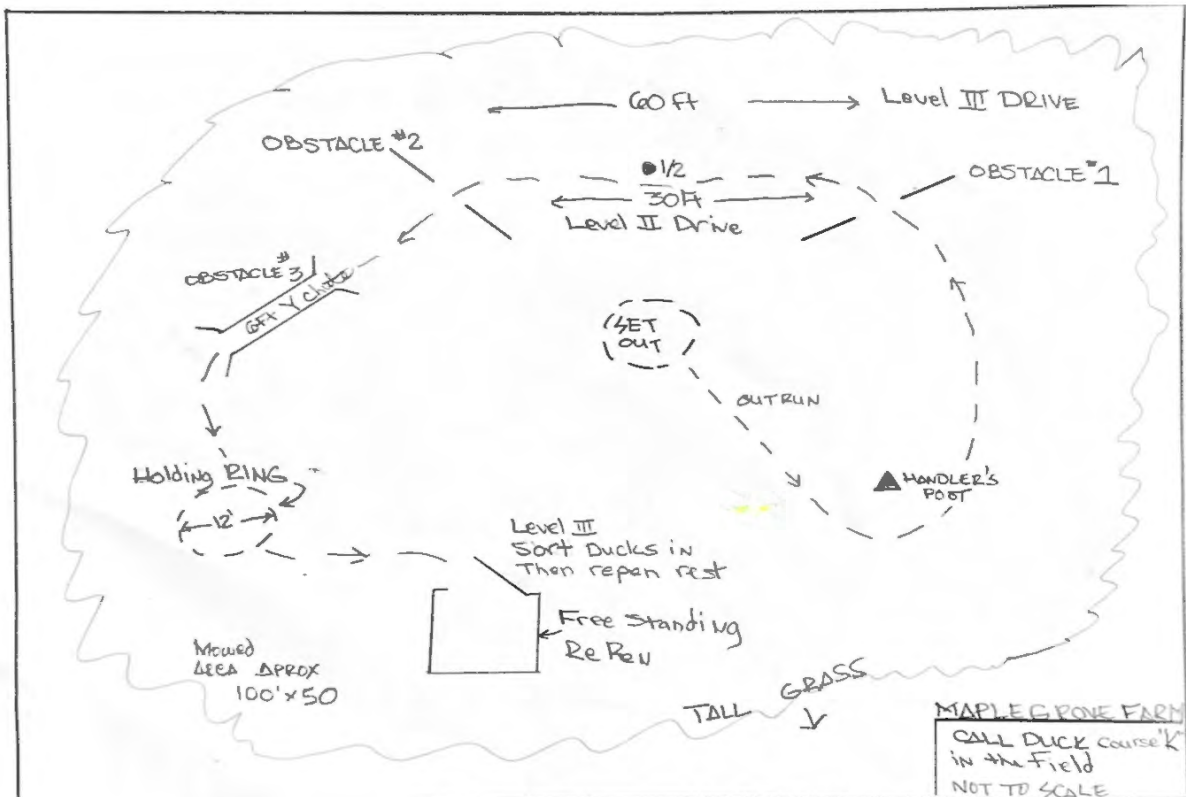
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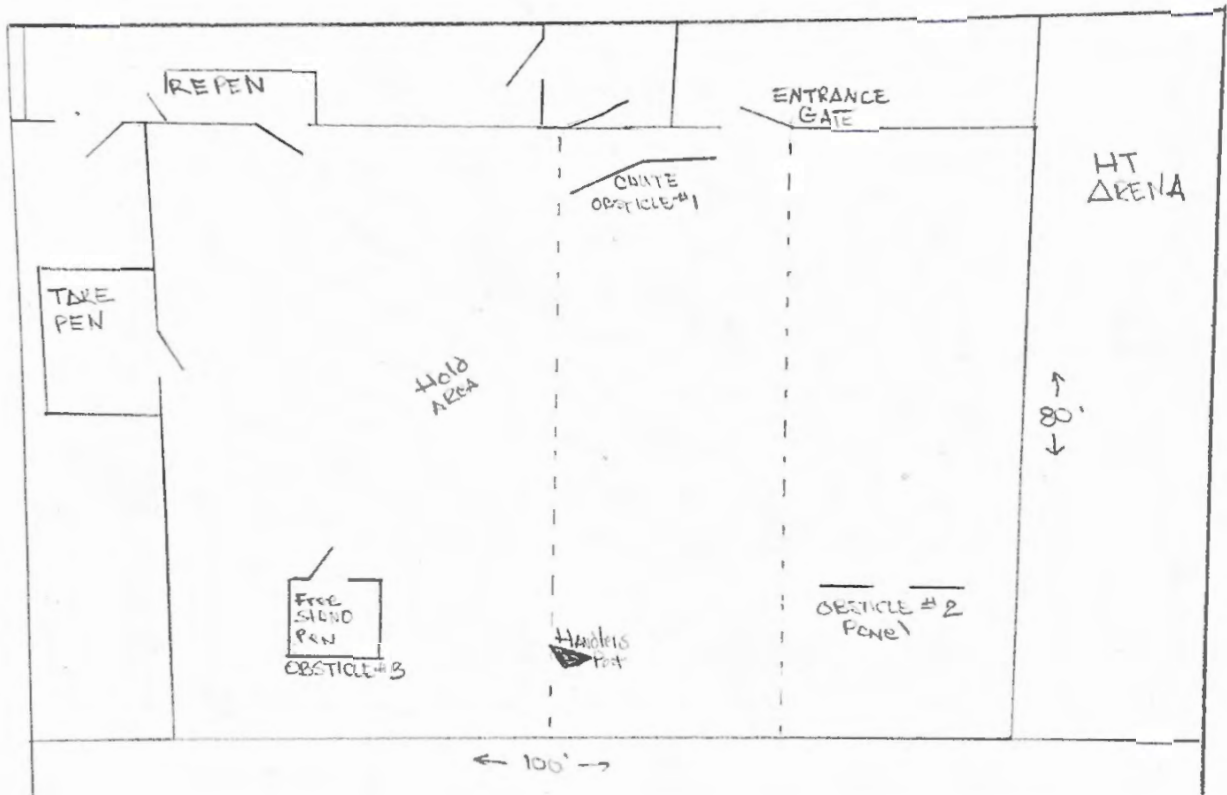
Ranch Large Flock Course Map:



