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**1227 E. County Road 82
Wellington, CO**

**American Herding Breed Association
Herding Ranch Trials**

Saturday, August 29, 2026

HRDm I, II, III – Mixed – sheep & goats

BTDsg I, II, III - sheep and goats

Sunday, August 30, 2026

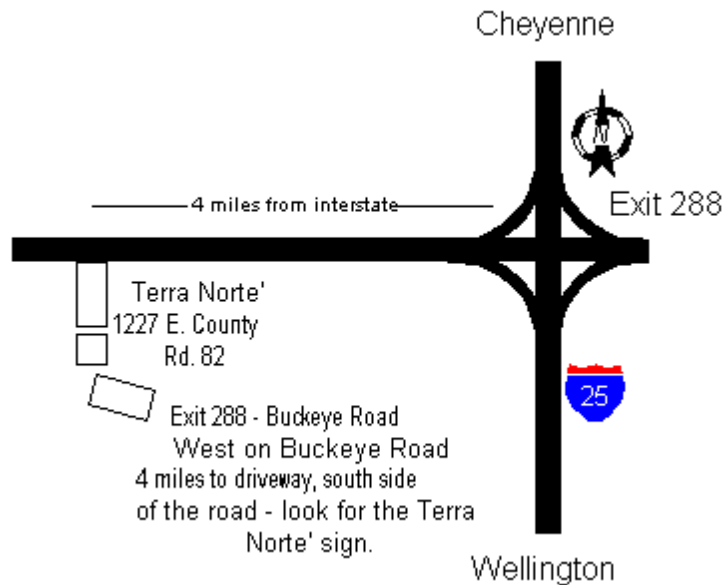
HTADs I, II, III sheep Course 2 (Take pen, gate sort)

HTADg I, II, III goats Course 2 (Take pen, gate sort)

HTADd I, II, III ducks Course 2 (Take pen, gate sort)

JBD (all levels), JHD and HTC tests goats

Test/Trial Hours -- 7:00AM till dark



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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE AMERICAN HERDING BREEDS ASSOCIATION (AHBA) TO HOLD THE TRIALS UNDER AHBA RULES AND REGULATIONS.

A complete list of the rules governing AHBA events can be found at www.ahba-herding.org. Entrants are encouraged/requested to review and become familiar and knowledgeable with these regulations. (Dogs must be 9 months or older for trials)

Judge:

Karen C Trimble -8621 Summer Song Circle, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015
Val Manning – 1227 E County Road 82, Wellington, CO 80549

Classes/Entry Fees –

Boundary Trial Dog (BTD), Herding Ranch Dog (HRD) - \$60/\$70
Herding Arena Dog Trial (HTAD) Sheep and Ducks - \$50

**Jr. Boundary Dog (JBD), Junior Herding Dog (JHD) and
Herding Capability Test (HCT)
\$45 pretrial/\$55 day of trial**

Day of event entries will be accepted ONLY if space and/or time allows.

**August 29, 2026 – HRDm 15 entries
BTDsg 15 combined entries.**

**August 30, 2026 – HTADsgd 25 combined trial runs
JBD, JHD & HTC 15 combined runs**

Stock -

Sheep/Value \$300
Blackbelly Barbado x Katahdin x droper crosses.
Goats/ Value \$275 Purebred Kikos
Ducks \$50 Khaki Campbell x call duck crosses

BTDsg 15+ sheep or goats/run
HRDm 16 sheep & 16 goats/run,
HTAD 5 sheep, goats or ducks/run
JBD 9+ sheep or goats/run
JHD/HTC 3 goats or sheep/run

**RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED FOR FIVE PLACES IN EACH
CLASS/QUALIFYING RIBBONS TO EACH QUALIFIER**

PRIZES BOTH DAYS:

High in Trial – Throw pillow with sheep motif
Reserve High in Trial – Ceramic stem vase with sheep motif

Trial hours are from 700 am to 7:00 pm each day
This event will be held outdoors regardless of weather

