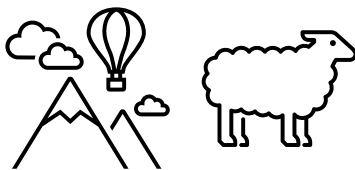


Manzano Mountain Herding Group



AHBA All-breed Sheepdog Trials

September 25- 27th, 2026

Friday Sept 25th: 2 Ranch Trials limited to 15 runs per trial.

Saturday Sept 26th & Sunday Sept 27th: HTD & HTAD trial limited to 30 runs per day.

Location: Paws 4 Ewe Ranch-- 20902 US Hwy 60 Mountainair, NM

Time: 8:00a.m. each day, gates open, check-in.

Handlers' meeting—8:30a.m. each day Judging to immediately follow handlers' meeting.

Classes/Stock: All classes on mixed hair sheep. Replacement Cost \$200.

Friday Ranch Trials—Levels I, II, & III (\$50.00) per run

HTAD Course 3—Levels I, II, & III (\$50.00) per run

HTD—Levels I, II, & III (\$50.00) per run

Judges: Ellen Gerwin, Karen Trimble

Entries open August 20, 2026. Closing date—September 18, 2026. No entries accepted prior the postmark date. No DHL, UPS, telephone, email, or faxed entries accepted. Late entries accepted until September 21 or until the trial is full (30 runs per day). Please check in with the secretary before trying to enter late to ensure the trial hasn't filled. Waitlist will be kept. **Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.** No refunds after close date.

Entries: Make checks payable to Manzano Mountain Herding Group.

Send entries to: Annie Berical-PO Box 716 Mountainair, NM 87036

*A \$50 service fee will apply to all returned checks. Returned checks will not constitute a valid entry.

Eligibility: Trial class dogs must be 9 months of age or older. Bitches in heat will run in the order drawn. Non-competing runs will be allowed; such runs will be judged solely as exhibition only and are not eligible for placement or prizes. A dog may be entered at any level for which it is trained. There are no title prerequisites.

Order of Events all days: Trial will be run from most advanced to least beginning with Level III. **Friday:** two trials/day. Same course. **Saturday & Sunday:** HTD III first, followed by level II and I. HTAD Level III will follow, then levels II and I.

Herding Trial Arena Dog (HTAD) Course 3: A free-standing pen will be used at all levels. Sheep will be set out for all levels. A ribbon pull will be used for Level III. Review all other course specifics in the AHBA rules and regulations.

HTD: There will be a shed.

Awards: First, second, and third place ribbons awarded in trial classes. HIT and RHIT to be determined.

Food: Lunch provided for judges and workers only.

Accommodations:

NEARBY RV AND MOTEL FACILITIES MOUNTAINAIR, NM - about 5 minutes from the ranch. Mountainair has 3 restaurants, Grocery Store, Gas Station, Pharmacy, Post Office, Auto Repair Shop and Art Galleries. It is an old fashioned small town.

Turner Inn and RV Park: 303 E Highway 60, Mountainair, NM 87036, 505-847-0248 or email at reservations@turnerinnandrmpark.com

Dwell Camp RV Park + Campground: 710 W. Broadway, Mountainair, NM 87036, 505-437-4477, dwellcampmtnair@gmail.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS To Paws 4 Ewe Ranch:

Mountainair is located 60 miles south east of Albuquerque. The ranch is 30 minutes from either Interstate 40 or from Interstate 25.

The ranch is on Hwy 60 between mile marker 209 & 210 on Hwy 60. Do not use GPS; it will take you to the wrong gate. On Hwy 60, the gate is between mile marker 209 and 210. Slow down when you see the wooden stock pens on the north side of the road, and the gate will be right there on the same side of the highway. Signage will also be present.

DIRECTIONS FROM INTERSTATE 40 IN NEW MEXICO:

Take exit 196 in Moriarity, go south on Hwy 41 until it dead ends into Hwy 60 Take a right (west) onto Hwy 60 - go approximately 7 miles on Hwy 60. On Hwy 60 go 1/2 mile past mile marker 210. Ranch entry gates are on the right. Look for trial signage.

