



2026 AHBA Summer Herding Trial

8/24 - 8/25 - 8/26 - 2026



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BTD – Goats , Mixed – 15+ head of stock
HRD – Sheep, Goats, Mixed, - 5 head of stock
HTAD – Course 5 – Sheep Goats, Mixed – 4 head -
HTAD Course 3 Geese, Ducks – 5 head
HTD – Geese – 5 head

Test/Trial Hours -- 7:00AM till over
These events will be held outdoors, rain or shine.

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 requested to review and become familiar and knowledgeable with these regulations. Dogs must be 9 months or older for trials

Entry Fees – All runs and entries are Non Competitive runs

HTAD & HTD trial classes: \$45 pre-trial/\$60 day of trial
Boundary Trial Dog (BTD), \$55 pre trial/\$70 day of
HRD trial classes: \$50 pre trial/\$65 day of

BTD runs - Limited to 6 goat or 6 mixed per day
HRD runs – Limited to 20 runs on goats, 5 runs on mixed, 12 runs on sheep, 4 runs on geese
HTAD – Limited to 25 runs per day between goats, sheep and mixed , 4 runs on ducks per day
JHD/JBD – Limited to 4 runs per day – on goats

TOTAL COMBINED BETWEEN ALL CLASSES NOT TO EXCEED 50 runs/day
ALL ENTRIES ARE DONE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS BY POSTMARK
Entries will be considered full when stock usage is at capacity even if that means individual classes are not full.

Day of event entries will be accepted **ONLY** if stock and/or time allows. If you are planning to enter day of for an event – please send an email to archermuncaster.melissa@gmail.com prior to coming to make sure there are openings.

Stock: Sheep Value: \$250 Dorper
Goat value: \$350 -\$450 Registered Kiko Goats
Ducks Value \$25 Khaki Campbell X

CO HOSTED WITH: Flint Creek Flyers

JUDGES: Karen C Trimble 8621 Summer Song Circle, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015-4433
Lauren Sandrin – 9784 Garwood Street – Littleton, CO 80125
David Stanford – 4322 Paintbrush Drive, Evans CO 80620
Melissa Archer Muncaster – 3263 E ½ Road, Clifton, CO 81520

JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENT

ACTUAL SCHEDULE WILL DEPEND ON ENTRIES RECEIVED

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VETERINARIAN

Animal ER of the Western Slope
1660 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501
[\(970\) 525-0911](tel:9705250911)

You will need to provide your own lunches – There are numerous restaurants within a 5 minute radius of the trial site. Bringing your own shade is recommended. There is water from a hose on site for the dogs. Please bring your own bowls as there will be no community bowls to share.