Trial Secretary/Event Sponsor:

Val Manning

1227 E County Road 82, Wellington, CO 80549
970-391-6559 ranchoterranorte@hotmail.com

Course director: Val Manning -- Stock supervisor: Doug Richardson

Veterinarian (on call)

Alice Baker-Meutin, DVM

Optimal Animal Health and Performance

7755 County Road 94 Fort Collins, CO 80524 (970)646-3600

Motels That Will Accept Dogs

Days Inn, 7860 6th Street, Wellington, CO (970) 568-0444

Days Inn, 3624 E. Mulberry, Fort Collins, CO (970) 221-5490

Fort Collins LaQuinta, 3709 E. Mulberry, Fort Collins, CO (970) 493-7800

Sleep Inn, 3808 E. Mulberry, Fort Collins, CO (970) 484-5515 (dog friendly, mention BVKC)

Guesthouse Inn, I-25, Ault exit 269A, 4333 East Mulberry, Fort Collins, CO (970) 493-9000

Plaza Inn, I-25, exit 269B, 3836 E. Mullberry, Ft. Collins, CO (970)484-4660

Camping Grounds -

Wellington KOA – 4821 E County Rd 70 (Owl Canyon Road), Wellington, CO (970) 568-7486

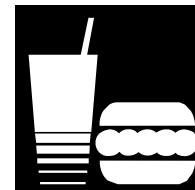
Fort Collins / Poudre Canyon KOA – 6670 US-287, La Porte CO (970)493-9758

Fort Collins/Lakeside KOA 1910 Lakeside Resort Lane, Fort Collins, CO (970)484-9880

Terry Bison Ranch Resort – 51 I-25 Service Road East, Cheyenne, WY 82007 (307) 634-4171

* Limited RV parking is available on site for self contained units. \$15/night. Please contact Val Manning (TerraNorte@aol.com) for more information.

The Northern Colorado Herding Cooperative will be providing concessions for purchase each day. The nearest food is 10 miles away from the trial site



Rancho Terra Norte'AHBA Herding Dog Ranch (HRD) Mixed (Sheep & Goats)

Course Description

Judge: Karen C Trimble Saturday, August 29, 2026

Course starts with 6 sheep and 6 goats in the A course. 3 of the sheep have collars and 3 are unmarked. 3 of the goats will have collars, 3 will be unmarked. The handler and dog enter the arena through the southeast gate and proceeds to the post in front of the holding pens.

- 1. Gather I: 10 points (H1, H2, H3) Sheep and goats are gathered from the A course arena.**
 - a. H1 may position dog half way between stock and the post, handler then may approach within 15 ft of the closest stock.
 - b. H2 dog is positioned at the post and handler may move half the distance to the closest stock.
 - c. H3 dog and handler are positioned at the post, handler must remain at the post until the stock is gathered and fetched to handler.
- 2. Sort I: 10 points (H1, H2, H3) Handler must sort goats and sheep into 4 holding pens.**
 - a. H1 will sort any 3 goats into 2 separate pens and any 3 sheep into 2 separate pens.
 - b. H2 will sort 3 marked goats into a pen, and 3 unmarked goats into another, and then sort any 3 sheep into separate empty pens
 - c. H3 will sort goats into marked and unmarked pens and sheep into marked and unmarked pens.

Once the sort is completed, the handler and dog leave the A-course arena through the empty pen 5 and enter the alleyway. The handler un-pens both sets of goats and releases them into the HT arena.

- 3. Fetch/Drive I: 10 points (H1, H2, H3) Goats are taken through the HT arena to the southeast gate and into the lane to the free-standing pen.**
- 4. Obstacle 1 Free Standing Pen: 10 points (H1, H2, H3) Goats are placed in the free-standing pen.**

Handler then enters the PT arena and proceeds to the PT pen where 10 sheep (5 marked/5 unmarked) are in the instinct test pen and 10 goats are in the PT holding pen.

