

**American Herding Breed Association
Herding Trials
Saturday & Sunday March 22-23, 2025
Back Porch Herding, Inc.**

Hosted at
Middle Tree Farm
340 Old Cedar Rd
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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

**HRD geese (5 head)
HTAD (course 2) geese (4 head)
HTAD (course 5) Sheep (4 head)
HTAD (course 2) ducks (4 head)
HCT sheep (3 head) JHD sheep (3 head)**

HRD geese classes are limited to 6 runs per day
HTAD geese classes are limited to 6 runs per day
HTAD sheep classes are limited to 8 runs per day
HTAD duck classes are limited to 12 runs per day
HCT classes are limited to 3 runs per day
JHD classes are limited to 3 runs per day

JUDGES:

**Saturday – Sandra Lindenmuth
Sunday – Claire Apple**

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

For more information: John Amsden 336 317-5638 johnamsden99@gmail.com

ENTRIES: No opening date, pre-entries must be received by **Monday, March 17, 2025**

FEES:

HRD geese \$45
HTAD geese \$45
HTAD sheep \$45
HTAD ducks \$45
HCT sheep \$35
JHD sheep \$35

Same day entries will be accepted 7:30AM – 8:00AM each day if space available.
Additional \$10.00 per class for entries or funds received after the **closing date of Monday, March 17, 2025.**

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. You can also fill out the entry form, take a picture of it and email it to 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
- 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: Ducks \$50.00, Geese \$75.00, sheep \$300.00

AHBA, Back Porch Herding, Middle tree Farm, Caroline Betts and all trial workers assume no responsibility for any accident or injury.

- Bitches 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 (**March 17th**).

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

- Green flat ribbons for all qualifying runs
- flat ribbons for 1st thru 4th (rosettes available for pictures)
- HIT rosette Reserve HIT Rosette
- 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: VSH of the Carolinas

6405 Tyron Rd, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 233-4911

Concessions: Light snacks will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Hotels:

La Quinta Inn & Suites Cary – 919-851-2850 (~35 minutes)
Holiday Inn Express Suites Sanford – 919-776-6600 (~35 minutes)
Red Roof Inn Chapel Hill UNC – 919-489-9421 (~35 minutes)
Motel 6 – Raleigh SW/Cary – 919-467-6171 (~40 minutes)
Roof Inn Raleigh NCSU – 919-469-3400 (~40 minutes)
Days Inn 1515 E 11th St, Siler City, NC 27344 (919) 663-2511 (~18 minutes)

please call to confirm

Camping

Jordan Lake <https://www.ncparks.gov/jordan-lake-state-recreation-area/camping> (-25 minutes)
they are open at this time of year – **please call to confirm** – gated campground – gate opens at 8:00 A.M.(to let you out)

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE

From Highway US 64 (traveling East)

from the junction of US 421 and US 64 for 8.9 mi. Turn right onto Alex Cockman rd. for 2.2 mi. Turn left on Alston Chp rd. for 1.8 mi. Turn left on Old Cedar Rd and travel 0.3 mi to end.

From US 64 (traveling West)

take exit 368 (bus 64) 3.5 mi. Turn left onto NC-87 S/NC-902 W .2 mi.
Turn right onto Old Goldston Rd 0.4 mi. Turn right onto Alston Chapel Rd 3.2 mi. Turn right onto Old Cedar Dr drive 0.3 mi to end.

From US 501 (traveling North)

Turn left onto N Carolina 87 Bypass/NC-87 0.7 mi. Turn left onto Old Goldston Rd 0.3 mi.
Turn left onto Alston Chapel Rd 3.2 mi. Turn right onto Old Cedar Dr 0.3 mi drive to end

From US 501 (traveling South)

At the traffic circle in Pittsboro, take the 1st exit onto US-64 BUS W 0.5 mi. turn left onto NC-87 S/NC-902 W 0.2 mi.
Turn right onto Old Goldston Rd 0.4 mi. Turn right onto Alston Chapel Rd 3.2 mi. Turn right onto Old Cedar Dr drive 0.3 mi to end.