BTD Course – Goats - Mixed

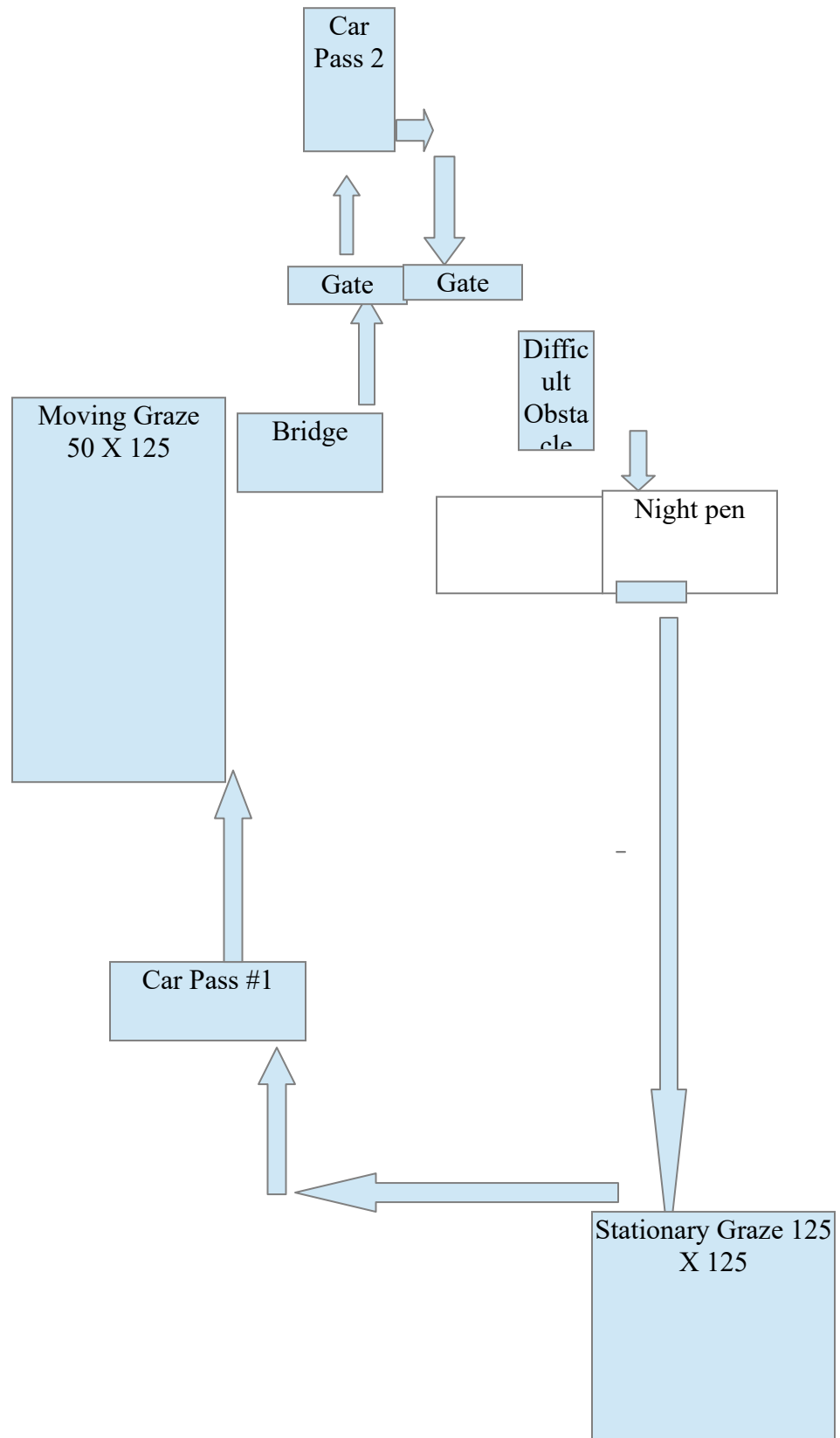
- 1) Level III – Inspect the flock and grab and hold 1 animal designated by the judge prior to taking from the pen- After the inspection and grab and hold are complete – take from the pen.
- 2) Calm roadwork to the stationary graze where the dog shall graze the livestock for the specified period of time based on the dog's level.
- 3) Gather the stock and leave the graze – exiting and heading west, go past the buck shed and head south (right). Car pass shall come from the front
- 4) Moving Graze
 - e– Level 3 handler will move through the graze – do the placement at the far end – and return to where they entered before moving back on to the road toward the bridge
 - Level 2 handler will move through the graze – do the handler assisted placement at the far end and return to where they entered before moving back on to the road before the bridge.
 - Level 1 handler will move through the graze in one direction toward the bridge.
- 5) Bridge – upon leaving the moving graze – the dog will move toward the bridge and guard the dangerous side of the bridge while the livestock are crossing. Level III – Bridge with Distraction – Flag or Umbrella set up near the bridge – flapping may cause distraction. Dog should work through the distraction keeping the livestock on the bridge without bolting....
- 6) Handler and flock should move through the west gate to the back road– at all levels – the dog should hold the flock off the gate. Car Pass #2 happens from the front approximately 100 feet from the west gate.
- 7) After the car pass is complete – the handler shall head to the east gate - at all levels – the dog should hold the flock off the gate – and head through into the arena where the difficult obstacle will be stationed the dog must keep the flock off of the feeder which should be filled with grain at higher levels and hay at lower levels
- 8) Head through the North Gate to the repen gate and Repen the stock - at all levels – the dog should hold the flock off the gate

Roads are minimum 12 feet wide- up to 20 feet wide

Course -1395 feet (465 yards) Level I and Level II – 1520 feet 507 yards (Level III)

Furrows are boundary markers- 80% of the course has boundaries on both sides

There is no out of bounds on the course – Roads are dirt, grass, Graze has forage



HRD Course - 5 head – multiple areas – Sheep – Goats - Mixed– Geese

Start: Time begins when the night pen gate is opened.

