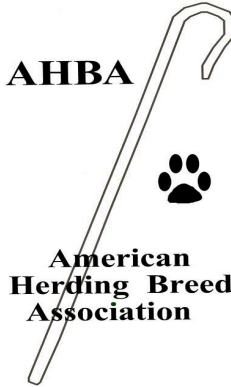




AHBA



American
Herding Breed
Association



**Great River Stockdog Club & Elysian Farm Proudly offer
American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) Tests & Trials
October 10-11, 2026**

Test levels:

Two Herding Capability Tests (HCT)

Two Junior Herding Dog Tests (JHD)

Trials:

Two Herding Trial Arena Dog (HTAD) ducks

Two Herding Ranch Dog (HRD) sheep

Saturday, October 10

HCT, JHD (sheep) & HTAD (ducks)

HCT and JHD #1 Judge: Guy Lawrence

HCT and JHD #2 Judge: Kim Torson-Schneider

HCT for sheep will be held 60' round pen for dogs trying to earn their first leg or a 100 x 100' arena for dogs trying to earn their second leg.

**A handler may choose to attempt their first leg of HCT in the 100 x 100' area.*

JHD will be held in a 100 x 200' arena

[Rules for HCT](#)

[Rules for JHD](#)

HTAD Ducks - [Course 4](#) (4-5 head of call ducks or Swedish Blues) (100' x 100' arena)

HTAD #1 Judge: Guy Lawrence

HTAD #2 Judge: Kim Torson-Schneider

Check in/Day of Entries (if runs available): 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Tests start at 9:00 a.m. Order will be HCT #1, HCT #2, JHD #1, JHD #2

HTAD ducks to follow after completion of HCT and JHD

24 Runs will be available with the combination of HCT and JHD trials #1 and 2

30 Duck HTAD runs available between trial #1 and 2

Lunch break at judge's discretion.

Sunday, October 11
HRD

HRD Sheep Trial #1 Judge: Deanna Levenhagen
HRD Sheep Trial #2 Judge: Kim Torson-Schneider
Course description to follow.

Check in/Day of Entries (if runs available): 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Trial #1 to start at 9 a.m. Trial #2 to start at completion of trial #1
20 runs will be available with the combination of trial #1 and 2
Lunch break at judge's discretion.

Pot luck lunch - Elysian Farm will supply the main dish. Please feel free to bring a dish to share. If you are unable to bring anything you are welcome to have lunch with us!

Awards will be given out after each trial.

Certificate of Completion for HCT and JHD tests.

Awards for Each Trial:

High Sheep
High Duck

Pre-Entry date starts August 4th.

Sanction Pending

Fees for each entry:

\$50.00 HRD Sheep Entry (Checks made payable to Elysian Farm)
\$30.00 HTAD Duck Entry (Checks made payable to Elysian Farm)
\$40.00 HCT and JHD Entry (Checks made payable to Great River Stockdog Club)

ALL Entries and payments should be mailed to:

Kim Torson-Schneider
23322 Russell Road
Pine City, MN 55063

Trial Location:

Elysian Farm

Kim and Joe Schneider
[23322 Russell Road](#)
[Pine City, MN 55063](#)

Elysianfarmllc@gmail.com Cell: 651-332-6778

TEST/TRIAL RULES

- Bitches in season may run in order.
- A registration/tracking number is required for ALL dogs. If your dog is not registered with another organization (AKC, UKC, ASCA, ABCA, etc.), you must apply for a registration number with AHBA. <http://www.ahba-herding.org>
- All dogs must be vaccinated for rabies as required by law, vaccinated for other communicable diseases as recommended by your veterinarian, and parasite free.
- PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS. Poop bags and trash cans are located in multiple locations around the farm.
- All dogs must be on leash or crated except when working or in designated potty areas.
- There is very little shade around the herding fields. Plan accordingly. (And bring a chair!) Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Spectators and their dogs should stay back at least 15 feet from the fence around any arena or field where a dog is working. Under no circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting stock nor interfere with another dog's run.

Entry form is below.

NAME OF Sponsor: Great River Stockdog Club HCT and JHD; Elysian Farm HTAD and HRD

AHBA LICENSED HERDING TEST /TRIAL (sanction pending)

Trial/Trial DATE: October 10-11, 2026

No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same kind of stock under the same judge at any trial.

If the trial does not fill, day of entries will be accepted.

Payable in US funds to Elysian Farm for trials & GRSC for test classes. Mail all entries to 23322 Russell Road Pine City, MN 55063.

Please mark what you are entering with "X" A separate form should be completed for each dog entered.