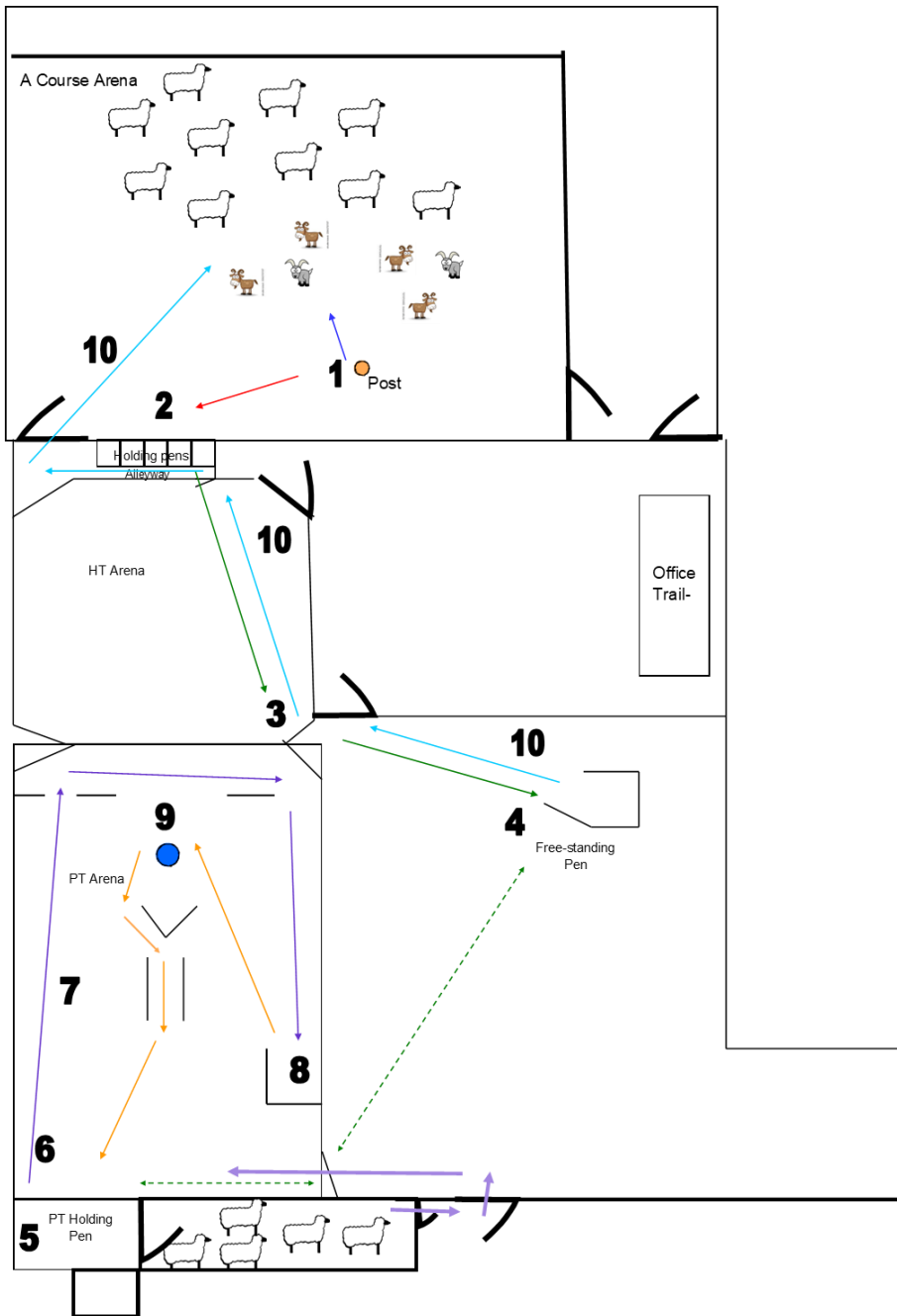
- 5. Controlled Access/gates: 10 points – Stock is removed from holding pen/area and moved through the PT exhaust pen and out into the PT arena.**
 - a. H1 unpens the goats from the holding pen and exhaust them into the PT arena.
 - b. H2 – gathers the sheep from the instinct pen area and moves them though to the PT exhaust gate, then exhausts into the PT arena

- c. H3 – gathers sheep from the instinct pen area and leaves through the east gate into the trap, then through the green gate into the lane and exhausts into the PT arena from the SE gate.

