

Sierra Nevada Belgian Sheepdog Club Presents two
AHBA RLF/FRENCH TRIALS
¾ Circle H Ranch, 1350 Dresslerville Rd. Gardnerville NV 89410
April 4 & 5, 2025



American Herding Breed Association
Ranch Large Flock/French Course Trial 25 head sheep
RLF I, II, and III/ French Course Started and Intermediate Only

Awards: 1st – 4th Place Awards, HIT & RHIT

Judges: **Peggy Richter – California**
Linda Rorem - California

Handlers Meeting 10:00 am - Trial starts immediately following.

Practice days available contact 775-790-2157 and 775-781-5946

Opening date: February 26, 2025 Closing date: March 19, 2025

Fees: RLF/FRENCH: \$65

Show secretary and entries sent to:
Karen Toth 7825 Cranford Ln. Dublin, CA. 94568
kmtoth@earthlink.net

Entries will be accepted in post marked order
Waiting list will be established when the maximum amount of runs are reached

Morning hospitality provided
All dogs must be on leash. Please clean up after your dogs.

Directions to Trial: Take HWY 395 to Gardnerville, Right (from South) on Gilman/Rt 756 (at Sharkeys), 2 miles to stop sign. Left on Dresslerville Rd. ¼ mile turn left at ¾ Circle H Ranch Entrance Gate. 1350 Dresslerville Rd. Gardnerville, NV. 89410

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AHBA TRIAL!
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Circle Class: Use one entry per dog. There is only one trial each day.

Friday April 4, 2025

RLF/French Sheep: RLF I(started) RLF II(intermediate) RLF III

Maximum number of runs 10

Saturday April 5, 2025

RLF/French Sheep: RLF I(started) RLF II(intermediate) RLF III

Maximum number of runs 10

Breed _____ Call Name _____
Registered Name _____
Breed Registry _____ Registration # or Tracking # (mandatory) _____
Sex _____ Birth Date _____
Owner _____ Breeder _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Handler if other than owner _____

I am enclosing a check for \$_____ payable to SNBSC in consideration for participation in an event sanctioned by the 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, director's agents and members harmless for any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my part or on the part of any dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I acknowledge that while the AHBA may provide sanctioning of this event, 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 or animals or to people. Owner/Agent

