

Hardrock Farm 2025 Winter Spectacular AHBA Trial



January 31 – February 2, 2025 445 Shinall Gaines Rd NW Cartersville, GA 30121

Judges Rachel Vest (AM all trials)
Cheryl Padgett (PM all trials)

Herding Ranch Dog (HRD I, II, III) – sheep, 5 head
Herding Trial Arena Dog (HTAD I, II, III) – sheep, 4 head
Course 2 gather & gate sort
JHD & HCT

Course Director Trial Secretary - Wendy Eldredge
Stock Supervisor - Wanda Mercer

Herding Ranch Dog (HRD I, II, III) – mixed s/d, 5 head each
Herding Trial Arena Dog (HTAD I, II, III) – ducks, 5 head
Course 2 gather & gate sort

Permission has been granted by the American Herding Breeds Association (AHBA) to hold the Trials under the AHBA rules and regulations. Open to all dogs of the herding breeds and multi-purpose breeds with herding background, as listed in the AHBA Breeds List. Dogs must be nine months of age or older on or before date of trial to compete.

STOCK: mix breed Hair sheep \$300, mix breed call ducks \$35

ENTRIES AND FEES: Pre-Entries open 12/30/2024 and close 01/10/2025. Checks payable to Cheryl Padgett. **Please use the attached entry form.**

Pre-Entries: \$50/HRD each sheep & mixed run, \$45/HTAD sheep run, \$35/HTAD duck run, \$25/JHD & HCT.

Gate Entries additional \$10/run. Mail to AHBA Trial Secretary 445 Shinall Gaines Rd NW Cartersville, GA 30121 Contact Cheryl Padgett 404.216.5152 or hardrockaussies@yahoo.com with any questions.

Trial is limited to a maximum of 40 runs each. If trial fills, pre-entry compete runs take precedence over FEO runs, regardless of date received. Gate entries (if available) close ½ hour before each class begins. Entry limits may be adjusted based on pre-entries. Run orders will be drawn prior to the trial.

AWARDS: Qualifying Ribbons, 1st – 4th Placement Ribbons, High in Trial

Gates open at 7am. Parking in lower pasture only. Trial starts at 7:45 with meeting before each class.

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

- All trials will be conducted under the rules and regulations of AHBA. Rules are available at <http://www.ahbaherding.org>
- For Exhibition Only (FEO) runs are allowed at this trial, and you may run your dog in a class for which it has already qualified. Sanctioned runs take priority.
- A registration/tracking number is required for ALL dogs. If your dog is not registered with another organization (AKC, UKC, ABCA, etc.), you must apply for a registration number with AHBA.
- Bitches in season will run in draw order.
- 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 will only be refunded if the refund 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 emergency. Substitutions allowed with dogs that you own. -
The host and/or their agents shall assume no responsibility for injury to participant, spectator or dog. - Judges may be substituted.

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- All dogs must always be leashed or crated except when competing. Please clean up after your dogs.
- For the safety of your dogs and others all dogs must have current vaccinations against rabies, distemper/parvo, you are asked to bring a copy of the rabies certificate with you.
- There will be a \$35.00 service charge for any returned checks.

This is a private farm, please treat it with respect.

OVERNIGHT PARKING IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TRIAL SITE

COVID-19 STATEMENT: All State and Local COVID-19 regulations will be followed. As this is a fluid situation, please check the latest information here: https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/WEDC_COVID-19-Outdoor-Recreation-Guidelines.pdf

Competitors showing any symptoms or with relatives showing symptoms must stay home and not participate in events. People who test positive or have relatives who test positive for coronavirus should follow state and local quarantine rules. Entry fees will be refunded for any COVID-19 related cancellations.

Local Services Vet: Westside Animal Hospital, Dr. Lisa Walker 201 Doulthit Ferry Rd. Cartersville, GA 30120 770.607.3055

Emergency after hours 770.547.9153 <http://www.cartersvillevets.com/westside-animal-hospital/>

Hotels: Double check pet policy before booking your rooms. Pick up after your dog at the motel and trial grounds.

Cartersville North Inn & Suites 11 Kent Dr NW Cartersville, GA 770.386.9259 host motel – ask for ‘dog show’ rate

Microtel Inn and Suite – 1348 Joe Frank Harris Pkwy, Cartersville, GA 678.605.9331 (30 pound limit) Days Inn – 5618 Hwy 20 SE, Cartersville, GA 770.382.1824

Best Western Garden Inn & Suites – 5663 Highway 20 NE, Cartersville, GA 770.386.1569

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Hardrock Farm AHBA Trial – HRD Sheep

Time: 18 minutes, warnings at 7 and 3 minutes

Tie Breaker: #1 GATHER, #2 SORT, #3 DRIVE, #4 Time

Tasks must be attempted in order. Handler is responsible for resetting all gates including chute back gate and head gate.