- 6. Sort 2: 10 Points - 5 head of stock are gate sorted into the PT exhaust pen**
 - a. H1 – 5 goats
 - b. H2 – 5 Sheep – minimum of 2 marked
 - c. H3 - 5 sheep – either marked or unmarked
- 7. Fetch/drive 2: 10 points - Remaining 5 head are moved along with west fence of the PT arena, through the panels in the northwest corner and around to the panel on the northeast corner and down the east fence to the hold exam pen.**
 - a. H1 can walk with goats, but may not go behind panels.
 - b. H2 can walk with sheep, but must remain behind H2 line (2/3 of arena) and parallel drive the sheep across the back of the arena.
 - c. H3 remains behind the H3 line (1/3 of arena).
- 8. H3 only Special Task: 10 points (H3 only) – After clearing the east panel, sheep are taken to the Hold/exam pen. Once sheep are in the pen, handler is free to approach. Handler needs to catch and hold a designated sheep.**
- 9. Obstacle 3/Free-standing Chute: 10 points - Sheep are taken around a barrel in a counterclockwise direction and then through a Free-standing Chute on the centerline of the arena. Stock enters on the right side of the obstacle, then through the chute**
 - a. H1 may walk with the goats, but may not enter the obstacle.
 - b. H2 may walk with sheep, but may not enter the obstacle.
 - c. H3 stays at the mouth until the sheep have cleared the chute
- 10. Unpen/Gatework/Controlled passage: 10 points (H1, H2, H3) - Goats are unpenning from free-standing pen and moved into and though the HT area, then into the alleyway and exhausted into the A course, the sheep are unpenning and exhausted into the A course. Handler and dog leaves through the north HT gate.**

Time ends when north HT gate is closed. Tie Breakers – Best score on #7, then best score on #2. Time ends when handler and dog leave HT arena.

