



Premium List At The Farm AHBA Tests/Trials

“For Exhibition Only” runs available

Saturday, May 3, 2025
& Sunday, May 4, 2025

Permission has been granted by the American Herding Breeds Association (AHBA) to hold the Tests and Trial 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.

Classes Offered:

Herding Trial Dog (HTD I, II & III)

Sheep and Ducks

(Level III Sheep – Saturday: Shed, Sunday: Ribbon Pull)

(Level III Ducks – Saturday and Sunday: Shed)

5 head per run

Herding Trial Arena Dog, Course #3 (HTAD I, II & III)

Sheep and Ducks

Saturday: All levels – Gather

Sunday: Sheep all levels – Take Pen; Ducks all levels - Gather

Level III Sheep – Saturday: Ribbon Pull, Sunday: Gate Sort

Level III Ducks – Both days: Shed

5 head per run

Herding Ranch Dog (HRD I, II & III) – Sheep Only

5-10 head per run

Junior Herding Dog (JHD) – Sheep Only

3 head per run

Agility At The Farm
8N861 Burlington Rd.
Campton Hills, IL 60140

For more information contact Jacquie Kramer: agilityatthefarm@gmail.com

JUDGES AND JUDGING SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

JUDGES – Saturday: Robin Reasoner, Adel, IA
Sunday: Catherine Price, Big Bend, WI

SCHEDULE – Both Days: HTD Sheep (III, II, I), HTD Ducks (III, II, I) HTAD Sheep (III, II, I),
HTAD Ducks (III, II, I), JHD, HRD (III, II, I)

Judging starts both days at 8:00 am. Handlers' Meeting before each class.

Maximum total runs each day: 50

Maximum sheep runs each day: 45

Maximum duck runs each day: 10

ENTRIES AND FEES

FEES: Pre-entry \$45.00 per run. FEO \$40.00. Gate Entries \$50.00

If trial fills, pre-entry compete runs take precedence over FEO runs, regardless of date received.

ENTRIES: Pre-entries close Friday, April 25, 2025.

Gate entries (if room) close ½ hour before each class begins.

Make checks payable to: At The Farm

Mail entry with fee to:

Jacquie Kramer, Secretary,
42W820 Clover Hill Lane,
Elburn, IL 60119

ANY questions on entries, contact Jacquie Kramer: agilityatthefarm@gmail.com or Laura Kincaid: oelamp@aol.com

LIVESTOCK

Sheep: Katahdin cross, Southdown cross, Cheviot; \$200.00 value

Ducks: Blue Swede ducks; \$25 value

Any livestock seriously injured while being worked must be paid for by the participant working stock at that time.

AWARDS

- High In Trial – Rosette, Dog or Herding Related Item
- Reserve High Trial – Rosette, Dog or Herding Related Item
- 1st through 5th Placement Ribbons
- 1st Place, Dog or Herding Related Item
- Qualifying Ribbons

TEST/TRIAL RULES

1. Bitches in season may run at the end of TESTS and at any time in TRIALS.
2. 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. If your run is out of control, you may be asked to end the run. FEO runs will be held immediately after the competitive runs in each class during the day. No dog running a competitive class may also be entered in an FEO run in the SAME class.
3. A registration/tracking number is required for ALL dogs. If your dog is not registered with another organization (AKC, UKC, ASCA, ABCA, etc.), you must apply for a registration number with AHBA.
4. All dogs must be vaccinated for rabies as required by law, vaccinated for other communicable diseases as recommended by your veterinarian, and parasite free.
5. PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS. Poop bags and trash cans are located in multiple locations around the farm.
6. All dogs must be on leash or crated except when working.
7. There is very little shade around the herding fields, but there is some shade around the parking areas. Plan accordingly. Water pools will be provided to cool your dog. (And bring yourself a chair!)
8. Spectators and their dogs should stay back at least 15 feet from the fence around any arena or field where a dog is working. Under no circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting stock or guardian donkeys nor interfere with another dog's run.

DIRECTIONS TO "AT THE FARM"

From I-90 East or West: Exit IL Rt. 47. Turn south on Rt. 47 and continue for approximately 10 miles. Turn north on Burlington Road (this is a traffic circle – take the first exit off the circle). Go approximately ½ mile north on Burlington Rd and the farm will be on the right.