Examination and walk through of the flock – Dog moves the flock making sure all stock is sound.

Level III – all off lead

Level II loose lead

Level I on lead

After examination of the flock, dog and handler exit the pen.

Level III task only – the judge will select a goat or sheep (the same type animal will be selected for all level III handlers) for further examination. The animal should be grabbed with a crook or by hand and held for further examination. The dog should help to hold the stock in a corner and should not unduly pressure the animal once it is held. The judge will notify the handler when the grab and hold is completed. The handler then exits the pen.

Handler then re opens the pen:

Level III handler stays holding the gate opening and sends the dog to gather and bring the stock out

Level II can walk right inside the pen gate and send the dog

Level I can walk with the dog to exit the stock .

Gate is closed

Stock are taken through the 50 x 100 duck arena (Arena A) to the gate for the larger 100 X 200 arena (Arena B). At all levels – the dog hold the stock off the gate while the handler opens the gate. The dog moves to release the hold and the stock are moved through the gate into the larger Arena (B).

The gate to the sorting pen alley way is opened. At all levels – the dog hold the stock off the gate while the handler opens the gate.

The handler opens the gate and sends the dog around and the stock are put into the alleyway.

There are 2 empty sorting pens. Level III must sort 3 marked animals into pen #1 . The gate is closed. The handler must then place the other 2 into the second pen and the gate is closed.

Level II must sort at least 2 marked into the pen with one other animal of their choice for a total of 3 animals in pen 1 and then close the gate.-. Then level II must put the remainder into the second pen and the gate is closed.

Level I must sort any 3 livestock in pen 1, then close the gate and pen the remainder 2 in pen 2 and close the gate.

Handlers then combine both pens back together in the alleyway. The livestock is then taken back into Arena B

Level III stays at the fence and then the dog drive the stock through the center line panels to the opposite fence line.

Level II may walk up to the panels but then stays at the panels until the stock reach the opposite fence line with the dog driving them.

Level I may fetch or drive all the way to the opposite fence line -
No handler may go through the centerline gates at ANY level.

The stock are then turned left and taken through the runway panel. All levels fetch or drive down the fence line to the L chute then are taken to the Z chute.

Level III stays at the opening of the L chute until stock exit the Z chute.
Level II stays stops half way between the L and the Z chute until the stock exit the Z chute.
Level I may fetch or drive all the way through the L and Z chute.

No handler at any level may enter the L chute or the Z chute.

Once the stock exit the Z chute they are turned and taken to the freestanding pen.

Level III must take hold of the rope and may not drop the rope.
Level II must take hold of the rope and may not drop the rope.
Level I may or may not choose to take hold of the rope.

Stock is penned and the gate is closed.

Stock is moved back to the 50 X 100 arena – A hold off the gate is required at all levels.
Gate is opened – the dog is sent to put them through the gate. The gate is closed.

The stock are taken to the center of the Duck Arena (A) and a hold is performed. Judge calls the hold.

Stock are then taken to the night pen where the run began. A hold off the gate is performed at all levels. Gate is opened and the dog is sent around to release the pressure and pen the stock.

