

AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION
Rules and Regulations Governing these Herding Trials are available
at www.ahba-herding.org

Agreement

**** IMPORTANT: READ THIS FIRST. ****

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 names 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.

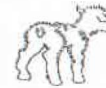
Signature

Date

Herding Opportunities

at

Murphy's Rest



6985 Birdseye Road, Helena MT 59602

TRIALS

Sanctioned by The American Herding Breed Association

Saturday, May 10, 2025—3 PM Briefing
9 runs only – Junior Herding Dog class
Sheep only

Sunday, May 11, 2025—3 PM Briefing
6 runs only – Herding Ranch Dog class, I, II, III
Sheep only

JUDGE: Cappy Pruett, 36600 E. 144th Ave.; Hudson CO 80642

SCHOOLING CLINIC

See inside for schedule

Clinician Cappy Pruett will help attendees, both days, learn various elements that make up trials.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE:

From Interstate 15, take Lincoln Road Exit (#200). Go west toward Lincoln approximately 9 miles, and turn left onto Birdseye Road. Go .6 mi to trial site on the left. Street number 6985 is on mailbox post.

From Montana Highway 12, (from Missoula), turn on Williams St. (toward Fort Harrison). Road will turn a number of times and cross Railroad tracks twice. DO NOT enter gates of the Fort, but continue keeping Fort on the left. Trial site is approximately 13 miles from Highway 12. Street number 6985 is on mailbox post (on the left).

SPONSOR/SECRETARY

Margaret (Peggy) Duezabou, 6985 Birdseye Road, Helena MT 59602
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Please sign release page on this form. THANKS!

POLICIES & NOTICES TO EXHIBITORS

STOCK & VALUE: Shetland, Shetland X, or Dorper X sheep (\$125 replacement value).

- Owners or their agents are solely responsible for the presence of their dog(s) for judging. Judges need not wait for dogs.
- Exhibitors are expected to clean up after themselves & their dogs.
- Bitches in season may be moved to the end of the class at the judge's discretion. Please notify the Trial Secretary if your bitch is in season.
- Please bring your own chairs.
- Telephone entries cannot be accepted. Mail entries with payment to Peggy Duezabou, POB 473; Canyon Creek MT 59633.
- Exhibitors must be present at Handler Briefings.
- **LEASHES**, use them. RESPECT resident cats and poultry!!!
- Please keep dogs away from Livestock Protection Dogs ☺
- Exhibitors are expected to help as needed, setting courses, scribing, collaring sheep, etc.

AWARDS

High In Trial (HRD only): Rosette and \$15

Reserve High In Trial: \$10

Qualifying ribbons for both Herding Ranch Dog and Junior Herding Dogs

SCHOOLING CLINIC

Working spots \$125 per day w/bonus rate for trialing

Many exhibitors have not had the opportunity to work with fences, gates, and other obstacles. Or, they may be struggling with particular skills, such as a lift or starting a drive, that will show up when they start to trial. This clinic is intended to help herding enthusiasts move beyond basics and to let them believe they and their dogs can trial.

SATURDAY, May 10: Junior Herding Dog class is a good place to start.

Dogs do short outruns to gather stock, and they can use fences and obstacles to show their fetching and balancing ability.

SUNDAY, May 11: Herding Ranch Dog class is designed to move stock through obstacles and arenas that they are used to in their daily settings. There will be gates and a settling/sorting exercise depending on skill level. Dogs will typically use a combination of fetching and driving in this class.

Clinics will start at 8 AM and last until Trial Briefing at 3:00 PM.

Clinic participants are encouraged to enter for a reduced trial fee at the time they register for clinic.

Clinic Audits: \$40

General entry for the trials will open April 25. Please note that runs are very limited because of stock availability.

AHBA Tests & Trials ENTRY FORM

One form for each dog entered. Day of event entries accepted if space available. General entries (not participating in clinic) open April 25, 2025

Please make checks payable to Peggy Duezabou and mail to: PO Box 473, Canyon Creek MT 59633.

Murphy's Rest – Saturday, May 10, 2025

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- JHD sheep \$35 (\$25 for clinic participants) _____
- Saturday Clinic working spot \$125 _____
- Saturday Clinic audit \$40 _____

Murphy's Rest – Sunday, May 11, 2025 (Please circle level)

JUDGE: Cappy Pruett

(Please circle level)

- HRD sheep – Level I II III \$45 _____
(\$35 for clinic participants)
- Sunday Clinic working spot \$125 _____
- Sunday Clinic audit \$40 _____

Total Fees: _____

Please fill in this information for both clinic and trial participants:

Dog's Registered Name _____

Registry and # _____ Call name _____

Breed _____ Sex _____ DOB _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Breeder _____

Owner _____

Owner's address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Herding Ranch Dog Course Description

1. Gather & Fetch to Handler's Post: Sheep will be set out 120' from the post. For HRD I, the dog may be taken to a point halfway between stock & post; and the handler may go to within 15 feet of the stock. For HRD II, the dog is set at the post; and the handler may go halfway to the stock. For HRD III, both dog and handler are positioned at the post. HRD I dogs may be brought in on leash, but it must demonstrate a pause as the leash is removed and before it is sent to gather stock. HRD II & III remove the leash just inside the entry gate.
2. Turn around post & move through gate #1: For HRD I, the handler may fetch and/or drive throughout, with the handler in any position. HRD II and III handlers may not walk through either gate and are further restricted by handler lines, noted on course maps and marked with flagging on fences and panels.
3. Fetch/drive through gate #2: HRD I handlers may walk in any position and may pass through gates. HRD II and III must not walk through gate openings and, furthermore, must not breach handler lines.
4. Move sheep to south corner of arena & into pen: Handlers of all levels may move freely or alongside fence. Stock are held a short distance off the gate while it is opened. Element ends when gate is closed.
5. Hold/sort sheep inside pen: HRD I handlers and dogs will hold sheep quietly against the fence for a count of 5. HRD II & III handlers will pull a ribbon from one sheep. They may use their dogs to hold the stock against the fence or in a corner.
6. Exit sorting pen and execute weaving through barrels: Control sheep as they exit from the sorting pen and proceed to barrels. HRD I handlers will take the sheep between at least one of the 12' openings presented by the barrels. They may walk in any position. HRD II & III handlers take the sheep through both 12' openings. HRD II handlers may walk in any position. HRD III handlers must stay behind a handler line chalked 10' from the barrels. They may choose either side of the obstacle.
7. Exhaust sheep at west corner of arena: Proceed to west corner of arena and pen all the sheep.