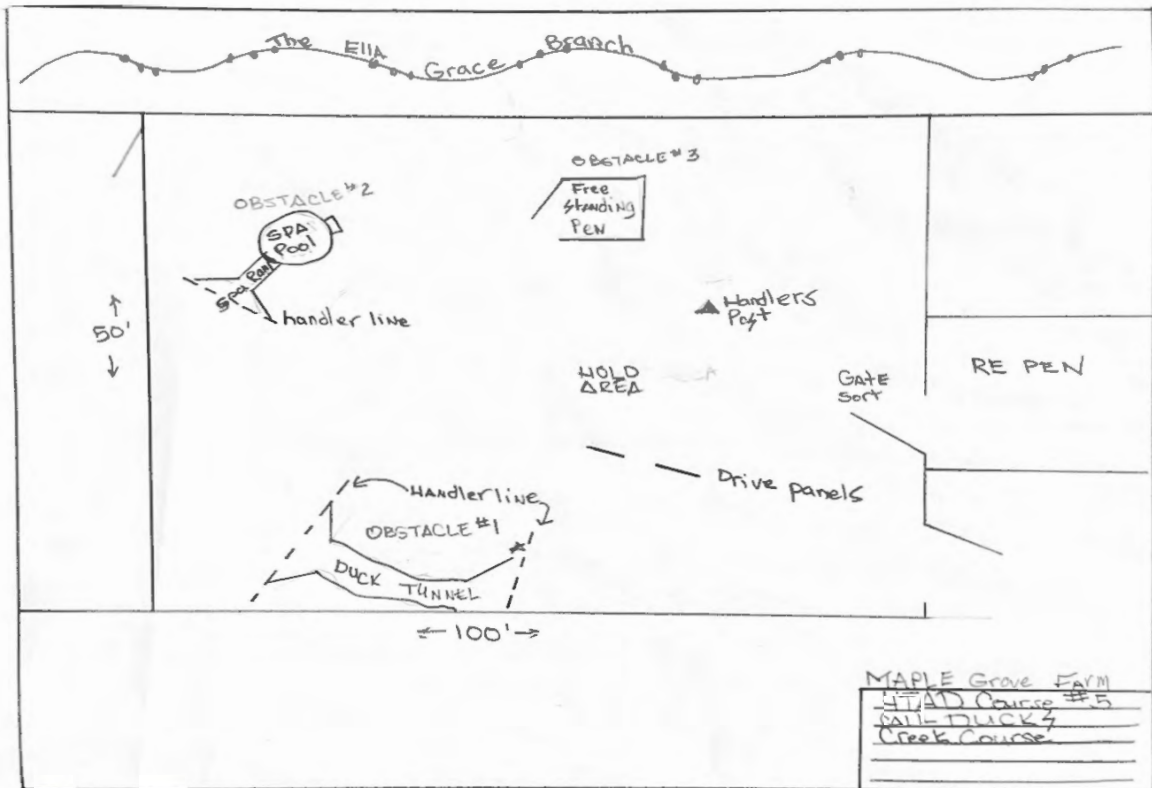
HTAD Call Ducks "Field Course" Map:



