

American Herding Breed Association
Herding Trials and Tests

Saturday AM and PM, June 27, 2026

Hosted at:
Glenrose Farms
126 Genny Lane
Newport VA 24128

Open to all eligible AHBA breeds as allowed by AHBA rules

Trial Site Hours – 7:30AM to completion of final awards of the day
These events will be held outdoors rain or shine

One run of each level offered per day for each trial:

HRD Sheep (7 head)
HTD Sheep (3-5 head)
RLF Sheep (25 head)
HCT sheep (3 head) JHD sheep (3 head)

50 runs per day, of which 6 RLF runs max per trial will be available.

JUDGES:

Saturday AM: Claire Apple
Saturday PM: Laura Noll

First handlers' meeting will begin at 8:00AM. PM trial to begin shortly after AM trial or lunch break.

For more information: Laura Noll, 540-449-9774, lenoll@glenrosefarms.com

ENTRIES: No opening date, pre-entries must be received by Friday, June 20, 2026

FEEES:

RLF Sheep \$55
HRD Sheep \$45
HTD Sheep \$45
JHD Sheep \$40
HCT Sheep \$35

Same day entries will be accepted prior to the start of the course each day if space available.

Additional \$5.00 per class for entries or funds received after the closing date of
Friday, June 20, 2026.

Paypal IS NOT an available entry option. Zelle is available for online payment for this trial.

Zelle information: Laura Noll, 540-449-9774. Entry form may also be submitted electronically.

Please make checks available to and mail entries to: Laura Noll, 126 Genny Lane, Newport, VA 24128

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: sheep \$500.00

COVID Policy: Please stay home and refunds will be granted to those with actual or suspected Covid-19 exposure or if you are unwell and experiencing potential Covid-19 symptoms.

AHBA, Jack and Laura Noll, Glenrose Farms, Glenrose Stockdog LLC and all trial workers and volunteers assume no responsibility for any accident or injury.

- Bitches in season will run last per course type. They should be crated away from trial arenas when not competing.
- All dogs must be on leash when not competing, except stockdogs on their way to go move stock.
- Entry confirmation will be sent by email; please be sure to include your email address.
- Trial organizers will establish the run order prior to the trial.
- Entry fees will only be refunded if request is received on or before pre-entry closing date (June 20, 2026).

Awards:

Rosettes or other awards to 4th for HTD, RLF, and HRD, plus High in Trial and Reserve High in Trial awards and/or rosettes for each day. Qualifying “flat” ribbons for all qualifiers in all classes.

Emergency Veterinarian:

Virginia Tech Veterinary Teaching Hospital; 540-231-4621 – call before leaving for clinic, if possible.
205 Duck Pond Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24061, approximately 15 minutes from trial site.

Food:

Lunch will be available for \$5 donation each day, to include sandwich fare and sides. Morning snacks such as kind bars, donuts, etc., will be available. Contributions of sides and morning snacks are welcome.

Lodging:

Hotels are located in Blacksburg and Christiansburg, VA. Some Christiansburg locations are at the I-81/US 460 junction (about 25-30 minutes away), others are located closer in, with Blacksburg being closer than Christiansburg, but please confirm if they accept dogs. SureStay in Christiansburg and Comfort Inn in Blacksburg (there are two so please confirm) accepts dogs and has good dog walking areas.

Airbnb types of accommodations are located in areas as above, but also, more locally, in Newport, Eggleston, and Blacksburg.

Campgrounds include New River Junction (closest campground – allows both tent and RV parking, plus river tubing – call ahead, of course), there are a few private and county campgrounds in Giles County and Montgomery County (we’re on the border of these two counties), and Claytor Lake State Park (furthest campground, also has cabins.)

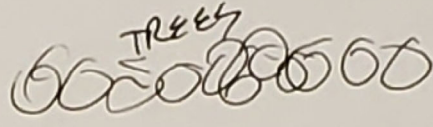
No onsite camping or car camping except by prior arrangement. Smaller RV’s and campers may be allowed as space is available. Our gate is too narrow to allow larger RV’s.