HRDm Diagram – Saturday August 29, 2026
Judge Val Manning



BTD Course August 29, 2026

Judge: Karen Trimble

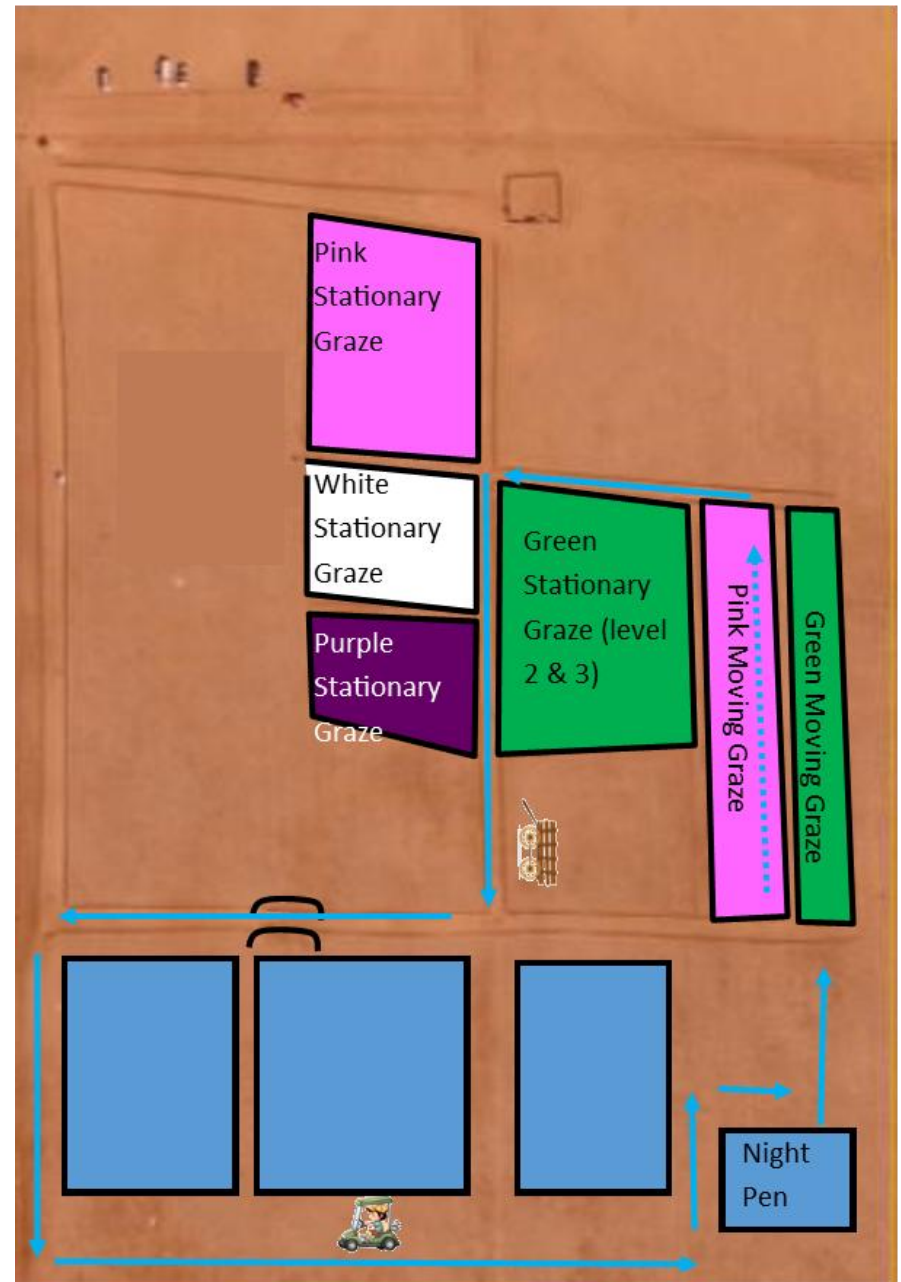
Level 1

Judge will assign alternating grazes for level 1 exhibitors—White or Purple.

1. Leave Pen (10 Pts)
2. Move flock into Moving Graze from south to north. (10 Pts)
3. Turn left at end of moving graze to East Farm Road, turn left and move flock to assigned stationary graze. (15Pts)
4. Leave Stationary graze, head south on East Farm road to Bridge road.
5. Move stock past hay/grain wagon (10 Pts)
5. Turn right on Bridge Road, pass over the bridge to Richardson Road (10pts)
6. Turn left onto the farm road
7. Move stock to right side of road to pass stationary vehicle. (10 Pts)
8. Continue east on farm road to the night pen
9. Re-pen the stock into the night pen with hold off gate (10Pts)
10. Roadwork/general deductions (15 Pts).

Basic Course Information –

- The course terrain is native prairie grass, due to droughty conditions – we have a lot of granite gravel that can be harsh to some dog's feet.
- There are no "Out of Bounds" on this Course.
- Road and graze boundaries are marked by furrows with electric fence posts designating corners. Bridge is elevated gravel bottom
- Approximate course distances in feet: Level I – 2215 ft/ 738yards Level II 2197 ft/732 yards Level III 2197/732 yards
- Optional Alternate Elements: Bridge with flag distraction, hay wagon.
- The moving graze 303 ft/100 yards x 50ft. Level 1 stationary graze 100 ft/33 yards x 135 ft/45 yards. Level 2 & 3 stationary graze 150 ft/50 yards x 200 ft/67 yards.