HTAD Runner Ducks Course 2 Map:



HTAD Call Ducks "Creek Course" Map:



## Ranch Large Flock Course Description

\*\*\*Course description may be carried with handler through course\*\*\*

Stock: 25 sheep

Time allowed: 20 minutes

- Level III - starts in the Sorting Arena and will sort 10 sheep (2 of which must have a collar) into the narrow alleyway.
- Level II - starts in the Sorting Arena and will sort 10 sheep into the narrow alleyway.
- Level I - has 10 sheep waiting in the narrow alleyway.

From the narrow alleyway go to Work Pen A and enter into the HT Arena. Take the 10 sheep up and around the two panels (per diagram on the map) and leave the stock to graze.

Return to Work Pen A, enter the narrow alleyway and take the remaining 15 sheep out of the Sorting Arena into the narrow alleyway to Work Pen A and enter the HT arena to reunite with the 10 grazing sheep.

Come out of Gate C into the large field (taking care to keep the flock together). Go to the Terrace Cone, hold the stock then go to the drive panels.

- Level III - drives 120' (marked)
- Level II - drives 60' (marked)
- Level I - fetches or drives

Fetch/drive across the bridge. NOTE: As the handler crosses the bridge, 5 points per sheep will be taken off for failure to cross the bridge. After crossing the bridge, follow the Orange Cones to the Flag Pole. Put the 25 sheep into the AKC arena at the Flag Pole Gate. Let the sheep go to their natural draw. Handler and dog move to their level-appropriate post for an outrun, lift and fetch.

- Level III - handler and dog are at the post. Send the dog to gather the sheep counter clockwise around the cone.
- Level II - dog is left at the post, handler may go halfway to the stock.
- Level I - leave the dog half-way to the stock and handler can approach the sheep at 15'

Repen the stock through the designated exhaust gate.



## HTAD Call Ducks Course 5 - "Field Course" Description

Stock: 5 Call Ducks

Time allowed: 15 minutes

Ducks are set out in a basket

- Level III - Handler and dog are at the post.
- Level II - Dog is at the post and handler can be half way.
- Level I - Dog is halfway to the stock and the handler may go within 15' of the stock.

Handler starts the outrun, lift and fetch counter clockwise around the Handler's Post, fetching or driving the ducks to Obstacle 1 Drive Panels but cannot walk through the obstacle.

Proceed to Obstacle 2 Drive Panels

- Level III - drives 60'
- Level II - drives 30'
- Level I - can fetch or drive

Fetching or driving proceed to Obstacle 3, the Y Chute then the Hold Ring (designated) and hold (until the judge calls the hold) then proceed to Obstacle 4, the Free Standing Pen

- Level III - sorts 3 ducks in then 2 ducks into the Free Standing Pen
- Level II - reopen
- Level I - reopen

## HTAD Call Ducks Course 5 - "Creek Course" Description

Stock: 5 Call Ducks

Time allowed: 12 minutes

### Helpful Tips:

- All handlers cannot walk through the Drive Panels.
- Tunnel caution - take care of the stock if the dog enters the tunnel
- Dogs do not enter the Duck Spa Pool.
  - Level III - Handler and dog are at the post.
  - Level II - Dog is at the post and handler can be halfway.
  - Level I - Dog is halfway to the stock and the handler may go within 15' of the stock.

Handler and dog start at the post. Ducks are pushed out by the stock handlers(s).  
Once the ducks settle:

- Level III - Gather/drive - handler remains at the post and sends the dog to gather the ducks counter clockwise then drives the ducks through the drive panels to Obstacle 1. Handler may leave the post when the ducks reach the Orange Cone. While remaining at the Orange Cone, the handler may assist the dog verbally to move the ducks through the tunnel. As ducks exit Obstacle 1, the handler may leave the Orange Cone.
- Levels I, II and III will fetch/drive the ducks to Obstacle 2 the dog drives the ducks up the Spa Ramp into the Spa Pool. Ducks should exit the Spa Pool and handler will fetch/drive to Obstacle 3 the Free Standing Pen and pen the ducks.

Handler will fetch/drive to the hold area.

From the hold, handler will reopen as follows:

- Level III - sort 3 ducks in one at a time then 2 ducks in.
- Level II - sort 3 ducks in then 2 ducks in.
- Level I - reopen