Trial Site:

126 Genny Lane, Newport, VA 24128. GPS is accurate to our property in most cases, or very near our property in other cases. There will be signs to ensure that you find the correct lane and driveway.

Please feel free to contact me if you need written directions.

10.5 AC FIELD
TREES



UNNOTED

DRIVE / WEAR
PANEL

LEVEL II
DRIVE LIMIT

LEVEL III
HANDLING
STATIONS
CHOOSE ONE SIDE
OR OTHER

LEVEL III
HANDLERS PROCEED
HERE GATHER & THEN
DRIVE FROM HERE
REGATHER

FREE
STANDING
PEN

GO OUT HERE

SORT OFF
2 HEAD TO
REMAIN &
5 TO GO OUT

GRASS
100 X 85'
YARD

PUT
HEAD
INTO PEN

BARN

PEN

CANE

RUN-IN
SHED

7 HD TO
BEDICKSON

WATER
TANK

ROUND
BALE
FEEDER

LEVEL III
TO WAIT AT
GATE

Ranch Course Narrative:

- 1) Gather 7 head from front paddock, Level 1 handler may go within 15' of the sheep and dog may be positioned up to halfway between the post and the sheep, Level 2 handler may only go halfway and dog must remain at handler post, Level 3 – both dog and handler at the post.
- 2) Fetch from handler's post up the lane a short distance to lane gate, open the lane gate without losing the sheep, to exit lane into grassy paddock (opening and closing the gate behind yourself, flock and dog), then travel (fetch or drive) to gate diagonally across the grassy paddock.
- 3) Gate sort 5 sheep into pasture and retain two sheep (unmarked for Level 1 and 2, sheep marked for level 3).
- 4) Put the two retained sheep in a pen at the opposite end of the grassy paddock.
- 5) Enter the large pasture and proceed to handler's post.
- 6) Gather the 5 head that have been sorted into the large pasture (Level 1 handlers may be within 15' of sheep and dog may be positioned up to halfway between the post and the sheep, Level 2 handler may only go halfway and dog must remain at handler post, Level 3 – both dog and handler at the post.
- 7) Proceed to panels (fetch/drive to panels for level 1, level 2 handler must stop at the cone to complete the last half of the drive, Level 3 handler must drive from the handler's post through the panels)
- 8) Proceed directly to the Y chute (from their respective limit line/cone for Level 2 and 3) and negotiate Y chute from designated cone till last head exists chute – Level 1 proceeds to uphill cone, Level 2 and 3 proceed directly to downhill cone
- 9) Proceed directly to the freestanding pen Level 1 may hold rope, Levels 2 and 3 must hold rope.
- 10) Run ends when gate is closed behind the sheep without touching any part of the sheep.
- 11) Exhibitors are asked to remove sheep from pen, close the pen gate and exhaust their sheep, if able to do so.

All levels are allowed 12 minutes but lack of progress criteria will apply per the AHBA trials rules/regulations.

Tie Breakers:

- 1) Gather 7 Head score
- 2) Sort 5 into Hay Field
- 3) Course Time
- 4) Rerun for tied scores (including HIT) that can't be broken using the above 3 criteria in sequence, using the 1st four course elements as this sequence has minimal level restrictions per element, as compared to the rest of the course.