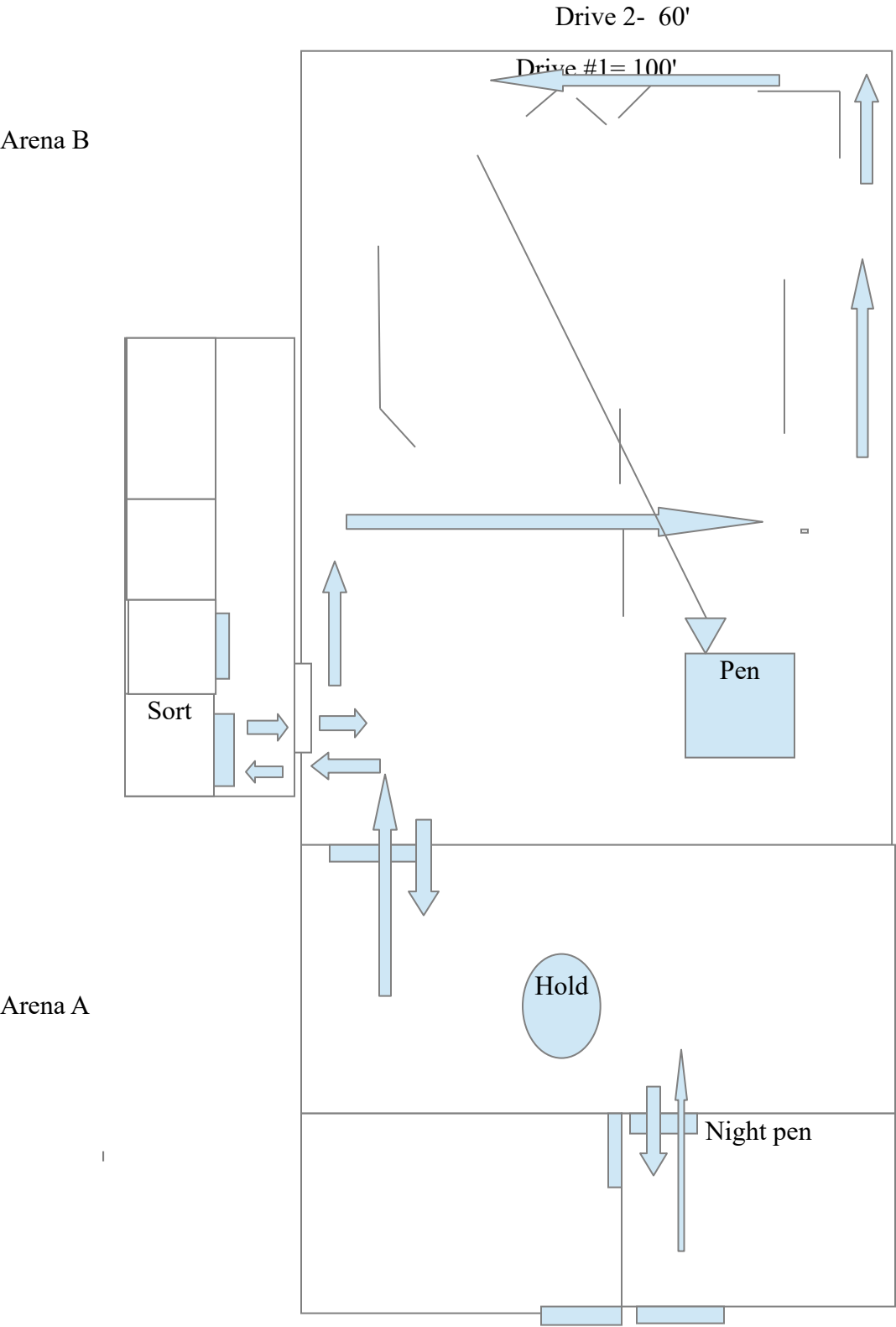
The gate is closed and the time stops.

Handlers must carry their leashes at all times .

If the run is called, the dog is to be leashed and the taken from the arena/trial area.

Tie Breaker #1
Tie Breaker #2
Tie Breaker #3 Time

HRD Course - 5 head – multiple areas – Sheep – Goats - Mixed– Geese



HTAD Course #5 – Sheep/Goats/Mixed/Ducks/Geese (4 head) 100 X 200 – Geese - 5 head – 100 X 200

Ducks AND geese will be COURSE 3 - 50 X 100 – 5 head

Start: Kick the stock out to a feed pan from the sorting pens and alleyway

Level III – sends the dog from the cone to gather the stock

Level II -set the dog at the cone and may go half way between the sheep and the dog and sends the dog to collect the stock

Level I sets the dog half way between the stock and the cone and may go within 15 feet of the stock to send the dog to collect the stock.

Fetch stock up and around the cone going counter clockwise to the fence east of the Z chute

Turn right and take the stock through the Z chute and the L chute to the corner.

Level III stays at the cone until they exit the L chute

Level II can move to the fence and while stock is moved through the Z chute fetch or drive or combo through to the L chute

Level I can fetch or drive the stock through these obstacles.

The handler may not enter the obstacles at any level.

Stock are taken down the fence line through the panel where they make a right hand turn and cross the arena going through the center line panels

Level III must stay at the exit of the runway panel and the dog must drive the stock through the center line panels toward the fence.

Level II may go to the fence line when the stock make the turn to the center line panels. The dog drives the stock through the center line panels. Once the stock have crossed the plane of the center line panels the handler may move

Level I may fetch or drive but may not enter the center line panel opening.

Stock are taken through the Y chute then turned toward the Freestanding Pen.