Saturday, October 10th

Trial #1 HCT _____ (indicate leg 1 or 2) _____

Trial #1 JHD _____

Trial #1 HTAD Ducks: HTD 1 _____ HTD 2 _____ HTD 3 _____

Trial #2 HCT _____ (indicate leg 1 or 2) _____

Trial #2 JHD _____

Trial #2 HTAD Ducks: HTD 1 _____ HTD 2 _____ HTD 3 _____

Sunday, October 11th

Trial #1 Sheep: HRD 1 _____ HRD 2 _____ HRD 3 _____

Trial #2 Sheep: HRD 1 _____ HRD 2 _____ HRD 3 _____

A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for the Herding Test or Trial closed.

Call Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____

Sex: _____ Registered Name of Dog: _____

Date of Birth: _____

AHBA Litter Number or Registration number & Organization (i.e. AKC, ASCA) and Country: _____

BREEDER : _____

ACTUAL OWNERS: _____

HANDLER (IF NOT THE OWNER): _____

ADDRESS OF OWNER: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

I (We) acknowledge that the "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" and the "Regulations for Herding Tests and Herding Trials" have been made available to me (us) and that I (we) agree that the club holding this herding test or trial has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and the holding of the Herding test or Trial and opportunity to have the dog tested or judged and to win prize money, ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, it's members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, or show secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the herding test or trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any person or any other causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all losses and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting here from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in the Herding Test or trial, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons. I (we) will pay for any livestock injuries or replacement value in the event of death of any livestock by the dog entered, I (we) will assume total responsibility for any damage. I (we) agree to pay the full market value of the injured animal in case of serious injury, or the veterinarian bill if the injury is slight. Replacement cost for sheep will be based on current market value/ \$50.00 replacement cost for ducks).

Signature of Owner/ Agent: _____ Date: _____

1. Take pen

All levels take 8 head of sheep out of take pen into 200' x 350' arena..

2. Fetch/ Drive to Cone 3

Level III: handler will stay at Cone 1 and dog will drive sheep to Cone 3.

Leave sheep at cone 34. Dog and Handler will return to Cone 1. (distance between cone 1 and 3 is 120')

Level II: Handler and dog may fetch or drive to cone 2. Once at cone 2 dog will drive sheep from Cone 2 to Cone 3. Handler must be at least 15 feet behind dog. Leave sheep at Cone 3. Dog and Handler will return to Cone 2. (distance between cone 2 and 3 is 60')

Level I: Handler and dog will fetch/drive sheep from Cone 1 to Cone 3. Leave sheep at Cone 3.

3. Outrun

Level III: Handler and dog will start at Cone 1. Handler will stay at Cone 1 while dog completes outrun/lift/fetch.

Level II: Dog will start outrun from Cone 3. Handler may go up to approximately ½ to sheep before sending dog on outrun/lift/fetch.

Level 1: Dog will start outrun ½ way from Cone 2. Handler may move within 15 feet of sheep before sending dog on outrun/lift/fetch.

All levels fetch stock back to Cone 1

4. Free Standing Obstacle

All levels put sheep through free standing obstacle from west to east

5. Chute

All levels put sheep through chute from east to west.

6. Gate Work

Level II /III: Sort 3 marked head into repen. May use any combination of chute, either gate from 5 acre field into 100 x 200 and repen gate.

Level I: Sort any 3 head into repen. May use any combination of chute, either gate from 5 acre field into 100 x 200 and repen gate.

7. Hold

Take sheep out of the take pen and put into small arena. All levels will do a hold in area designated by judge. Level 1 may use the fence.