From NC 87 (traveling South)

At the traffic circle in Pittsboro, take the 2nd exit and stay on NC-87 S 0.4 mi. Turn right onto Old Goldston Rd 0.4 mi.
Turn right onto Alston Chapel Rd 3.2 mi. Turn right onto Old Cedar Dr drive 0.3 mi to end.

Using a GPS works fine.

AHBA SANCTIONED HERDING TEST AND TRIAL NAME OF CLUB or PERSON(S) Sponsoring this Event: Back Porch Herding, Inc.

Location: Middle Tree Farm 340 Old Cedar Rd. Pittsboro, NC 27312

Dates of Event: Saturday and Sunday March 22-23, 2025 - Pre entries deadline Monday, Monday, March 17th Additional \$10.00 per class for entries or funds received after the closing date of, Monday, March 17th.

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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 and Caroline Betts 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 March 22, 2025

Stock: geese	Class: HRD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0790
Stock: Sheep	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0791
Stock: Ducks	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0792
Stock: sheep	Class: HCT		Fee: \$35	0793
Stock: sheep	Class: JHD		Fee: \$35	0794
Stock: geese	Class HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0795

Sunday March 23, 2025

Stock: geese	Class: HRD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0798
Stock: Sheep	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0799
Stock: Ducks	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0800
Stock: sheep	Class: HCT		Fee: \$35	0801
Stock: sheep	Class: JHD		Fee: \$35	0802
Stock: geese	Class HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45	0803

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.

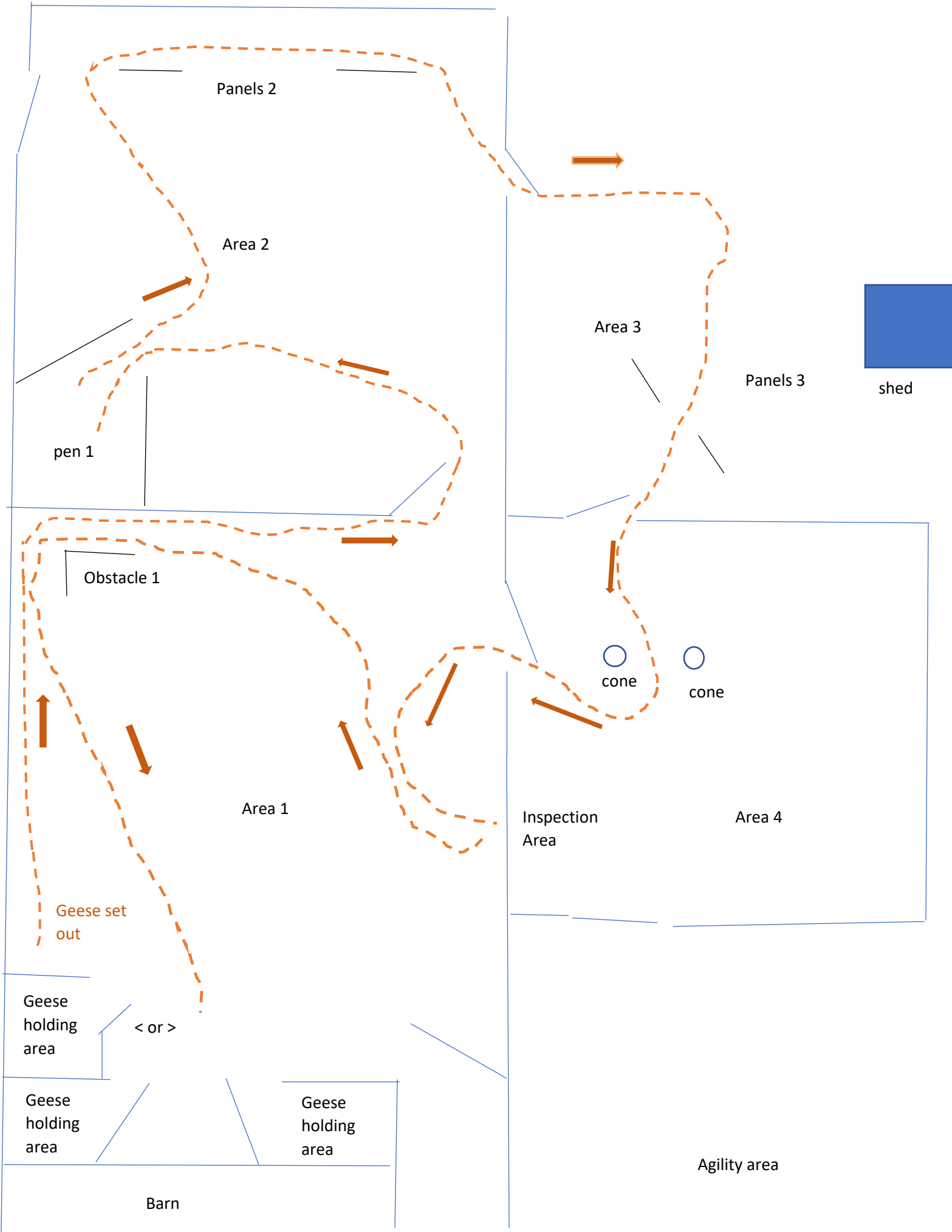
A Registration and Registration number or Tracking Number must be included.