Course will start with 5 head of stock in Pens 5, 6, 7 and 8, small amount of feed in feed bunk and all course gates reset.

Task	Possible Score
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Handler is responsible to place feed in feed bunk on way out to report to judge at start of run.

PEN #1 – move stock from Pen Specified by Judge through Front Alley into Pen 1	5
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Starts when handler opens gate of Judge Specified Pen, ends with stock in Pen 1 and gate closed

PEN #2 – move stock from Pen 1 to Pasture	5
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Starts when Pen #1 is complete, ends with stock in Pasture and gate closed

DRIVE – move stock to feed bunk, call dog off and move towards Obstacle	15
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HRD III handler must stay behind dog, HRD II must not be in front of dog, HRD I handler may move anywhere

Starts when Pen #2 is complete, ends with stock is settled at feed bunk with dog and handler near obstacle.

FREESTANDING OBSTACLE #1 – move stock through Obstacle, Wide Alley and into Pen B	15
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Starts when Drive is complete, ends with stock in Pen B and gates closed

GATHER and HRDIII FREESTANDING OBSTACLE #2 – send dog to gather stock into Front Alley	15
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Stock will be pushed out of Pen B for Gather

HRD III dog and handler go to obstacle, where the handler remains while dog is sent to gather the stock, stock should be gathered to Free Standing Obstacle #2, pass through the obstacle and moved into Front Alley

HRD II/HRD I dog and handler may go halfway to stock where the dog remains, HRDI handler may move up halfway towards stock before sending dog, stock is gathered and taken into Front Alley *Starts when dog leaves for gather, ends with stock in Front Alley and gate closed*

PEN #3 – move stock from Front Alley through Pen 1 into Pen 2	5
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Starts when Gather is complete, ends with stock in Pen 2 and gate closed

HRD III ONLY SORT – sort 3 head into Pen 3 from Pen 2, then reunite all in Pen 2	10
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Sort direction at handler's discretion

Starts when Pen #3 is complete, ends with stock in Pen 2 and gate closed

FOOTBATH OBSTACLE – move stock from Pen 2 thru Footbath into Pen 4	15
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Starts when Pen #3/Sort is complete, ends with stock in Pen 4

CHUTE OBSTACLE – move stock from Pen 4 thru Chute and Back Alley into open pen	15
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Starts when Footbath is complete, ends with stock re-penned and all gates reset

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 Hardrock Farm AHBA Trial – HRD Mixed Sheep & Ducks

Time: 15 minutes, warnings at 7 and 3 minutes Tie Breaker: #1 GATHER, #2 SORT, #3 DRIVE, #4 TIME

Tasks must be attempted in order. Handler is responsible for resetting all gates including chute back/head gates. Possible

