

# Sycamore Creek May The Ewe Be With You

## AHBA Trials

4326 Pleasant Gap Road  
Powell, TN 37849

**Saturday and Sunday May 4-5, 2024**

**Start Time - 8:00 AM each day**

**Entry Deadline April 20, 2024**

Classes offered both days under judges Cathy Hartley and Tim Allison:

### **Herding Ranch Dog HRD I, II, III-mixed sheep (5) and goats (5)**

Permission has been granted by the American Herding Breed Association(AHBA) to hold the trials under AHBA rules. Open to all dogs of the herding breeds and multi-purpose breeds with herding backgrounds, as listed in the AHBA Breeds List. Dogs must be nine (9) months of age or older on the day of the trial to compete. Stock: Mixed breed Hair Sheep and Mixed Goats.

**ENTRIES AND FEES:** Pre-Entries open 4/01/2024 and close 04/20/2024. Make checks payable to Mitzi Claiborne. Please use attached entry form and mail to Mitzi Claiborne, Entry Coordinator, 9116 Hill Road, Knoxville, TN 37938.

**HRD mixed sheep and goats \$75 *Limited to 16 runs per day.***

Entries received after 04/20/2024 will be assessed an additional \$10 per run. If trial fills, pre-entry forms take precedence. Entry limits may be adjusted based on pre-entries. Run orders will be drawn prior to trial.

**AWARDS:** The top dog award will be presented to the team with the highest score for all classes in the trial over the two days. Each day we will present a HIT award as well. Qualifying Ribbons and 1<sup>st</sup>-3rd placement ribbons will be available for participants.

### **Attention Exhibitors:**

- All trials will be conducted under the rules and regulations of AHBA. Rules are available at <http://www.ahbaherding.org>
- A registration/tracking number is required for ALL dogs. If your dog is not registered with another organization (ASCA, ABCA, AKC etc.) you must apply for a tracking number with AHBA.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the show committee. Entry fees can only be refunded if written request is received before the pre-entry closing date. No entry fee will be refunded if the show cannot be opened or completed by reasons of riots, civil

disturbances, fire, acts of God, or public emergencies. Substitutions may be allowed with dogs you own or co-own.

- Host(s) and/or their agents shall assume no responsibility for injury to participant or spectator.
- All dogs must always be leashed or crated except when competing. Please clean up after your dogs.
- All dogs must have current vaccinations against rabies, distemper/parvo. You are asked to bring a copy of documentation with you and have it readily available upon request by host(s) or their agents.
- Bitches in season will run in draw order.
- Judges may be substituted.
- There will be a \$35 service charge for any returned checks.

At least 1 licensed Veterinarian will be on site. They have graciously agreed to triage in emergencies should the need arise. Knox County has 3 pet emergency clinics. However, we recommend Animal Emergency and Specialty Center open 24/7 and located at 10213 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922. Phone: 865-693-4440.

### **Photography**

Megan Blanchard will be on site both days to capture your dog in action.

### **Concessions**

A light lunch will be provided for handlers, judges, and workers on Saturday and Sunday. Water will be provided throughout the day for judges and workers.

### **Lodging**

Closest lodging can be found at I-75/Emory Road exit. Other lodging can be found at the I-75/Clinton exit.

### **Directions**

From the west and south take I-75 North to the Emory Road exit. Follow GPS.

From the east take I-40 to I-640 to the Broadway exit. Follow GPS.

From the north take I-75 south to the Emory Road exit. Follow GPS.

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**May 4-5, 2024**

## **HRD Mixed Flock Course**

Allotted Class Time: 17 minutes

*Handler and Dog enter at Gate 4, proceed to and enter Gate 1, close gate and proceed to handler post (HP).*

### **Gather** (5 sheep placed in field A)

*Level I handler and dog may walk to within 15 feet of stock.*

*Level II handler may walk halfway between HP and stock. Dog must remain at HP.*

*Level III handler and dog must remain at HP.*

### **After gather, proceed to Y Chute (obstacle 1) sheep enter wide side and exit**

*Level I may walk anywhere but not enter Y chute.*

*Level II may walk to entrance of Y chute and remain there until first head of sheep exits rear of chute.*

*Level III must stay at HP until stock exits Y chute and then may walk toward gate 1.*

### **Proceed with sheep through gate 1 to stock trailer.**

### **Obstacle 2 (stock trailer)**

*All levels load sheep onto stock trailer and close door. Handler and dog will walk to freestanding pen and remove goats.*

*Level 1 and 2 handler may assist dog in removing goats.*

*Level 3, handler must stay outside pen.*

### **Obstacle 3 Green shed**

*Goats are taken from freestanding pen and through the freestanding green shed. Must enter from the south side and exit out north side.*

**Hold (designated area)**

Goats are taken to designated area and a hold is performed to handler (within circle).