BTD Course—August 29, 2026

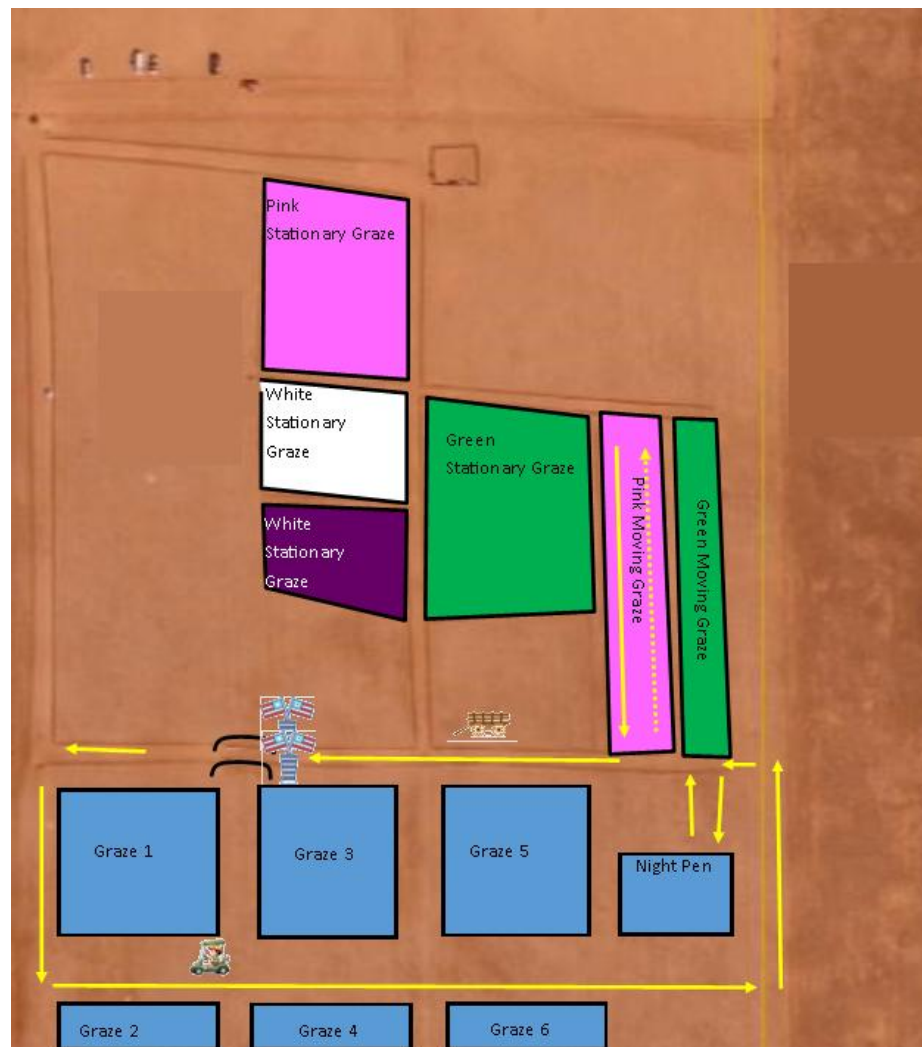
Sheep and goats

Judge: Karen Trimble

Level 2 & 3

Judge will assign alternating grazes to exhibitors—Pink or Green

1. Level 3 only— Enter into pen with dog and examine the flock. (10 Pts)
2. Leave pen (10 Pts)
3. Navigate moving graze to north end, reverse direction of flock then navigate back to Bridge Road. (10 Pts)
4. Move stock past the hay wagon distraction. (10 pts)
5. Head west on Bridge road and across the bridge (level 3—flag distraction) (10pts)
6. At the intersection of the Richardson Road—turn left onto the farm road.
7. Enter either graze 1 or 2 stationary graze from farm road (west side). (15 Pts)
8. After leaving the graze on the west side—head east on the farm road. Once on the farm road—there will be the vehicle passed. Level 2—one oncoming pass. Level 3—one oncoming and a second from the rear. (10 Pts)
- 10 Continue on the farm road to the southeast corner of the night pen, continue around to the entrance of the Night Pen.
11. Re-pen with hold off gate (10 Pts)
12. Roadwork/general deductions (15 Pts)