From I-88 East: Exit IL Rt. 47. Turn north on Rt. 47 and continue for approximately 12 miles. Turn north on Burlington Road (this is a traffic circle, take the third exit off the circle). Go approximately ½ mile north on Burlington Rd and the farm will be on the right.

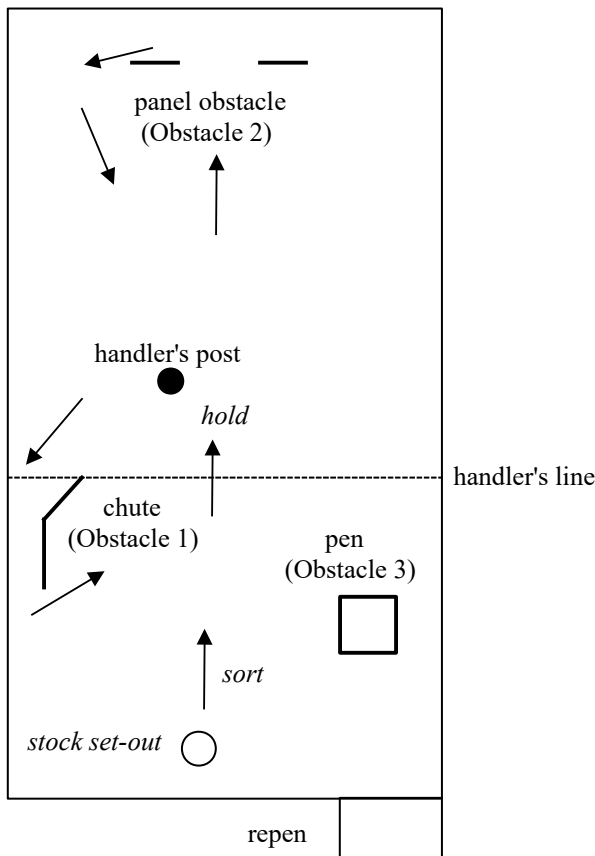
MOTEL INFORMATION

Quality Inn, 1600 E. Main St., Saint Charles, IL, 60174, Phone: (630) 584-5300
Motel 6, 1860 Dekalb Ave, Sycamore, IL 60178, Phone: (815) 899-6500
Super 8, 115 Arrowhead Drive Hampshire, IL 60140, Phone: (847) 453-3639

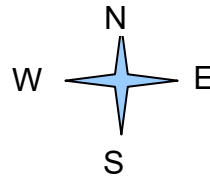
VETERINARIAN

St. Charles Emergency Vet Clinic, 530 Dunham Road, St. Charles, IL 60174
Phone: (630) 584-7447

HTAD Course #3



The designations North, East, etc. are for purposes of description only.



The handler's post is located a minimum of 100 ft. from the set-out and 6 ft. to the West of the North/South centerline of the arena. The chute is located on the West fence, with the entrance approximately 20 ft. South of the mid-point between the North and South ends of the arena, the entrance on the North and the exit on the South end. The chute should be no less than 12 feet long and no more than 4 feet wide with an opening of 8 ft. (A bridge may be substituted for the chute.) A handler's line extends across the arena from West to East even with the North end of the chute. The panel obstacle has a 12 ft. opening and is located 20 ft. off of the North fence, parallel to the North fence and an equal distance from the East and West fences. The freestanding pen is located 30 ft. from the East fence and 30 ft. from the South fence, and should be 8-10 ft. on each side for sheep, 10-16 ft. on each side for cattle. The hold area is located approximately in the center of the arena. The area for sorts other than a gate sort is located approximately halfway between the hold area and the repen gate. For poultry, all dimensions are $\frac{1}{2}$ that for hooved stock.