Signature _____ Date _____

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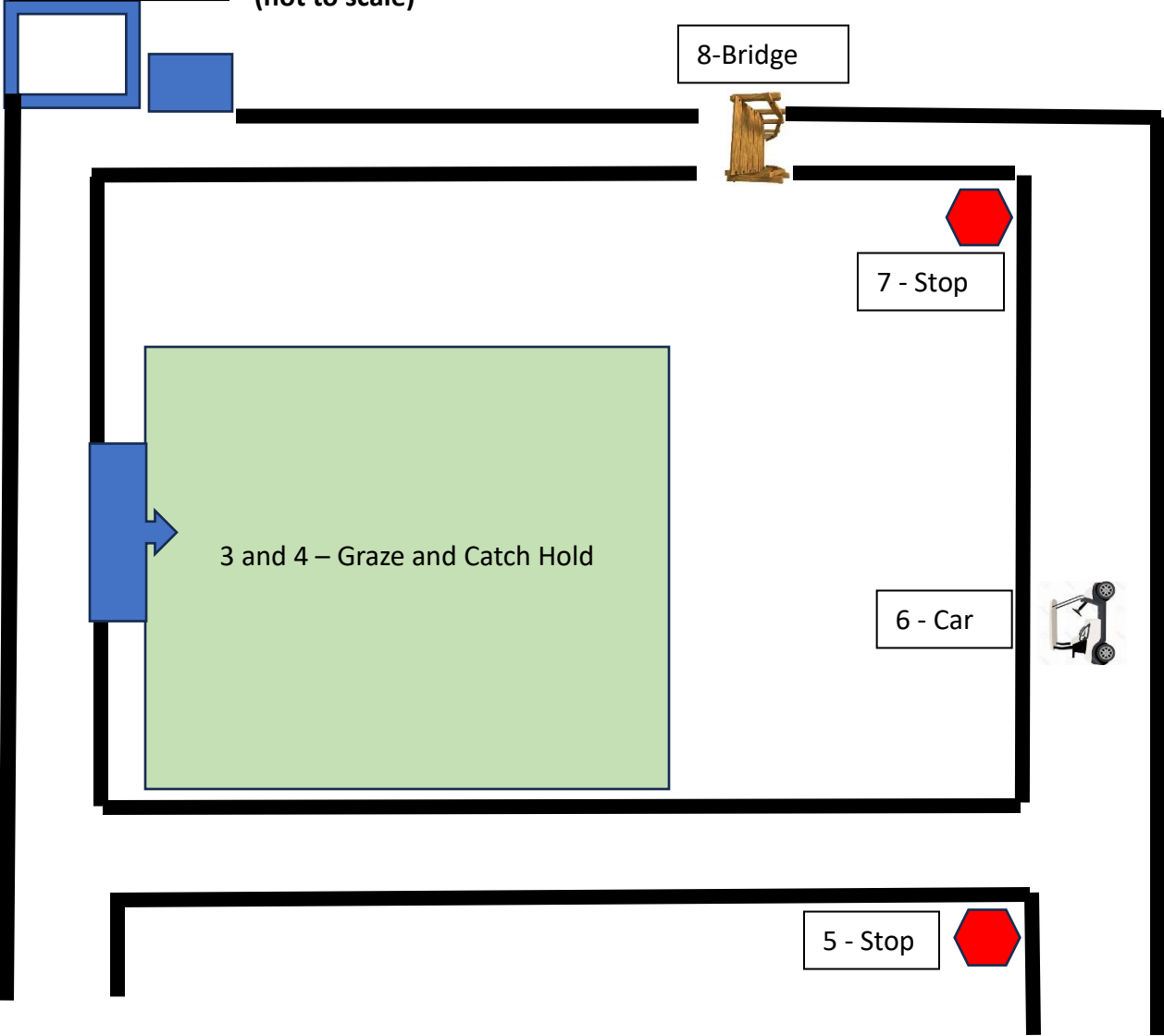
Ranch Large Flock I (Started French Course):

1. Protection of Flock and exit from Pen - 15 points
 2. Roadwork. Encompasses all movement on roads between exercises – 15 points
 3. Travel Road into Graze. Graze time will be determined by judge. Once graze is completed, handler will move back to the entrance of the graze, leave dog at graze entrance, go to within 15 feet of the flock and have dog gather the stock and bring them to the handler. – 15 points
 4. Catch and Hold - Once stock have been gathered to the handler, handler will catch and hold a sheep designated by the judge. Stock must exit graze through the marked entrance/exit. - 5 points
 5. Stop Sign. travel road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic – 5 points
 6. Car. Pass by stationary car – 5 points
 7. Stop Sign. Travel road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic - 5 points
 8. Bridge. Travel road over bridge– 0 points
 9. Repen. Take sheep to Re-Pen – 10 points
- TOTAL 75

1 and 9 - Pen

RLF I/French Started
(not to scale)

8-Bridge



7 - Stop

6 - Car

3 and 4 - Graze and Catch Hold

5 - Stop

Ranch Large Flock II (Intermediate French Course):