All levels may fetch or drive through the Y but may not enter the obstacle.

There is a rope and or leash on the panel of the freestanding pen . At no level is a handler required to take hold of the rope or keep hold of the rope.

Once stock are penned they are taken to the center of the arena away from all panels and do a hold. The judge will call the hold.

Level I and Level II Handlers proceed to the repen and do a hold off the gate and repen the stock.

Level III handlers proceed to the repen and do a gate sort on 2 of the stock. They hold the remaining sheep in the arena and then open the gate and exhaust the remaining stock. The gate is closed.

Handlers will wave and call for the stock.

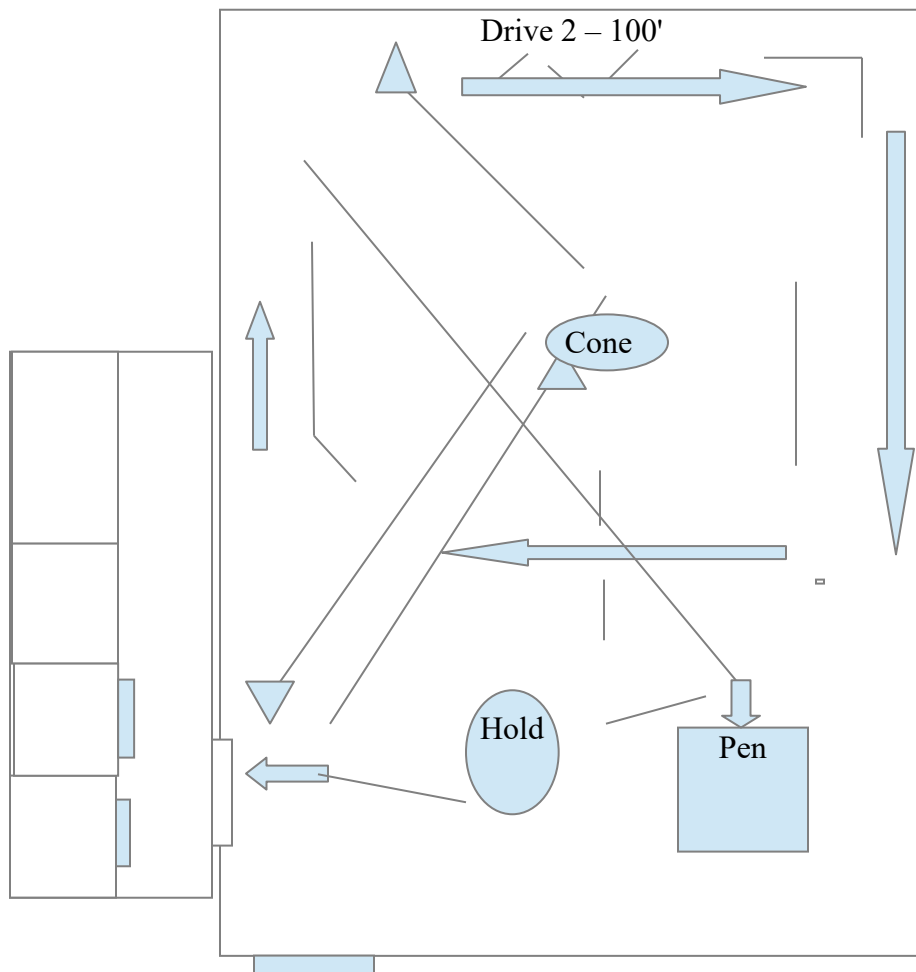
Time starts when the handler sends the dog or starts on its own.

Time ends when the gate is closed.

All handlers must keep their leashes on them at all times. If the run is called by the handler or the judge, the dog will be leashed up and taken from the arena at all levels.

Tie #3 Time

Drive 1- 60'



AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION ENTRY FORM
3263 E ½ Road, Clifton, CO 81520

Email archermuncaster.melissa@gmail.com for entry form

AGREEMENT

In consideration for participation in an event sanctioned by the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) and held at 3263 E ½ Road, Clifton, CO 81520, 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 Melissa Archer Muncaster and Brad Muncaster, 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 Melissa Archer Muncaster and Brad Muncaster 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 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 Melissa Archer Muncaster and Brad Muncaster 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 _____

TELEPHONE # _____

E-Mail: _____

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.