8. Shed

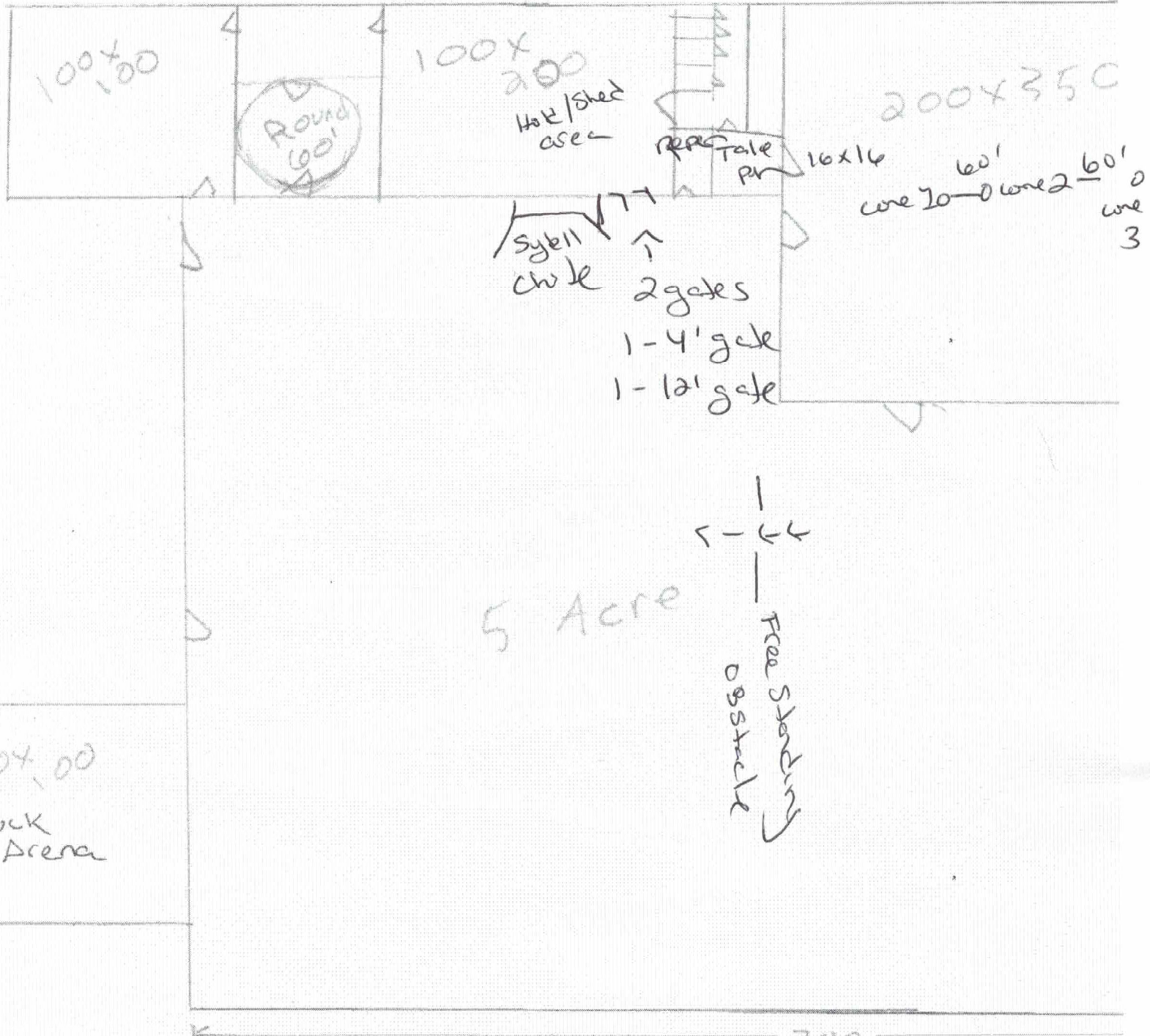
Level III will shed -4 sheep in area designated by judge.

9. Repen – All Levels

Put all remaining head into repen.

Time ends when all sheep are in repen and gate is closed

20 minute time limit



HRD Trial #2 Description

1. Take pen

All levels take 10 head of sheep out of take pen.

2. Gate Work (part 1)

Level II /III: Sort 3 marked head into take pen/repen.

Level I: Sort any 3 head into take pen.

3. Free Standing Obstacle

All levels put 7 head of sheep through free standing obstacles from west to east.

4. Gate Work (part 2)

All levels will put 7 head of sheep into "weird area" and then put them into the 100' x 100'. Will take sheep out of 100' x 100' and put into 5 acre field.

5. Fetch/ Drive to Cone 3

Level III: Handler will stay at Cone 1 and dog will drive sheep to Cone 3.

Leave sheep at cone 3. Dog and Handler will return to Cone 1. (distance between cone 1 and 3 is 120 feet)

Level II: Handler and dog can fetch or drive sheep to cone 2. Once at cone 2 dog will drive sheep from Cone 2 to Cone 3. Handler must be at least 15 feet behind dog. Leave sheep at Cone 3. Dog and Handler will return to Cone 1. (distance between cone 2 and 3 is 60 feet)

Level I: Handler and dog will fetch/drive sheep from Cone 1 to Cone 3. Leave sheep at Cone 3. Dog and Handler will return to Cone 1.

6. Gather/Outrun (grain/hay will be put out at cone 3)

Level III: Handler and dog will start at Cone 1. Handler will stay at Cone 1 while dog completes outrun/lift/fetch.

Level II: Dog will start outrun from Cone 1. Handler may go up to approximately ½ to sheep before sending dog on outrun/lift/fetch.

Level 1: Dog will start outrun ½ way from Cone 1. Handler may move within 15 feet of sheep before sending dog on outrun/lift/fetch.

All levels fetch stock back to Cone 1

7. Chute

All levels will put sheep through chute from east to west and put them into 100'x 200' arena.

8. Hold

All levels will do a hold in area designated by judge with the 7 remaining sheep. Level 1 may use the fence.

9. Shed

Level III will shed 3-4 sheep in area designated by judge.

9. Repen – All Levels

Put all head into the repen.

Time ends when all sheep are in repen and gate is closed

20 minute time limit