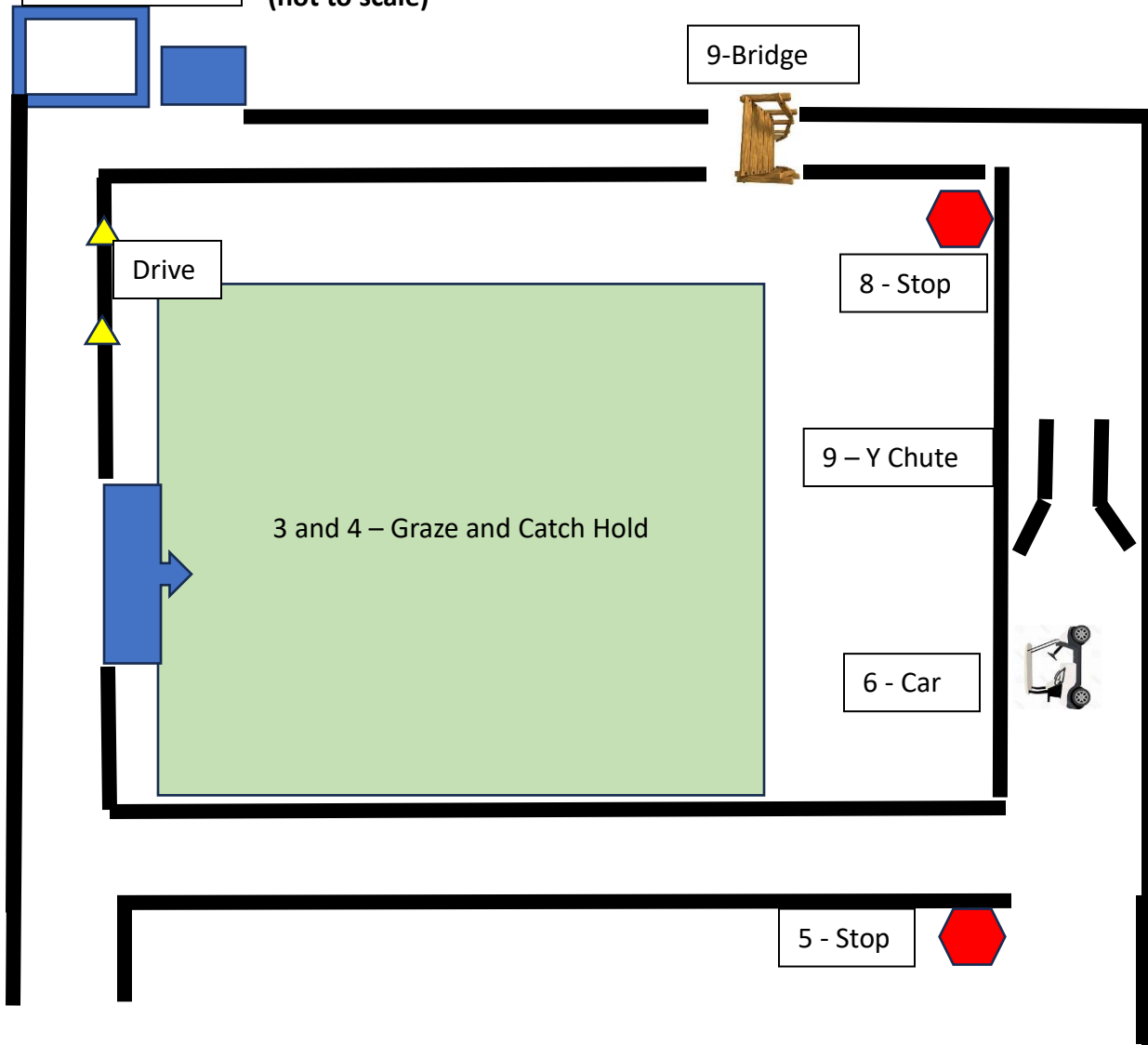
(25 sheep)