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:			

Middle Tree Farm hrd geese

** Handler may not move into the pen nor through any panels / obstacles **

Geese are set out in "area 1"	points
Handler and dog enter "area 1"	
Geese are gathered – time starts when dog is released to gather geese are moved along left-hand fence and clockwise around "obstacle 1"	10 / 10
geese are moved along far fence geese are moved quietly through gate into "area 2" and held while gate is closed	10/ 10
geese are penned in "Pen 1" and pen gate is shut	10/10
geese are released from "pen 1" and moved clockwise around "panels 2" at the far end of area 2 and then moved quietly to and through the gate into "area 3" and gate is closed	10/10
geese are moved clockwise around to the rear of "Panels 3" and pass through panels from rear. Level 1 handler may move anywhere with dog Level 2 handler can advance to ½ distance between the entered gate And "Panels 2" Level 3 handler must remain at entered gate Level 2 and 3 handlers may again move anywhere as geese completely pass through "panels 3" from the rear	10/15
geese are moved to and through the gate into "area 4" and the gate is closed geese are then moved between the two cones	10/10
geese are moved through gate and into area 1 and the gate is closed geese are moved to "inspection area" to be reviewed for sale and held until released by judge	10/10
geese are then moved counter clockwise through obstacle 1 Level 1 handler may move anywhere with dog Level 2 handler can advance to ½ distance between the inspection area And obstacle 1 Level 3 handler must remain at the inspection area Level 2 and 3 handlers may again move anywhere as geese completely exit obstacle 1	10/15
geese are returned to holding pen from which they came and gate is closed	10/10
Time ends when gate is closed	
	Level 1 & 2 90 points level 3 100 points



HTAD sheep course 5 instructions

	points	
	level 1 & 2	level 3
Gather. (level 1 handler – dog at halfway to stock, handler up to 15 ft away from stock. Level 2 handler -dog at post, handler may advance halfway to stock. Level 3 handler and dog at post) Time starts when dog is sent. Move stock clockwise around handler post	10	10
Move stock to and into free standing pen. All handlers may move anywhere **	10	10
Move stock to a point approximately one half the distance between free standing pen and entrance to bridge Hold stock until released by judge Level 3 handlers must do a ribbon pull	10	15
Move stock across the bridge clockwise Level 1 handler can move anywhere ** Level 2 may move to exit panel of bridge after hold is completed Level 3 handler stays at point of hold until stock has exited the bridge and then may move anywhere **	10	10
Move stock (backwards) through free standing y chute-dog may move through y chute Level 1 handler can move anywhere ** Level 2 may move to left side of the entry y chute when stock has completely exited the bridge Level 3 returns to post	15	20
Move stock through obstacle 1– dog may move thru obstacle Level 1 can move anywhere ** level 2 handler can move one half distance between handler’s post and obstacle 1 and then along and parallel to obstacle 1 level 3 handler stays at post until stock has rounded the post (next stock move)	15	15
Move stock counter clockwise around post Level 1 can move anywhere ** level 2 handler can move one half distance between obstacle 1 and handler’s post level 3 handler stays at post until stock has rounded the post all levels may move anywhere after stock rounds the post	10	10
Exhaust the stock	10	10