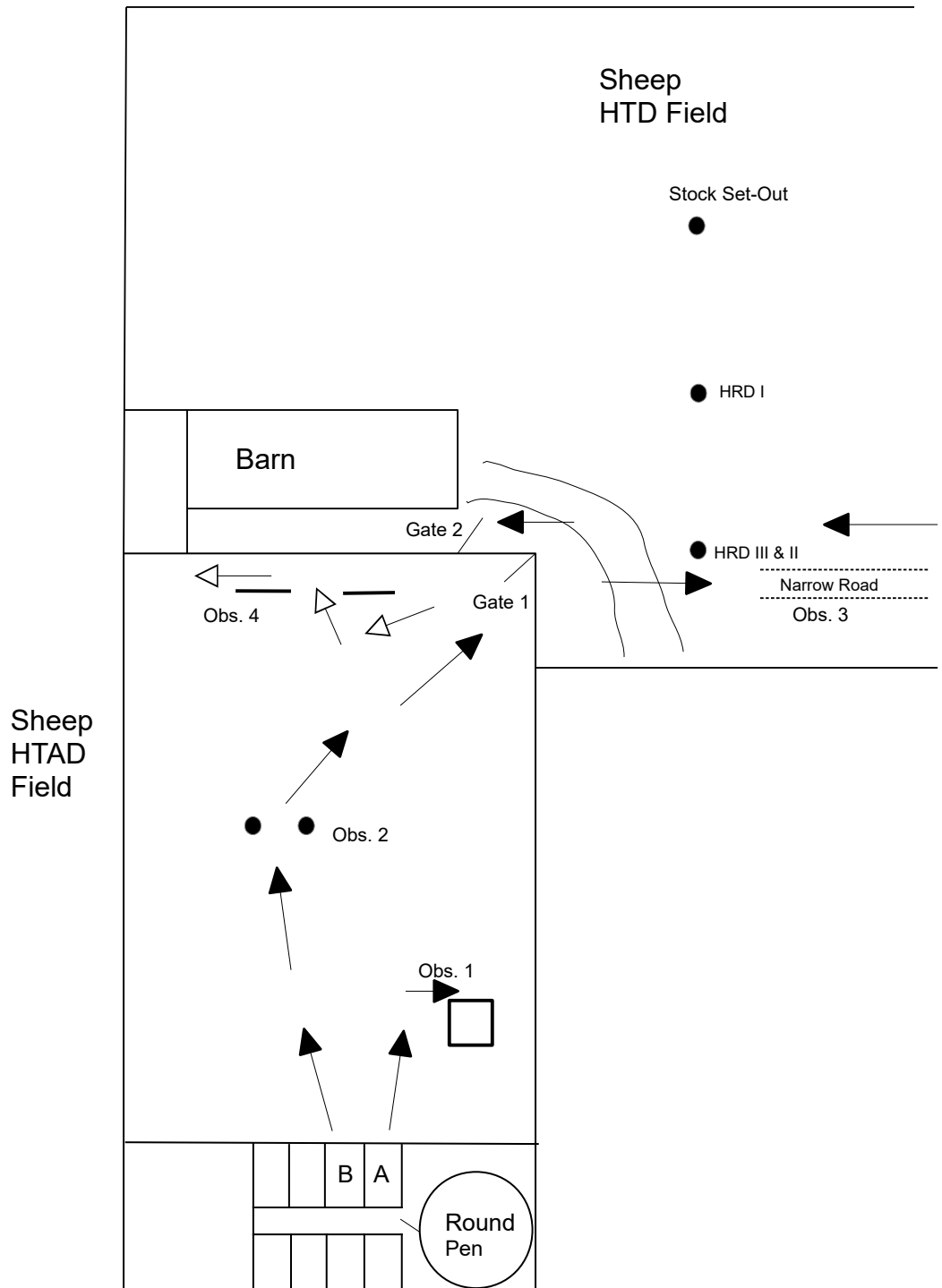
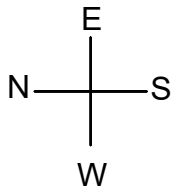
1. Gather or Take pen

Gather: The stock are let out into the arena and allowed to settle, or may be set out in a specific location; the method used is to be consistent for all runs. In HTAD II, the handler may leave the dog at the handler's post and move to a point approximately halfway between the post and the stock, then send the dog to gather the stock. In HTAD I, the handler may leave the dog at a point approximately halfway between the post and the stock and move to approximately 15 ft. from the stock, then send the dog to gather the stock. At all three levels the stock are brought to and around the handler's post, passing just to the East of the handler's post and then turning toward Obstacle 1. The gather ends when the stock have gone just past the handler's post.

Take pen: HTAD III handlers must remain outside the pen while the dog brings out the stock. HTAD II handlers may enter the pen with the dog but should not move the stock themselves. HTAD I handlers may enter the pen and assist the dog in moving the stock. If the stock come out on their own volition without the handler or dog entering, there is no penalty. Once the gate to the take pen is opened, it may not be closed until the stock have exited. The stock are then taken to the handler's post, passing just to the East of the handler's post and then turning toward Obstacle 1. Scoring for the take pen ends when the stock have gone just past the handler's post.