DIRECTIONS FROM INTERSTATE 25 IN NEW MEXICO:

Take Exit 175 in Bernardo, go east on Hwy 60 Go thru blinking light in the town of Mountainair (we are about 4 1/2 miles from the light) On Hwy 60 go 1/2 mile past mile marker 209. Ranch driveway gates will be on the left.

OTHER INFORMATION:

No refunds will be given after close of entry date.

Registered Owner of dog shall be responsible for replacement cost of livestock at the following prices: SHEEP - \$200.00 per head.

Entry Form: AHBA Trials Dates: September 25-27, 2026

Location: Paws 4 Ewe Ranch--20902 US Hwy 60 Mountainair, NM

Call Name:	DOB:	Breed:
Sex:	Reg. Name:	Breeder:
Registration Number:		Registry:
Owner:	Owner's Address:	Phone:
Handler's name (if other than owner):		Email:
Friday Ranch Trial #1: (Circle Level)	HRDI HRDII HRDIII	
Friday Ranch Trial #2: (Circle Level)	HRDI HRDII HRDIII	
Saturday Trial: (circle all that apply).	HTD I HTD II HTD III	HTAD I HTAD II HTAD III
Sunday Trial: (circle all that apply).	HTD I HTD II HTD III	HTAD I HTAD II HTAD III
Entry Fees: \$50/run		
Friday Trial: #1 & #2 Total fees--		
Saturday: Total fees--		
Sunday: Total fees--		Total enclosed:

Make Checks payable to Manzano Mountain Herding Group

Mail entries to: Annie Berical PO BOX 716 Mountainair, NM 87036

Entries accepted in postmarked order.

AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OR RISK: 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 agree to indemnify the AHBA, Manzano Mountain Herding Group, their officers, directors, agents, property owners, and members, and Paws 4 Ewe Ranch for any loss, cost of expense including attorney's fees and costs, to which they might be subject as a result of any claims, 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 further agree that I will hold the AHBA, Manzano Mountain Herding Group, their officers, directors, agents, property owners and members, and Paws 4 Ewe Ranch 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 assume full responsibility and liability of the dogs I enter and certify that they are current on all vaccinations. I also agree to be responsible for paying the market value for any animal mortally injured by my dogs and for any vet bills incurred on any animals injured by my dog(s). I understand that attendance at this event is not without risk to myself or my dog(s) because some of the dogs and livestock to which I will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount care.

Signature of Owner/Authorized Agent: _____ Date: _____

Note on set-out: all sheep will be set in the Stock Yard, but not “held.” They are free to roam within the Stock Yard. Handlers must send their dog to fetch the sheep where they stand. Dogs have 15 minutes to complete the course. 5 head of sheep. Ties are broken by a.) best drive through crossdrive panels, b.) best gather from Stock Yard, and c.) time.

1. Gather from Stock Yard—10 points

Sheep will be turned into the Stock Yard (100 x100ft).

- a. Level 1 & 2 must open the gate to the stock yard fully (so that it covers the escape south down the alleyway). Level 1 & 2 handlers must leave this gate open. Level 3 handlers must close the gate behind them once the stock have entered the alleyway.
- b. Level 1 can set their dog at the center cone but may move within fifteen feet of the sheep to start the gather. [Leash off at center cone].
- c. Level 2 must leave their dog at the cone, but may turn and face their dog (no more than 2 paces) off the cone to start the gather. In other words, the dog does not need to be sent from the handler’s side. [Leash off before stock yard gate is opened].
- d. Level 3 must stand at the entry/exit gate and must send their dog from the gate to gather the stock. [Leash off before dog enters the course].

2. Fetch/Hold down Alley 1—15 points

The sheep are gathered from the Stock Yard and fetched through the gate into the alleyway. For Level 3, ideally, the dog will hold sheep near the handler while the handler closes the gate. All levels must perform a controlled fetch down the alleyway to the next gate. Handler should stop the dog and the sheep for a “hold” off the gate while the handler opens the gate. Points are deducted for sheep running or escaping down the alleyway. **Dogs chasing sheep in any alleyway will be disqualified.**

3. Handler proceeds with sheep to the gate at the end of Alleyway 1, allowing the sheep into Alleyway 2, closing the gate behind them. The sheep must be held by the dog to the right (east) of the gate while handler closes the gate. Excessive movement of the sheep/escape of the sheep will result in point deductions. The dog may go under fences and gates to control and hold the sheep as needed.