1. Protection of Flock and exit from Pen - 15 points
 2. Roadwork. Encompasses all movement on roads between exercises. This includes a 60 foot drive along the road between two markers on the way to the graze. Handler can walk 15 feet behind stock for the drive. – 15 points
 3. Travel Road into Graze. Graze time will be determined by judge. Once graze is completed, handler will move back to the entrance of the graze, leave dog at graze entrance, go halfway to the flock and have dog gather the stock and bring them to the handler. – 15 points
 4. Catch and Hold - Once stock have been gathered to the handler, handler will catch and hold a sheep designated by the judge. Stock must exit graze through the marked entrance/exit. - 5 points
 5. Stop Sign. travel road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic – 5 points
 6. Car. Pass by stationary car – 10 points
 7. Y Chute – Travel road through y chute towards stop sign – 10 points
 8. Stop Sign. travel road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic - 5 points
 9. Bridge. Travel road over bridge– 10 points
 10. Repen. Take sheep to Re-Pen – 10 points
- TOTAL 100

1 and 10 - Pen

RLF II/French Intermediate
(not to scale)

9-Bridge



Drive

8 - Stop

9 - Y Chute

3 and 4 - Graze and Catch Hold

6 - Car

5 - Stop

Ranch Large Flock III (does not qualify as a French course):

(25 sheep)

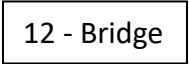
1. Protection of Flock and exit from Pen - 15 points
 2. Roadwork. Encompasses all movement on roads between exercises. This includes a 120 foot drive along the road between two markers on the way to the first graze. Handler must stay at first marker until sheep have passed second marker during the drive. –15 points
 3. Travel Road into Graze. Graze time will be determined by judge. During the graze, handler will move away to a designated location and dog will be left to work on its own. Once graze is completed, handler will move back to the entrance of the graze and have dog gather the stock and bring them to the handler. – 20 points
 4. Catch and Hold – Once stock have been gathered to the handler, handler will catch and hold a sheep designated by the judge. Stock must exit graze through the marked entrance/exit. 5 points
 5. Stop Sign - Travel road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic - 5 points
 6. Travel Road to Narrow Graze slowly graze sheep towards stop sign - 15 points
 7. Stop Sign. Exit Narrow Graze, travel road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic- 5 points
 8. Stop Sign. Continue on road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic- 5 points
 9. Car. Pass by moving car – 15 points
 10. Y Chute – Travel road through y chute towards stop sign – 10 point
 11. Stop Sign. travel road to stop sign, dog holds stock off road while handler looks for traffic - 5 points
 12. Bridge. Travel road over bridge to sort pen – 15 points
 13. Sort. Sort three marked sheep into sort pen – 10 points
 14. Repen. Take remaining sheep to Re-Pen. Return to sort pen, take three marked sheep and return to Repen – 10 points
- TOTAL 150

1 and 14 - Pen

RLF III (not to scale)