2. Obstacle 1 - The stock should enter at the North opening of the obstacle and exit to the South. HTAD III handlers must remain at the opening of the obstacle until the stock have exited. HTAD II handlers may move along the wing of the obstacle but may not move past the wing until the stock have exited. HTAD I handlers may move anywhere relative to the obstacle but may not enter it. Scoring for Obstacle 1 ends when the animals have exited.
3. Drive - After the stock exit the chute, they are turned back toward the North along the approximate North/South centerline of the arena. Going toward Obstacle 2, they should pass just to the East of the handler's post. HTAD III handlers must remain behind the handler's line. HTAD II handlers may accompany the stock to a point halfway to Obstacle 2, then must remain there for the rest of the drive. HTAD I handlers may accompany the stock up to Obstacle 2. The drive ends when the stock reach a point 10 ft. in front of Obstacle 2.
4. Obstacle 2 - The handlers remain at the designated locations while the stock are taken through the freestanding panels. While HTAD I handlers may go up to the panels, they should not precede the stock through the panels. Once the stock have gone through the panels, handlers are free to move. The stock are turned to the West and then to the South past the West end of the obstacle and onto a line that will take them fairly directly to the area in front of the pen. Scoring for Obstacle 2 ends when the stock have passed to the South of the West end of the obstacle.
5. Obstacle 3 - The stock are penned in the freestanding pen. Scoring for the pen ends when the pen gate is closed.
6. Hold - The animals are taken to the hold area. The stock is settled and briefly held in place. There is no required position for handler or dog. The judge signals the end of the hold/settle. HTAD I and II handlers then take the stock to the repen. HTAD III handlers proceed with the sort.
7. Sort - The sort is done by HTAD III handlers only. The stock is moved to the designated area, which depends on the type of sort being done. The sort may be one of the following: (a) Gate sort. (b) Ribbon-removal/shed. The sort ends when the gate is closed on the sorted animals, or when the ribbon has been removed/ animals have been shed.
8. Repen - The stock are taken to the repen and held a short distance off the gate while it is opened, and then are repenned. When a gate sort has been used, the animals that had been left out in the arena are repenned. The run ends when the repen gate is closed after the last animal has exited the arena.

HRD Course Map



HRD Course Description

The Herding Ranch Dog course uses the Round Pen (40' diameter), Sheep HTAD Field (185'x230'), Sheep HTD field, Take Pens A and B (14'x20'), the alleyway between the take pens and the alleyway between the HTAD field and the barn. Time allowed for the course is 20 minutes for HRD I and II and 22 minutes for HRD III.

General Course Rules:

- Points will be deducted for rough work at any of the gates or in the pens.
 - When removing sheep from the **Round Pen** and the **Take Pens**: HRD III handlers may not enter the pen. HRD II handlers may enter the pen, but must remain just inside the gate. HRD I handlers may enter the pen and may move around to assist the dog as needed but may not touch the dog or sheep without penalty. If the stock come out on their own volition without the dog or handler entering the pen, there is no penalty.
 - At **all gates**, the sheep are held a short distance off the gate while it is opened, and then are moved through the gate.
1. Round Pen and Sort (15 points): Ten sheep are taken out of the Round Pen and moved into the alleyway. Five sheep are sorted into Take Pen A and 5 are sorted into Take Pen B. In HRD III, the five marked sheep must be sorted into Take Pen A. If less than 4 of the marked sheep are sorted into Take Pen A, the sort must be reattempted before the handler may continue the course. If after the second sorting attempt, less than 4 marked sheep are in Take Pen A, the handler should move on, resulting in significant point deductions. In HRD II, the five sheep sorted into Take Pen A must contain at least 3 marked sheep. In HRD I, any five sheep can be sorted into Take Pen A. At all levels, both Take Pens **MUST** contain 5 sheep before moving on. Scoring for the Round Pen and Sort ends when there are 5 sheep in Take Pen A and Take Pen B and both Take Pen gates are closed. (Tiebreaker 2)
 2. Obstacle 1 (10 points): The sheep are moved from Take Pen A to the north side of the Freestanding Pen and then penned. The handler should secure the pen gate with the attached rope. Scoring for the Obstacle 1 ends when five sheep are in the Freestanding Pen and the gate is secured. Handlers may not attempt Obstacle 2 until **all five** sheep are in the Freestanding Pen.
 3. Obstacle 2 (10 points): The sheep are moved from Take Pen B through Obstacle 2 and then to Gate 1. In HRD III, the handler must remain at the Take Pen B gate until the sheep have passed Obstacle 2. In HRD II, the handler must remain behind the dog until the sheep have passed Obstacle 2. In HRD I, the handler may move anywhere relative to the obstacle but may not enter it. There are no handler restrictions after the sheep have passed Obstacle 2. Scoring for Obstacle 2 ends when the sheep are within 10 feet of Gate 1.
 4. Obstacle 3 (20 points): The sheep are moved through Gate 1 and to the Narrow Road. The sheep should travel on the Narrow Road from north to south. In HRD III, the handler remains at Gate 1 until the sheep exit the narrow road. In HRD II, the handler must stay on the north side of the gravel path until the sheep exit the narrow road. In HRD I, the handler may move anywhere relative to the Narrow Road, including leading the sheep on the road. After exiting the obstacle, the sheep are turned east, then north to Gate 2. There are no handler restrictions at any level when moving to the gate. The sheep are moved through the gate into the alleyway. Scoring for Obstacle 3 ends when the sheep are in the alleyway and Gate 2 is closed. (Tiebreaker 1)