10'S TREES
AC VIEW

TREES
DRIVE PAVEMENT

NOTE

25 HEAD IN COLUMN
THROUGH

GENERAL HANDLING
SOLUTIONS ONE SIDE
WOODS OTHER

DRIVE PAVEMENT

LEVEL III OPERATED
HANDOVERS BATH HERE
DRIVE FROM HERE
DRIVE RIGHT THEN

WEEKS/NOISE
PENS
NOT
USED

SOOT OFF
HEAD TO
REMAIN IN
20 TO 60 OUT

GRASS
100' X 85'
YARD

DRIVE PAVEMENT
DRIVE PAVEMENT

WATER
TANK

PUMP-IN
SHED
CARRIED FROM

PAVED
DRIVE PAVEMENT

BARN

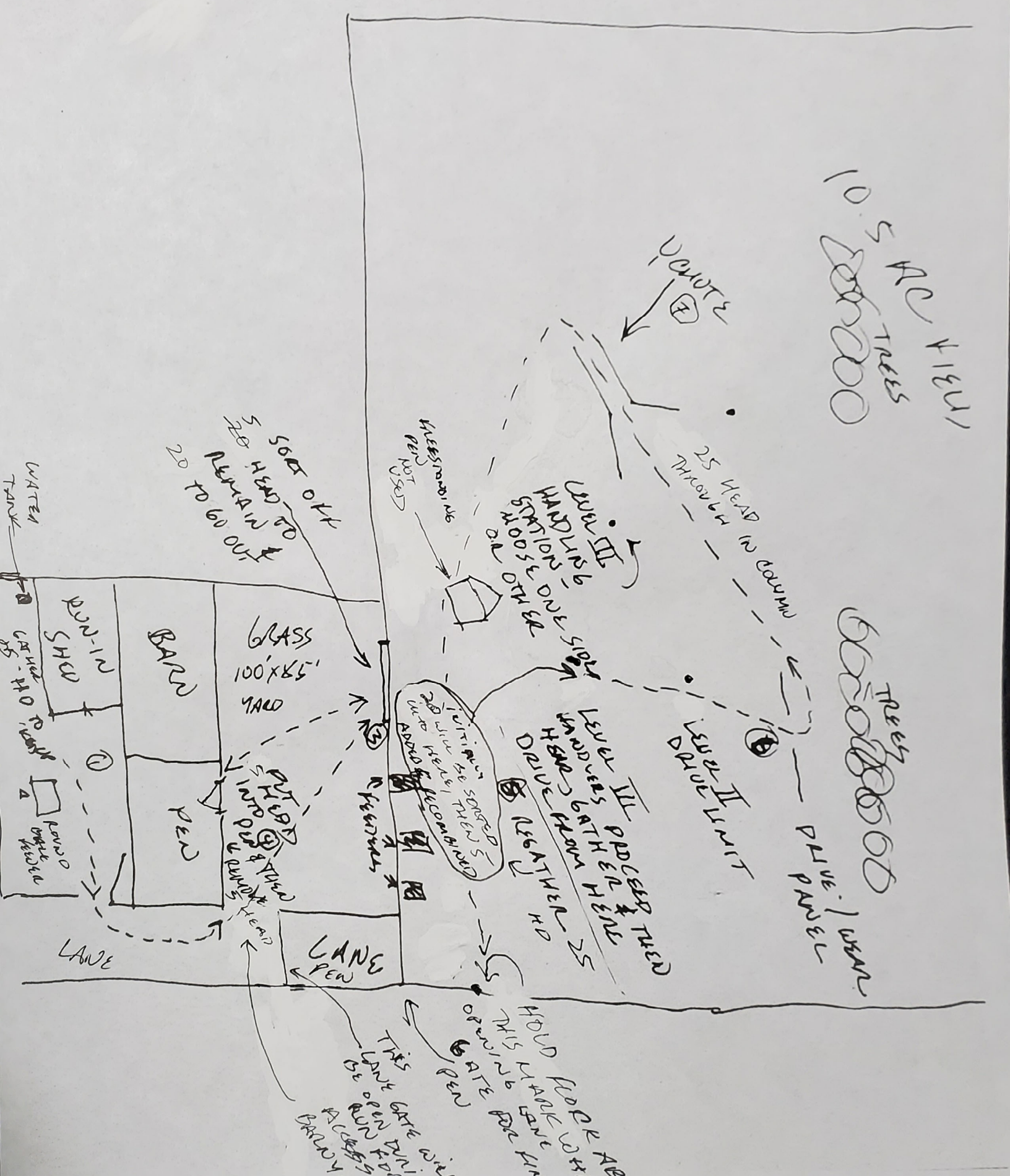
PEN

LANE
PEN

LANE

THIS GATE WILL
BE OPEN FOR
ACCESS TO
BARN

HOW MAKE OR
OPERATE
GATE
THIS IS THE
OPERATE
GATE



Ranch Course Narrative:

- 1) Gather 25 head from front paddock, Level 1 handler may go within 15' of the sheep and dog may be positioned up to halfway between the post and the sheep, Level 2 handler may only go halfway and dog must remain at handler post, Level 3 – both dog and handler at the post.
- 2) Fetch from handler's post up the lane a short distance to lane gate, through the open lane gate, to enter into the grassy paddock in front of the barn and proceed to the gate diagonally across the grassy paddock.
- 3) Gate sort 20 sheep into pasture and retain 5 sheep (unmarked for Level 1 and 2, sheep marked for level 3).
- 4) Put the 5 retained sheep in a pen at the opposite end of the grassy paddock and close the gate.
- 5) Call the dog off and step away from the pen, return to the pen, and gather the 5 head out of the pen, close the gate behind them, and put the 5 sheep into the pasture to be reunited with the 20 head. Level 1 handlers may go in and guide the dog as needed but without contact, Level II handlers may step in approximately halfway (position limit line will be indicated at handler's meeting), Level III handlers will remain at the gate.
- 6) Enter the large pasture, reunite the 5 head with the 20 head as needed and in a practical manner, and proceed to handler's post.
- 7) Gather the 25 head (Level 1 handlers may be within 15' of sheep and dog may be positioned up to halfway between the post and the sheep, Level 2 handler may only go halfway and dog must remain at handler post, Level 3 – both dog and handler at the post.)
- 8) Proceed to panels via cone to indicate appropriate approach (fetch/drive to panels for level 1, level 2 handler must stop at the cone to complete the last half of the drive, Level 3 handler must drive from the handler's post through the panels)
- 9) Proceed directly to the Y chute (from their respective limit line/cone for Level 2 and 3) and negotiate Y chute from designated cone till last head exists chute – Level 1 proceeds to uphill cone, Level 2 and 3 proceed directly to downhill cone. Care must be taken to funnel the 25 head through the Y chute carefully and not be shoved in there as a packed group. Y chute will be widened slightly.
- 10) Proceed directly to the lane gate in the bottom right corner without allowing the sheep to run into the corner, placing the sheep just beyond the marked post on the property line fence and hold them at that location while opening the gate and stepping out the way, before calling the dog off and flanking around the flock as needed to turn them into the lane, closing the gate once all sheep are inside.
- 11) Run ends when gate is closed behind the sheep without touching any part of the sheep.

All levels are allowed 15 minutes but lack of progress criteria will apply per the AHBA trials rules/regulations.

Tie Breakers:

- 1) Initial Gather of all 25 Head score
- 2) Sort 20 into Hay Field
- 3) Course Time

- 4) Rerun for tied scores (including HIT) that can't be broken using the above 3 criteria in sequence, will be broken in a rerun using the 1st four course elements as this sequence has minimal level restrictions per element, as compared to the rest of the course.

AHBA SANCTIONED HERDING TEST AND TRIAL NAME OF CLUB or PERSON(S) Sponsoring this Event: Glenrose Farms and Glenrose Stockdog LLC. Location: 126 Genny Lane, Newport VA 24128. Dates of Event: Saturday and Sunday May 20-21, 2023 - Pre entries deadline May 15th. Additional \$5.00 per class for entries or funds received after the closing date of May 15th.

The only electronic form of payment available is Zelle (Zelle information: Laura Noll, 540-449-9774) – or - Make checks or money orders payable in US funds to: Laura Noll. Send to the Trial Secretary: **Laura Noll, 126 Genny Lane, Newport VA 24128**

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.**

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Stock: Sheep	Class: RLF	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$55
Stock: Sheep	Class: HRD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45
Stock: Sheep	Class: HTD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45
Stock: Sheep	Class: JHD		Fee: \$40
Stock: Sheep	Class: HCT	Leg: 1 2	Fee: \$35

Saturday PM, June 27, 2026

Stock: Sheep	Class: RLF	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$55
Stock: Sheep	Class: HRD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45
Stock: Sheep	Class: HTD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45
Stock: Sheep	Class: JHD		Fee: \$40
Stock: Sheep	Class: HCT	Leg: 1 2	Fee: \$35
		Total both days:	

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:		
Telephone:	Email:	
Agent’s name (if applicable):	Telephone (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:		