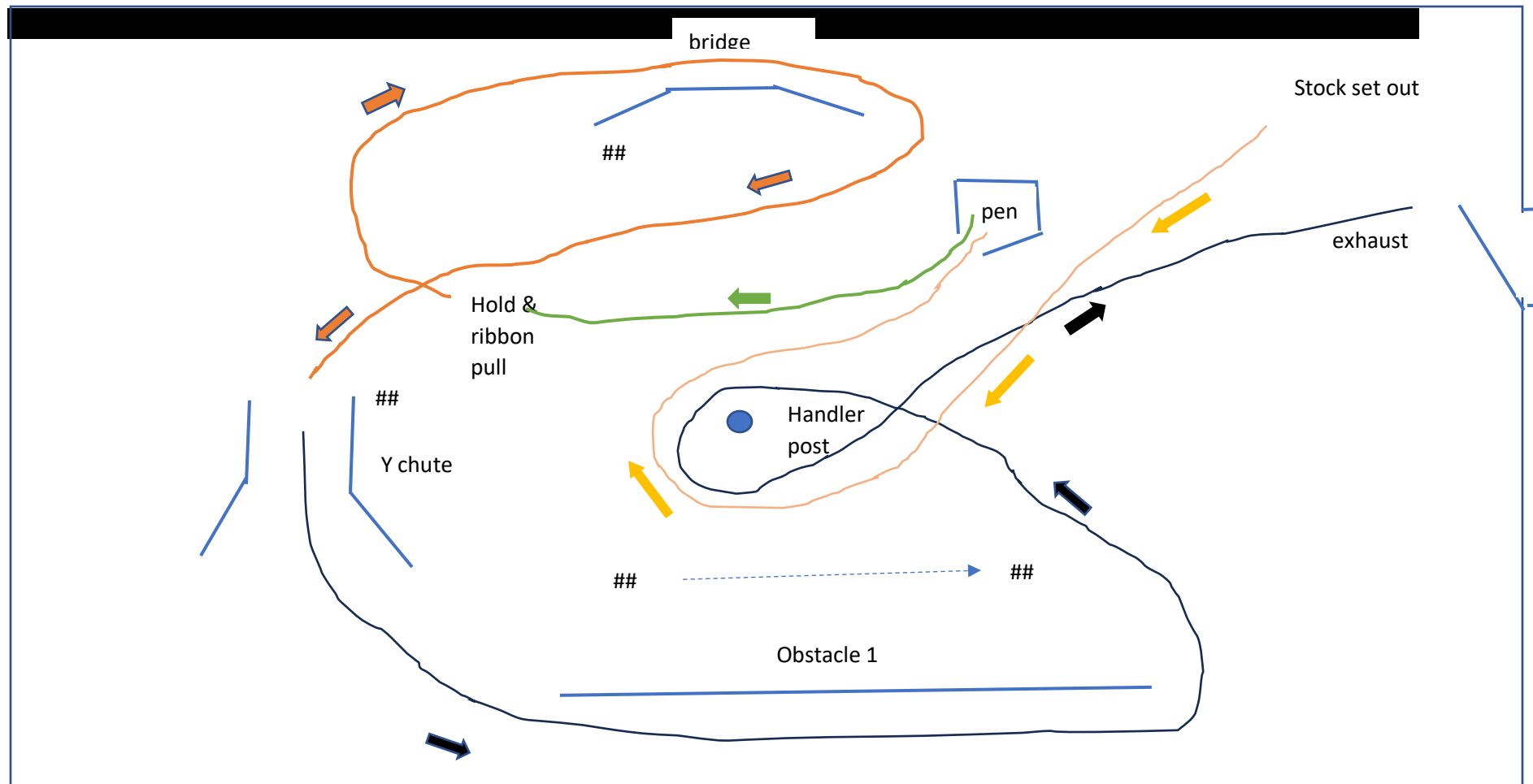
** Handlers may not move through/into any panels/pen.

Level 1 & 2 90 points level 3 100 points

Tie breakers: Course time: 10 minutes

- 1) Gather
- 2) Free standing Pen
- 3) Time

HTAD sheep – course 5 reverse middle tree farm 130 x 250



Legend: ## is where level 2 handler may move to