**Drive** Handler directs dog to drive from hold ring toward freestanding pen.

*Level I can fetch or drive to pen.*

*Level II drives for 60 feet until stock passes cone 1. Handler must remain at hold ring. After stock passes first cone, handler may move toward pen.*

*Level III drives for 120 feet until stock passes cone 2. Handler must remain at hold ring. After stock passes second cone, handler may move toward pen.*

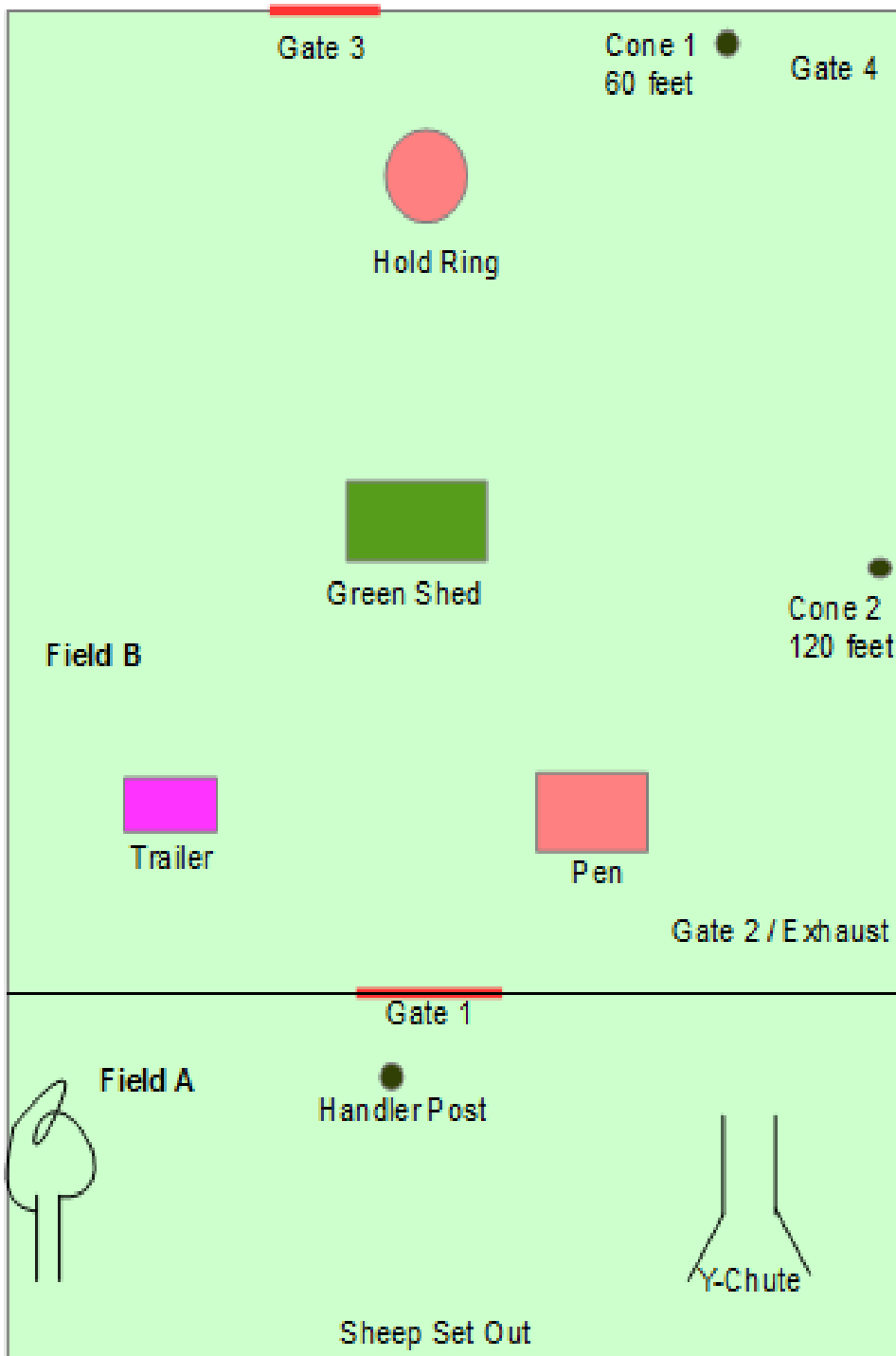
**Obstacle 4 (freestanding pen)**

*Level I and II pens all goats.*

*Level III sorts/pens 3 of 5 goats.*

After penning goats. Handler and dog walk to trailer, remove sheep and unite stock.

All stock is exhausted out gate 2.



**IMPORTANT. READ THIS BEFORE SIGNING.**

In consideration for participation in an event sanctioned by the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA), I 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 this event, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I further agree that I will hold the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents and members, Sycamore Creek Farm and Mitzi Claiborne harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claim, damage or loss, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, caused at or near this event, whether directly or indirectly, by me or any dog I have entered in or brought to this event. I agree to indemnify the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents and members for any loss, cost or expense including attorneys' fees and costs, to which the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents or members might be subject as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my part or on the part of any dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I acknowledge that while the AHBA may provide sanctioning for this event with regard to the issuing of titles, it does not have and does not exercise control over the conduct of the event or those present.

I CERTIFY and represent that the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event is/are not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or to people.

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.

**Reimbursement of Livestock Agreement:** I agree to pay the FULL cost of the current market value for any livestock who is terminated because of the actions of me or my dog(s) whether intentional or accidental. I agree to pay the FULL veterinary bill for any livestock injured resulting from the actions of me or my dog(s) whether intentional or accidental, up to the full cost of the current market value of the animal. (FULL MARKET VALUES: \$350.00 Sheep, \$450.00 Goats, \$20.00 Ducks. Market Value Cattle). **Please initial that you have read and understand this paragraph \_\_\_\_\_**

Signature of Owner &/or Agent:

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Please enter one dog per Entry Form. **Please circle the trial and class and level you wish to enter.**

Saturday-Sunday April 4-5, 2024

Saturday: Mixed Sheep/Goats	Class: HRD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$75
Sunday: Mixed Sheep/Goats	Class: HRD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$75

**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:	Country:
Phone:	Email:		
Agent's name (if applicable):	Telephone (Agent only):		
Email (Agent only):			
Emergency Contact Name and Number:			
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:			