13 - Sort

12 - Bridge



Drive



3 and 4 – Graze and Catch Hold



5 - Stop



11 - Stop

10 – Y Chute

9 - Car

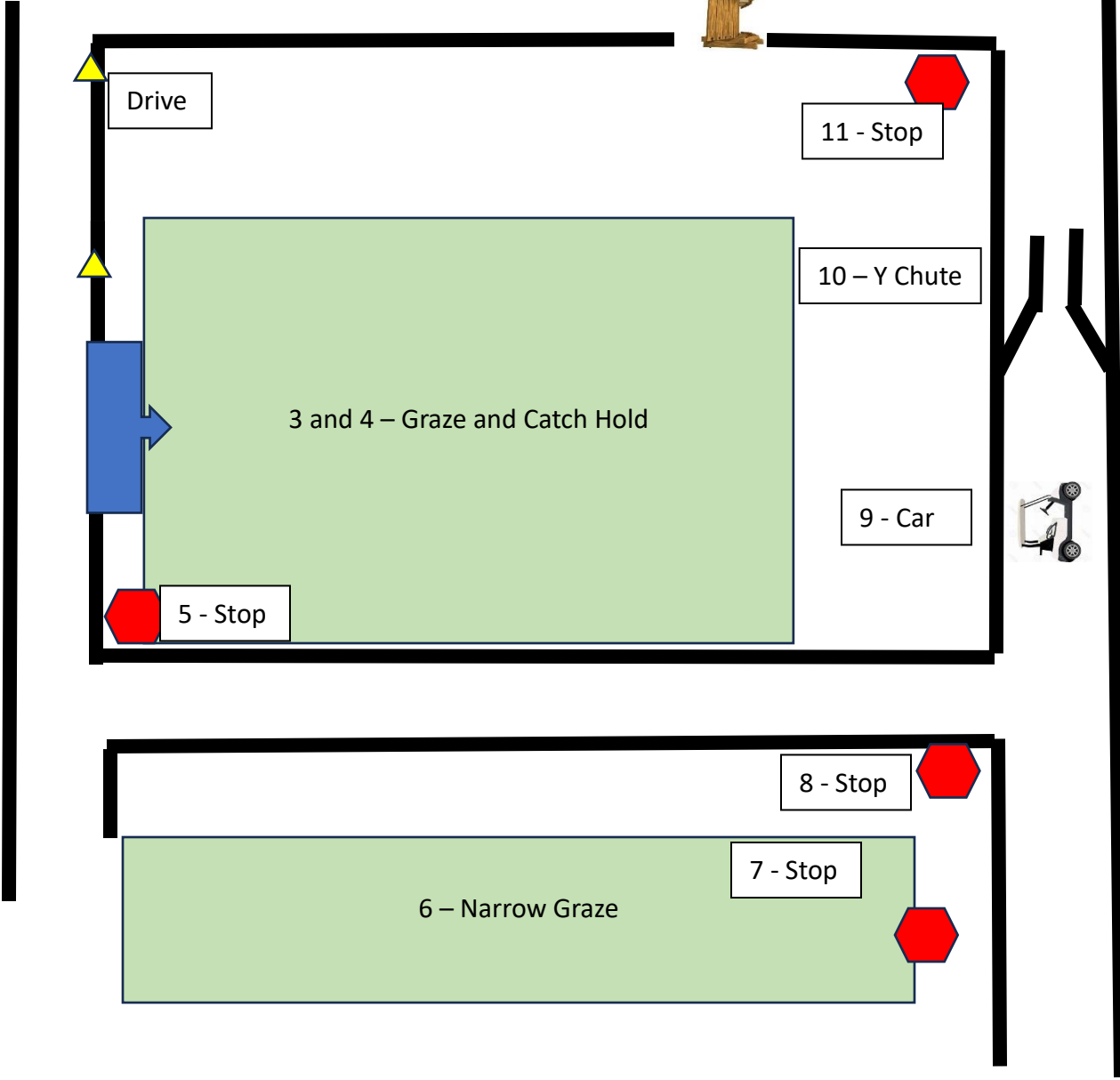


8 - Stop



7 - Stop

6 – Narrow Graze



BSCA "French Style" Course 2020

The BSCA French course is intended to provide a venue to evaluate Belgian Sheepdogs and similar herding breeds in non boundary tending work on both sheep and cattle. The primary intent of the course is to emulate the kind of work a tending dog might encounter and to evaluate the dog and handler's ability to ensure the management and control of the stock in a simulation of this work. The overall quality of the work is paramount; it is intended that dogs which manage their flock/herd in reasonable order should pass. While skill and maneuvering should obtain higher scores and errors result in lower ones, the primary focus should remain on the overall essence of the work required to take a flock or herd from a pen to a graze site, allow the animals to properly graze in designated areas, and return the flock or herd safely to the pen, using existing roads and pathways.

Livestock;

Sheep: The flock is to consist of groups of 25 to 60 head for Started and Open, and 50 to 80 head minimum for advanced.

The trial encompasses, on a course as natural as possible, almost all tasks a farmer and his dog are asked to perform in the usual course of work on their operation: Working in a pen or sheepfold;

Moving a flock from one place to another; Putting them into facilities for sorting; Gathering and driving at a distance; Immobilization of the animals, their care, their separation.

