

**American Herding Breed Association  
Herding Trials  
Saturday & Sunday November 30- December 1, 2024**

**Back Porch Herding, Inc.**  
Hosted Brushy Creek Farm at  
550 CL Wagner Rd,  
Lexington, NC 27295

**Note!**

**GPS address is 500 CL Wagner rd, Lexington, NC 27295**

Open to all eligible AHBA breeds as allowed by AHBA rules

Trial Site Hours – 7:30AM to one hour after trial is completed  
These events will be held outdoors rain or shine

**One of each level offered for each trial  
HTAD (course 5) Sheep (4 head)  
HTD sheep (5 head)**

limited to 40 runs per day

**JUDGES:**

**Saturday – Tim Allison  
Sunday – Carthy Hartley  
Alternate Mary Beth Downs**

**First handlers' meeting will begin at 8:00AM.**

**For more information:** John Amsden 336 317-5638 [johnamsden99@gmail.com](mailto:johnamsden99@gmail.com)

**ENTRIES:** opening date: October 31- , pre-entries must be received by November 22, 2024

**FEES:**

HTD sheep \$40  
HTAD sheep \$40

Same day entries will be accepted 7:30AM – 8:00AM each day if space available.

Additional \$5.00 per class for entries or funds received after the **closing date of Saturday November 22, 2024.**

Paypal options are available: use the “to friends or family” option (no fee) -or- add 3 percent to the total. Paypal account is [johnamsden99@gmail.com](mailto:johnamsden99@gmail.com). You can also fill out the entry form, take a picture of it and email it to [johnamsden99@gmail.com](mailto:johnamsden99@gmail.com)

– or –

Make checks payable to Back Porch Herding mail along with completed AHBA entry form to:

John Amsden  
1122 Red Lane Rd.  
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

There will be a \$25.00 service charge for any returned checks.

## **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
- Each individual 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 \$300.00

AHBA, Back Porch Herding, Brushy Creek Farm, Mary Beth Downs, Robert Skeen and all trial workers assume no responsibility for any accident or injury.

- 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 (**November 22**).

## **AWARDS (available at trial only - (including but not limited to)**

- Green flat ribbons for all qualifying runs
- ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd
- HIT prize (no ribbons)
- New Title rosettes for any new title. Just let us know
- Herding Trial Champion rosettes also available if you complete your title with us!

## **Veterinarian:**

North Davidson Veterinary Hospital: **5042 Old US Hwy 52, Lexington, NC 27295 336-731-6978**  
**(off hours):** Carolina Veterinary Specialists 1600 Hanes Mall Blvd, Winston-Salem, NC 27103  
(336) 896-0902

**Concessions:** lunch will be provided

## **lodging**

**La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Winston-Salem** 2020 Griffith Rd, Winston-Salem, NC, 27103, United States [+1-336-765-8777](tel:+13367658777) pet friendly -limited to two dogs 22 minutes from trial site

Comfort Inn Thomasville I-85, 895 Lake Rd, Thomasville, NC 27360 336 793-9543  
Addnl \$25 per pet per night 17 minutes from trial site

Quality Inn 101 Plaza Parkway Lexington, NC 27292 336 243-2929 - 23 minutes from trial site- pet friendly

Camping is available at trial site (no hookups)

## **DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE**

From I-285 Take exit 97 toward Welcome (from South take right-from North take left) Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Thomas Rd 2.5 mi. Turn right onto Ridge Rd 1 mi. Turn left onto Cl Wagner Rd .4 mi. driveway is on the right.

From I-85 business South - Turn right onto Evans Rd 1.5 mi. Turn right onto Old Greensboro Rd .3 mi. Turn left onto Yokley Rd 1.7 mi. Turn right onto Ridge Rd .7 mi. Turn right onto Cl Wagner Rd .4 mi. driveway is on the right.

From I-85 business North - Slight left onto Old Greensboro Rd .4 mi. (Davidson County community college) At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Old Greensboro Rd 1.4 mi. Turn left onto Yokley Rd 1.7 mi. Turn right onto Ridge Rd .7 mi. Turn right onto Cl Wagner Rd .4 mi. driveway is on the right.