Trial Class	Leg		Leg		Leg	Test Classes		
BTDs 1	☐	(1)(2)	HRDm 1	☐	(1)(2)	HTADg 1	☐	(1)(2)
BTDs 2	☐	(1)(2)	HRDm 2	☐	(1)(2)	HTADg 2	☐	(1)(2)
BTDs 3	☐	(1)(2)	HRDm 3	☐	(1)(2)	HTADg 3	☐	(1)(2)
BTDg 1	☐	(1)(2)	HTADs 1	☐	(1)(2)	HTADd 1	☐	(1)(2)
BTDg 2	☐	(1)(2)	HTADs 2	☐	(1)(2)	HTADd 2	☐	(1)(2)
BTDg 3	☐	(1)(2)	HTADs 3	☐	(1)(2)	HTADd 3	☐	(1)(2)
CH PTS	☐	Non-Compete	☐	<i>"Exhibition only" classes are offered at these trials</i>				

AGREEMENT

In consideration for participation in an event sanctioned by the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) and held at Rancho Terra Norte home of Val Manning and Doug Richardson, I (we) 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 (us) or the dog(s) I (we) have entered in or brought to this event. I (we) further agree that I (we) will hold the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents and members and Val Manning and Doug Richardson, and their employees/help working this event, 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. I (we) agree to indemnify the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents or members and Val Manning and Doug Richardson, and associated persons, for any loss, cost or expenses, including attorney fees and costs, to which the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents or members and Val Manning and Doug Richardson, and associated persons might be subject as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my (our) part or on the part of any dog(s) I (we) have entered in or brought to this event. I (we) acknowledge that while the AHBA may provide sanctioning for this event with regard to the issuing of titles, it and Val Manning and Doug Richardson, and associated persons do not have and do not exercise control over the conduct of those present. I (we) certify and represent that the dog(s) I (we) have entered in or brought to this event is/are not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or to people.

I (we) will pay for any livestock injuries or replacement value in the event of death of any livestock by my (our) dog(s). In case of any injury to any stock caused by the dog(s) entered or said dog(s) actions thereof, I (we) will assume total responsibility for any damage. I (we) agree to pay the full market value, as set forth and noted in this event's premium, of the injured animal in case of serious injury, or the veterinarian bill or its equivalent if the injury is slight.

Signature of entrant: X

AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION ENTRY FORM

Rancho Terra Norte' 1227 E. County Road 82 Wellington, CO 80549

AHBA Herding Trial & Tests

August 29 & 30, 2026 Judge: Karen Trimble and Val Manning

Entry Fees – Tests classes - \$45 (\$55 day of trial entries), HTAD classes - \$50 (\$60 day of trial entries, BTD/HRD classes - \$60 (\$70 day of trial entries).

Closing when limits reached. Entry limit: 15 BTD, 15 HRD runs on Aug. 29, 2026.

25 HTADsgd and 15 JBD/JHD/HCT combined test runs on August 30, 2026

Day of entries accepted ONLY as space and/or time allows.

Mail entries with fees to **Val Manning, 1227 ECR 82, Wellington, CO 80549**. Make check or money order payable to **Terra Norte'**. Overnight delivery address: **Terra Norte' 1227 ECR 82, Wellington, CO 80549**. You must WAIVE SIGNATURE on express entries. All entry fees payable in U.S. Funds. Use a separate entry form for each dog entered or if entry is different between each trial but entering all trials.

I enclose \$_____ for entry fees.

IMPORTANT -- Read and Sign Reverse Side before completing Must sign BOTH signature places.

Breed:	Sex:	Date of Birth:
Full Name of Dog:		
Registry & Number:	Call Name:	
Breeder:		
Sire:		
Dam:		
Actual Owner(s)		
Owner's Address		
City	State	Zip
Name of Handler - if not owner		
I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Herding Breed Association in effect at the time of this event and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to person(s) or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement: SIGNATURE of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry:		
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Telephone:		
Email:		



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