5. Gather (15 points): Handlers and dogs move to the starting point for the gather as described below. In HRD III, the handler remains at the HRD II/III post while the dog is sent from there to gather the stock. In HRD II, the handler leaves the dog at the HRD II/III handler's post and may move as close to the sheep as the HRD I post, then sends the dog to gather the stock. In HRD I, the handler leaves the dog at the HRD I handler post (or further away from the stock, if desired) and may move to approximately 15 ft. from the stock, then send the dog to gather the stock. At all three levels, the stock are brought to and around the HRD II/III handler's post, moving clockwise around the post. The sheep are then moved to and through Gate 1. Scoring for the gather ends when the sheep are in the HTAD Sheep Field and Gate 1 is closed.
6. Obstacle 4 (10 points) – **HRD III Only**: The sheep are driven to Obstacle 4 and pass through the panels from west to east and are then turned north. HRD III handlers must stay at Gate 1 until the sheep have passed the north end of Obstacle 4. Scoring for Obstacle 4 ends when the sheep pass the north end of Obstacle 4.
7. Controlled Stock Movement (10 points) – The sheep are moved toward the Take Pens in a controlled manner. In HRD III, the handler must remain along the fence on the south side of the HTAD Sheep field until the sheep pass the west end of the Freestanding Pen. In HRD II, the handler must remain behind the dog until the sheep pass the west end of the Freestanding Pen. In HRD I, the handler may move with the sheep without restrictions. In all levels, the sheep are not required to pass through Obstacle 2, but there will not be a penalty if they do. Scoring for Controlled Stock Movement ends when the sheep have passed the west end of the Freestanding Pen.
8. Removal from Pen and Repen (10 points): The sheep are removed from the Freestanding Pen and held close to it while the gate is closed, but not secured. Handlers may not enter the Freestanding Pen while sheep are removed. The two groups are combined and then all 10 sheep are penned in Take Pen B. Scoring for the Removal and Repen ends when all sheep are in Take Pen B and the gate is closed.

ENTRY FORM

At The Farm

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Fee enclosed: \$ _____ Pre-entries close Friday, April 25, 2025

Make checks payable to "At The Farm". Mail completed entry form and signed Agreement with fees to Event Secretary Jacquie Kramer, 42W820 Clover Hill Lane, Elburn, IL 60119

Pre-entries are \$45/class. FEO entries \$40/class. Gate entries are \$50/class

Full Name of Dog _____ Call Name _____

Registry and Registration Number or AHBA Tracking Number _____

If dog doesn't have a number you can obtain a Tracking number from AHBA.

Breed _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Sire _____ Dam _____

Breeder _____

Owner _____

Owner Address _____

Owner Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Handler's Name, if applicable _____

Check the box for the classes you want to enter and CIRCLE Level, Stock, CH and FEO as appropriate.

Day	Class	Level	Stock	CH	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	HRD	I II III	Sheep	CH	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	HTAD	I II III	Sheep Ducks	CH	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	HTD	I II III	Sheep Ducks	CH	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	JHD	-----	Sheep	-----	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	HRD	I II III	Sheep	CH	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	HTAD	I II III	Sheep Ducks	CH	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	HTD	I II III	Sheep Ducks	CH	FEO
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	JHD	-----	Sheep	-----	FEO

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.

Handler or owner signature

Date