AHBA SANCTIONED HERDING TEST AND TRIAL NAME OF CLUB or PERSON(S) Sponsoring this Event: Back Porch Herding, Inc.  
 Location: Brushy Creek Rd. 550 CL Wagner Rd, Lexington, NC 27295

Dates of Event: Saturday and Sunday November 30 – December 1, 2024 - Pre entries deadline Saturday, November 22nd Additional \$5.00 per class for entries or funds received after the closing date of, Saturday, November 22nd.

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- or -

Make checks or money orders payable in US funds to: **Back Porch Herding**  
 Send to the Trial Secretary **John Amsden 1122 Red Lane Rd. Pleasant Garden, NC 27313**

**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 last.

**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, Back Porch Herding, Mary Beth Downs, Robert Skeen 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.

Signature of Owner &/or Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Saturday November 30, 2024

Stock: Sheep	Class: HTD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Stock: Sheep	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40

Sunday December 1, 2024

Stock: Sheep	Class: HTD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40
Stock: Sheep	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$40

**Total**

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> USA	<input type="checkbox"/> Canada	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Breed:	Variety:	Sex:	
Breeder:			
Call Name:			

Brushy Creek Farm Course 5 (zigzag) course time level 1 and 2 10 minutes. Level 3 12 minutes

The stock will be pushed out to a food pan in the North West end of the arena (minimum 20 feet off the walls). The stock will NOT be held on the pan.

Outrun- Level 3 handler will send dog from the handler's post which will be obstacle 4 (all levels handlers post). Level 2 handler will have dog at the handler post and proceed to the halfway point. Level 1 Handler may set dog at the halfway and proceed to within 15 feet of the stock.

Gather- All levels will outrun, lift and begin a fetch. The fetch will have an offset toward the East side and go between the end of the first obstacle and the East wall. It will proceed to the handlers post (obstacle 4). Clockwise or counterclockwise rotation will be decided by the judge the day of the trial.

Obstacle 1 (zigzag) 15pts- After the rotation around the handlers post the sheep will be directed to the West side of the Zigzag to enter this challenge. The stock should travel east between the first 2 panels, west between the second and third panels, and east again to exit between the third panel and the end panels. Level 1 handler travels with dog moving parallel to the panels but not through any of them. Level 2 handlers can travel to the level 2 handler's line running East-west at the beginning of obstacle 1. Lateral movement long this line is acceptable. Level 3 handler's line runs East-west at the North end of the 4<sup>th</sup> obstacle on which they can move laterally along that line. For all levels the optimum score will be from stock proceeding as indicated between the panels in the serpentine pattern and not skirting along the sides.

Obstacle 2 (Y chute along west wall) 5pts- On completion of obstacle 1 then turn west to obstacle 2. Level 1 my fetch or drive between obstacle 1 and 2. The handler may go to the level of entry panel and along mouth but not past the mouth until the stock is at the exit point. Level 2 the stock will be driven from the end of obstacle 1 to obstacle 2 and through obstacle 2. The handler may move along the level 2 handlers line to assist the dog. As the stock REACHES the exit the handler MUST proceed to the level 3 handler's line to assist the dog at obstacle 3. Level 3 will continue lateral motion long the level 3 handlers line as the stock is driven from obstacle 1 to 2 and then through the Y chute.

Obstacle 3 (T chute off west wall) 10pts- Level 1 will fetch or drive the stock to the mouth of the chute and without the handler entering allow the stock to negotiate the obstacle. The handler will then proceed to obstacle 4 as stock exits the chute. Level 2 and 3 will adjust position along the level 3 handler's line to assist the dog in moving the stock through obstacle 3 and proceed to obstacle 4.

Obstacle 4 20pts- All levels will take the stock to the designated start opening and move the stock to the exit opening. Handler may not go into the obstacle and must stay at the designated start opening until the stock moves out the exit. Stock is then move to the hold area.

Hold- judge will call hold for all levels. 5pts

Shed 10pts level 3 only- Level 3 handlers will shed requested sheep toward the exhaust and maintain the others in the hold area until the judge call the shed. All sheep will be taken to exhaust and sent out.