The courses are divided into sections or exercises:

Pen or sheepfold

Difficult passages

Handling and maneuvering Stopping the flock

The location of difficult passages and the graze may vary so long as the graze is no closer than 300 feet (100 yards) from the pen. Difficult passages must allow sufficient distance for proper set up for any required maneuvers.

Pen or Sheepfold: It is not necessary that the pen be freestanding. The pen should be sturdy enough to contain the flock or cattle. The size is 32 feet x 32 feet to 48 feet x 48 feet. The gate should be at least 12 feet, preferably located on one corner of the pen and must open easily. It may swing or be a panel that lifts out. A jumping platform or A frame may be located on one of the sides of the pen.

Pen, protection of handler, Exit from pen: Scoring begins upon the dog's entrance into the pen. For sheep, the dog should be sent into the pen ahead of the handler, either through the gate or by jumping/ climbing in. Jumping / climbing in is at the handler's option and may only be done where it is safe. For cattle, the dog should be sent in via the gate. The dog shall move the stock, clearing a passage so that the handler, circling the stock can emulate inspection of the stock prior to the exit. Once the stock have been inspected, the handler should open the gate, positioning the dog as necessary to ensure a quiet calm exit.

Re-pen: Scoring begins approximately 20 feet before the pen and ends when the gate is closed. To return the flock to the pen, in started, the handler may lead the stock a few steps into the pen and then stand by the gate on the outside of the pen. In Intermediate and advanced, the handler should step aside as the gate is reached and allow the dog to pen the stock. The dog may enter the pen as needed but must exit the pen before the gate is closed. The run is completed when the handler closes the gate.

Road: Scoring encompasses all work between the exit of an exercise and the 20-foot beginning marker for the next exercise. The road connects all phases of the course. It can be a natural lane, an actual road, or marked by mowing, furrows, hedges or other physical cues. Where ever possible, naturally existing paths or roads are to be preferred. The dog shall keep the stock IN the road, preventing the stock from bunching up, straggling, or wandering off the designated route. The dog shall work the sides or front and rear as necessary to keep the stock moving in a calm steady pace. The dog should work either on the road or next to the road and not at a distance from the stock.

SHEEP: The road should be 1,320' (440 yards) long - 1620' (540 yards) for started, 1620' (540 yards) to 2340' (780 yards) for intermediate, and 2340' (780 yards) to 2640' (880 yards) for advanced.

The handler may lead the stock, walk alongside the stock or follow the stock as necessary. The dog may change sides or work the front or rear as necessary. Dogs that work naturally shall be preferred to those requiring constant, repeated commands.

Passage of car: The passage of a car is included as part of the road work. The road at this point must be sufficiently wide to allow for the car to pass (20 feet minimum) and have a fence to allow the flock or herd to "lean" on the fence as the dog works the opposite side. The car pass shows the dog's ability to channel the flock in difficult situations with a vehicle passing from the front or overtaking the flock from behind. True roads are to be preferred. Vans and 4x4 vehicles are to be avoided, for the safety of the dog; small quad-type vehicles are recommended. The dog should be between the car and the stock, preventing the stock from interfering with the car or being endangered by the car. The flock should continue to move during the passage. In started, and intermediate, the car is parked. In Advanced, there is one, which may be from either direction.

Difficult passages: At least two difficult passages are required. As many as three may be included. Difficult passages are narrow, well-defined, and as natural as possible between crops, hedges or fences, courtyards or fields; a bridge; loading a small group of sheep on a truck or putting them into a corridor for sorting or treatment. Difficult passages: Use of Y chutes, loading chutes, bridges, and loading stock into a trailer are examples of difficult passages that may be set up along the course. In addition, use of existing alleyways, movement between trees, passing open gates, passages between existing obstacles may also be used. Width of the passages should be between 4' and 6' to enable the stock to safely enter. Wings may or may not be utilized as applicable to the obstacle.