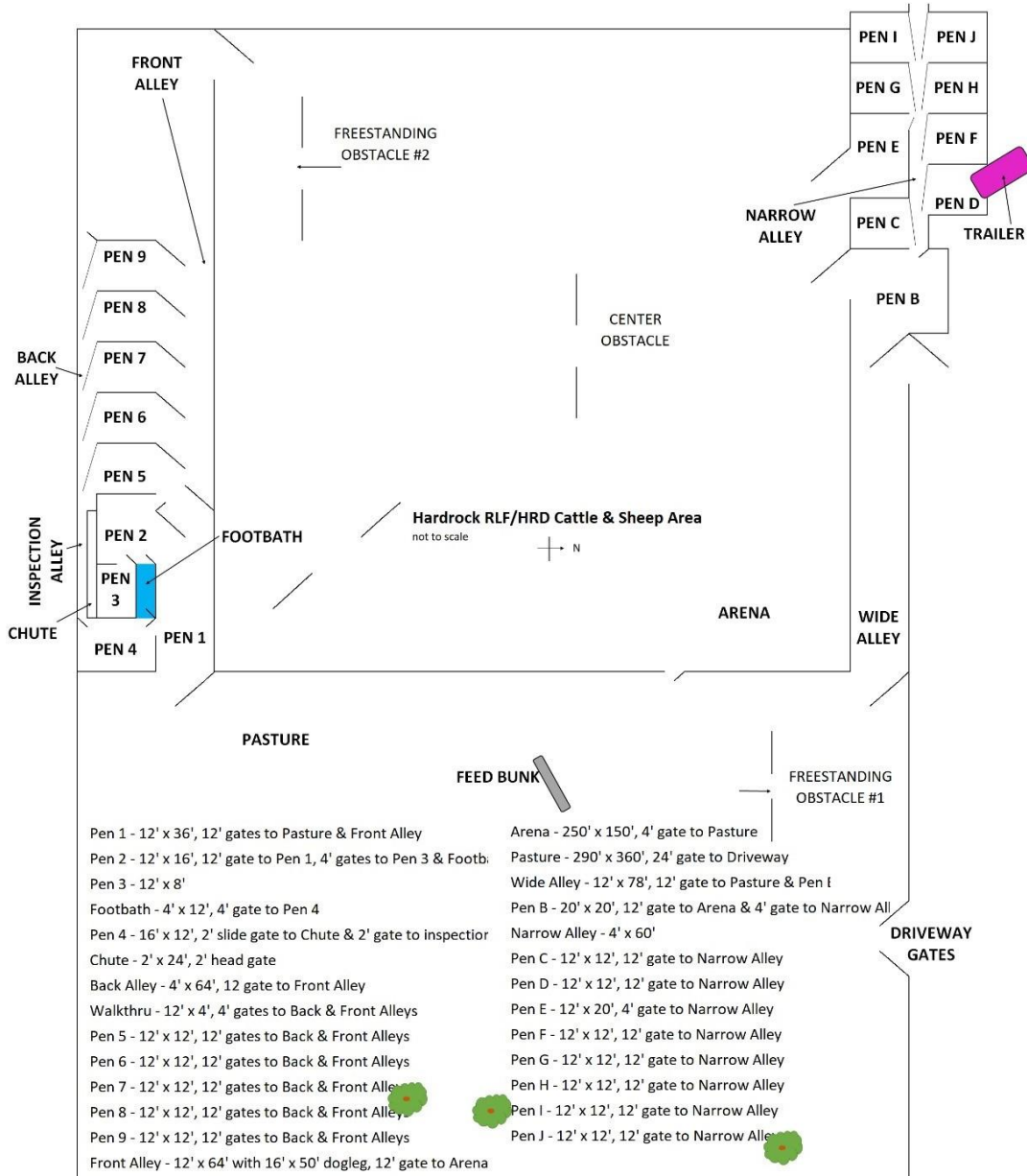
Course will start with 5 head of sheep in Pens G, H, I and J with Trailer gate open, 5 head of ducks will be setout for Gather and all gates reset.

Task	Score
SHEEP PEN #1 – move stock from Judge Specified Pen through Narrow Alley into Pen B <i>Starts when handler opens gate Judge Specified Pen, ends with stock in Pen B and gate closed</i>	5
HRD III ONLY SHEEP SORT – sort 3 head into Pen C from Pen B, then reunite all in Pen B Sort direction at handler's discretion <i>Starts when Pen #1 is complete, ends with stock in Pen B and gate closed</i>	10
SHEEP DRIVE – move stock into Arena and Drive to Freestanding Obstacle HRD III handler must stay behind dog, HRD II must not be in front of dog, HRD I handler may move anywhere <i>Starts when Pen #1/Sort is complete, ends with stock is near obstacle.</i>	15
SHEEP FREESTANDING OBSTACLE #1 – move stock through Obstacle and into Pen B <i>Starts when Drive is complete, ends with stock in Pen B and gates closed</i>	15
SHEEP TASK #1 TRAILER – move stock from Pen B through Narrow Alley and Pen D to load stock into trailer Unload stock and move stock back through Pen D and Narrow Alley into Pen B (leave trailer open) D <i>Starts when Freestanding Obstacle is complete, ends with stock in Pen B and gate closed</i>	
SHEEP PEN #2 – move stock from Pen B through Narrow Alley into open pen Advanced handler stays at gate while dog moves stock out of pen, Open handler may move anywhere <i>Starts when Trailer is complete, ends with stock in open pen and all gates reset</i>	5
Time will stop when gate for SHEEP PEN #2 is closed. Time will restart when DUCK GATHER starts.	
DUCK GATHER & HRDIII ONLY FREESTANDING OBSTACLE #2 Send dog to gather stock into Pen 1 HRDIII handler must stay behind cone until dog is sent and must bring stock through Freestanding Obstacle. HRD II/HRD I dog and handler may go halfway to stock where the dog remains, HRDI handler may move up halfway towards stock before sending dog, stock is gathered and taken into Pen 1 <i>Starts when dog leaves for Gather, ends with stock in Pen 1 and gate closed</i>	15
DUCK PEN #3 – move stock from Pen 1 through Pen 2 into Pen 3 <i>Starts when Gather is complete, ends with stock in Pen 3 and gate closed</i>	5
DUCK CHUTE – move stock into Chute for inspect/doctor Advanced handler treats stock for parasites, Open handler inspects stock, release into Pen 3 <i>Starts when Pen #3 is complete, ends with stock in Pen 3 and Chute gates closed</i>	15
DUCK PEN #4 – move stock from Pen 3 through Pens 2 & 1 into Pen 2 <i>Starts when Chute is complete, ends with stock in Pen 2 and all gates reset</i>	5

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Hardrock Farm AHBA Saturday Trial – HTAD Course 2 Sheep & Ducks

Time: sheep 10 minutes, warning at 3 minutes ducks 7 minutes, warning at 2 minutes

Task	Possible Score
GATHER	10

GATHER ON Saturday and Sunday – stock will be setout, all levels will Gather to Obstacle #1

Level I set dog halfway between Obstacle #1 and stock and then handler may move within 15' of stock.