4. Fetch/Hold down Alley 2—15 points

Once in Alleyway 2, handler takes the sheep to the left (West).

- a. Level 1 and 2 may collect the sheep and fetch the sheep down Alleyway 2
- b. Level 3 handler must remain at the gate while the dog collects the sheep and drives the sheep down Alleyway 2 (approx. 100ft) until they reach the end.

The dog should hold the sheep calmly while waiting for the handler to join them.

5. Hold to the point of Entering Arena Gate—10 points (level 1, 2), 20 points (level 3)

Sheep, handler, and dog will then enter the arena in the following ways:

- a. Level 1, the gate to the arena is already open. Sheep should enter calmly. Handler calls the dog to them while the handler closes the gate behind them.
- b. Level 2, the handler must stop the sheep to open the gate to the arena, while the dog holds the sheep, neither pushing them past the handler, nor allowing them to escape back down Alleyway 2. Sheep should enter the arena calmly and the handler calls the dog to them while the handler closes the gate behind them.
- c. Level 3, the handler must stand at the entry to the Final Alleyway and the dog must drive the sheep into the Holding Pen at the end of the alleyway. The dog must hold the sheep in the Holding Pen without entering the Holding Pen. After the judge calls “Hold” the handler can close the bow gate on the holding pen with the sheep inside. Points are deducted if the dog crosses the threshold of the bow gate into the holding pen. **Anytime the dog enters the Holding Pen, points will be deducted.**
 - i. Once the handler closes the bow gate on the Holding Pen, handler and dog will exit the Final Alleyway into the arena through the same gate Level 1 and 2 entered.
 - ii. Handler will ask dog to down/stay along the fenceline, behind the driveline of the sheep in the Holding Pen. The handler will then open the gate from the Holding Pen into the arena to allow the sheep to enter the arena. The handler may ask the dog to walk up to encourage the sheep out. The handler may enter the Holding Pen to encourage the sheep out. If required, the handler may ask the dog to enter the Holding Pen and take the sheep out, but as already mentioned, **points will be deducted for instances where the dog must enter the Holding Pen** to take the sheep out. Sheep must exit the Holding Pen calmly. Points will be deducted for sheep rushing or exploding out of the Holding Pen in an uncontrolled manner.

6. Fetch/Drive thru Cross-Drive Panels—20 points

After entering the arena, all teams will collect their sheep and will drive or fetch the sheep down the center line through the Cross-Drive panels at the end of the arena. Once sheep exit the Cross Drive panels, the dog must turn the sheep Right (South)

and proceed to the Pen. For all levels, the handler may begin moving to the Pen as soon as the sheep exit the plane of the Cross-Drive panels.

- a. Level 1 must fetch or drive the sheep to the left of the second cone and proceed down the arena. Level 1 handlers may fetch all the way up to the Cross-Drive panels but may not go through them.
- b. Level 2 handlers may fetch to the left of the second cone, and continue to fetch all the way to the third cone but must remain at the third cone while the dog drives the sheep (60 feet) through the Cross- Drive panels.
- c. Level 3 must drive the sheep through the Cross-Drive panels while the handler remains at the first cone. (200 feet)

7. Pen—10 points

All Levels must pen the sheep. Handlers are not required to hold the rope on the Pen gate at any level. Points are deducted for circling the pen and for sheep that are not penned.

8. Hold/Exhaust—10 points

After exiting the Pen, sheep, dog, and handler proceed to the Exhaust Gate where the dog should hold the sheep off the gate, allowing the handler to open it without being crowded by the sheep. The dog must not follow the sheep out the Exhaust Gate. This will result in disqualification.

Scoring Criteria: Manzano Mountain Herding Group Ranch Trial –September 25

Gather from Stock Yard—10 points

Fetch/Hold down Alley 1—15 points

Fetch/Hold down Alley 2—15 points

Hold to the point of Entering Arena Gate—10 points (level 1, 2), 20 points (level 3)

Fetch/Drive thru Cross-Drive Panels—20 points

Pen—10 points

Hold/Exhaust—10 points

Total Points: 90 (Level 1 and 2)

100 (Level 3)

large field

Legend :  Gate

 Gate directionality

--- Plane

 direction of travel

• Cone

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Ranch Course
Trial 1+2
Sept 25, 2026