In Started and Intermediate, the handler may position themselves as necessary to accomplish the task. In advanced, the handler must go no further than the edge of the obstacle and must remain there until the dog pushes the stock thru the obstacle, whereupon the handler may move.

Stops: The dog must be able to stop the flock in all circumstances and the course will include, necessarily, a minimum of two "Stops", for started and intermediate, four for advanced. Stops may be placed at turns, a natural boundary, road, path, enclosure, crop, etc. The stopping of the flock is a very important maneuver that must be done by the dog, not the handler. After the flock has stopped and the handler has ascertained that moving onto the road or proceeding can be done safely, the restart must be done quickly, without crowding, with the dog ensuring control.

The graze- the flock (if sheep) or herd (if cattle or goats) is kept in the space designated for this exercise, which may be an area along a path, a crop or in an area marked by stakes or other physical markers. The graze area may be round, oval, rectangular or square in form. The size should be no less than 50 feet by 50 feet to no more than 150 feet by 150 feet (or 22,500 square feet). The graze should last at least 5 minutes during which the stock must be seen to settle and graze or lie down.

Work at a distance: At some point, either during the graze or at another point, the stock are settled. The advanced handler must leave the stock and the dog taken to a point at least 490 feet away and no more than 984 feet away. This location shall be used as the advanced post for the gather.

Gather: At the completion of the graze, the dog must be called to the handler. For started class dogs, this may be at the exit point of the graze. For intermediate, this shall be at the halfway point from the advanced handler's post. The advanced handler must send the dog from the advanced post. The dog should collect the stock and fetch them to the handler to recommence road work. *This is not an outrun. Commands may be used to position the dog or direct it (both stops and "redirects"), and the dog is penalized for failure to collect and bring the stock in a calm orderly manner along the designated path only (ie, the dog is not required to make an outrun, but may take any route to the stock so long as the stock are not thereby disturbed).*

Hold/ Catching a sheep: At the direction of the judge, the dog must demonstrate ability to control the stock and maneuver them so as to allow the handler to catch and hold a sheep or, alternatively, to remove a ribbon from the neck of a sheep. During this process, the stock must be contained in the graze or other designated area and the dog shall not interfere with the handler.

SCORING:

Must obtain 70% of the score. 50% rule does not apply. Level 1 (started) – 75 total points

Level 2 (intermediate) –100 total points

Level 3 (advanced) 150 total points

Over the time: -- scoring stops.

Maximum points available (advanced):

1. Exit from Pen and Re-Pen 25
2. Difficult passages ----- 25 points (advanced), 15 (Intermediate)
3. Roadwork and graze -- 50 points
4. Stops -- 25 points
5. general overall work 25 points TOTAL 150

Maximum points available (intermediate):

1. Exit from Pen and Re-Pen 25
2. Difficult passages ----- 15 (Intermediate)
3. Roadwork and graze -- 20 points
4. Stops -- 15 points
5. general overall work 25 points TOTAL 100

Maximum points available (started):

1. Exit from Pen and Re-Pen 25
2. Roadwork and graze -- 20 points
3. Stops -- 5 points
4. general overall work 25 points TOTAL 75

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The BSCA will issue a title certificate for sheep for Belgian Sheepdogs and any other AKC recognized herding dog **OTHER** than a Border collie or Kelpie who successfully qualifies at the specified level three times under at least two different approved judges in a BSCA approved trial. The titles will be suffix titles -- FS (French Style) level (eXcellent, Intermediate, Started) stock FSXs, FSIs, FSSs, The BSCA will issue a title certificate for cattle for Belgian Sheepdogs and any other AKC recognized herding dog **including** a Border collie or Kelpie who successfully qualifies at the specified level three times under at least two different approved judges in a BSCA approved trial. The titles will be suffix titles -- FS (French Style) level (eXcellent, Intermediate, Started) stock FSXc, FSIs, FSSs