Level II set the dog at Obstacle #1 and then handler may move halfway to the stock.

Level III dog and handler must stay at Obstacle #1.

OBSTACLE #1 – all levels put the stock thru the obstacle, then continue to Obstacle #2	10
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FETCH/DRIVE – all levels will take the stock towards Obstacle #2 past “drive line”	15
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Level I may accompany stock.

Level II may accompany stock half the distance, then must drive the remainder.

Level III must stay at Obstacle #1 and drive stock.

OBSTACLE #2 – all levels put the stock thru the obstacle, then continue to Obstacle #3	10
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OBSTACLE #3 – all levels put the stock thru the obstacle, then continue to Obstacle #4	10
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OBSTACLE #4 – all levels put the stock thru the obstacle, then continue to Hold	15
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HOLD – all levels will hold stock in designated area, then continue to Sort/Repen	10
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GATE SORT/RIBBON PULL	10
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Level III ONLY.

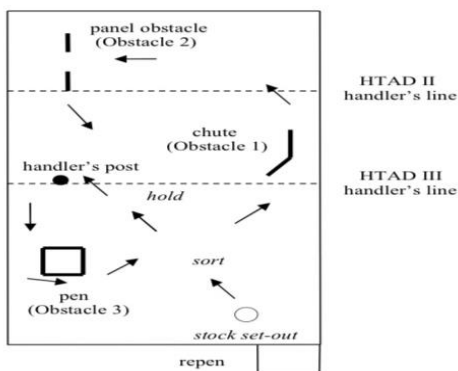
SHEEP GATE SORT ON SATURDAY – Sort 2 head into Exhaust Pen

SHEEP GATE SORT ON SUNDAY – Sort 2 head into Exhaust Pen

DUCK GATE SORT BOTH DAYS – Sort 2 head into Exhaust Pen

REPEN – all levels will repen stock into Exhaust Pen from Arena	10
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HTAD COURSE #2



OFFICIAL AHBA ENTRY FORM AND TRIAL/TEST RECORDING FORM FOR AHBA SANCTIONED HERDING TEST AND TRIAL

NAME OF CLUB or PERSON(S) Sponsoring this Event: Cheryl Padgett/Hardrock Farm		
Date of Event: 01/31/2025-02/02/2025	Entries Close On: trial day	At: ½ hour before start of class
Make checks or money orders payable in US funds to: Cheryl Padgett		
Send to the Trial Secretary: Hardrock Farm 445 Shinall Gaines NW Cartersville, GA 30121		

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.

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 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. **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 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 OR Tracking Number:		Registry:	Date of Birth:
Place of Birth { } USA { } CANADA { } Other			

Breed:					Variety:			Sex:
Breeder:								
Sire:					Dam:			
Date/Trial:	Course/Test:	Level/Leg:	Stock:	Fee:	Judge:	Score:	Q	
01/31/2025 AM	HRD		Sheep	\$50.00	Rachel Vest			
01/31/2025 AM	HRD		Mixed, sheep & ducks	\$55.00	Rachel Vest			
01/31/2025 PM	HRD		Sheep	\$50.00	Cheryl Padgett			
01/31/2025 PM	HRD		Mixed, sheep & ducks	\$55.00	Cheryl Padgett			
02/01/2025 AM	HTAD		Sheep	\$40.00	Rachel Vest			
02/01/2025 AM	HTAD		Ducks	\$35.00	Rachel Vest			
02/01/2025 AM	JHD		Sheep	\$25	Rachel Vest			
02/01/2025 AM	HTC		Sheep	\$25.00	Rachel Vest			
02/01/2025 PM	HTAD		Sheep	\$45.00	Cheryl Padgett			
02/01/2025 PM	HTAD		Ducks	\$35.00	Cheryl Padgett			
02/01/2025 PM	JHD		Sheep	\$25.00	Cheryl Padgett			
02/01/2025 PM	HTC		Sheep	\$25.00	Cheryl Padgett			
02/02/2025 AM	HTAD		Sheep	\$40.00	Rachel Vest			
02/02/2025 PM	HTAD		Ducks	\$35.00	Rachel Vest			
02/02/2025 AM	HTAD		Sheep	\$40.00	Cheryl Padgett			
02/02/2025 PM	HTAD		Ducks	\$35.00	Cheryl Padgett			
Total Fees Enclosed:						Trial Secretary USE ONLY		