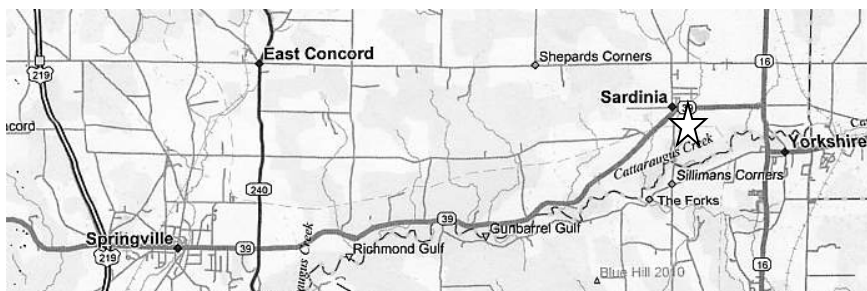


Directions:

Spiritwinds Farm is located in Western New York State, 38 miles Southeast of Buffalo in the hamlet of Sardinia on the South side of State Route 39, 1.3 miles West of State Route 16 across from Jeff's Auto Service. **Eastbound Rt.39:** In Sardinia, go past Crosby's Gas Station, around curve, over the creek (bridge) and turn right into first driveway on the right. Watch for our gray house and barn between Hosmer creek and Timeless View Rd.



Pre-entries must be received by EOD Saturday, October 14, 2026.
Thereafter or Day-Of: add \$10 if space and/or time allow.

Spiritwinds 24th Annual “Dances with Ovines” AHBA Trials & Tests

American Herding Breed Association

Sanctioned All Breed Trials & Tests

Sponsored by Gwen Engler and Spiritwinds Farm,

12919 Schutt Rd. (Rt.39)

Chaffee, NY 14030

spiritwinds@aol.com • 716-496-5295

October 24 & 25, 2026

Location: 12919 Rt. 39, Chaffee, NY

Judges for Trial and Test classes:

Sara Reiter, NY(trial courses both days; tests – Sun.)

Renee Worringer, Ont Can. tests – Sat; conflicts

Sat, Oct 24: HTD-ducks, HTAD-ducks (Course 2 -
take pen, gate sort); HRD; Tests

Sun, Oct 25: HTAD- sheep (Course 2-gather, ribbon
pull); Tests; RLF

Trial Secretary: Gwen Engler

Stock Supervisor: Nancy L. Pugh, DVM

Course Director: Nancy L. Pugh, DVM

Trial Site Opens at 8:15 AM*.

First Handlers' Meetings: 9:00 AM*

Start Times subject to adjustment - refer to Trial Update email.
Ample parking with some shade. All fields are outdoors with no cover on gravel ground - little mud. Veterinarian in attendance.
Water available. Restaurants nearby. Bring your lunch, or order take-out Dutch Treat with us.

Please Note: Entries will be limited to 40 entries overall per day, but "Day-of" may be less due to both the length of each trial run and the available number of daylight hours. Duck entries are limited to no more than 12 total. RLF entries are limited to 12. No alcoholic beverages allowed. All dogs, unless trialing, must be on lead. * subject to change based on entry numbers-via email update.

Trial/Class Order: (Lunch break at judges' discretion)

Class order for all trials: III, II, I.

Saturday: HTD-d; HTAD-d; HRD; Tests: JHD, HCT (2), HCT (1).

Sunday: HTAD-s; Tests: JHD, HCT (2), HCT (1); RLF.

Entry Fees: Pre-entries:\$55.00, RLF \$65 received by

End of Day on Sept 4, 2025.

Thereafter or Day-Of event: add \$10 to pre-entry amount.

Stock: Dorset, Barbados, Dorper sheep and crosses that are well broke to all types of working dogs.

Ducks: Welsh Harlequin or Black Magpie ducks in groups of 5.

Working Areas: HRD & RLF: see site map w/ course descriptions. HTAD-s: 140'x 205' HTD-d: 100'x 100' HTAD-d: 50'x100' JHD: 100'x200' HCT(2): 100'x100' HCT(1): 50 ft. rd pen.

Titles: Each level requires two "legs" under two different judges*. To familiarize yourself with specific requirements refer to: www.AHBA-herding.org

Lodging:

Ben's Nichols Brook Motel, Rt. 16 @ Rt.39, Sardinia, NY reservations only:

1-800-877-1803 local # 716-496-7226 [1.5 miles]

Microtel, 270 S. Cascade (Rt 219-south), Springville, NY 1-800-771-7171

(pet fee/day); local # 716-592-3141 [10 miles]

Trophies (Qualifying scores only)

* Overall Highest Average - Sheep :

TBD

* Highest Average – sheep From Levels I & II – if applicable:

TBD

*Highest Average – in ducks: **TBD**

*1st place at each level (I, II, III):

HTD-d: Duck item by Spiritwinds

HTAD: d- Duck Item

HRD: - by Sheep Mug

HTAD: s- by Spiritwinds

RLF: Toy by Spiritwinds

*Additional trophies:

* **Legs for Test classes: Toy by Barb Ziemba**

* **Test Title: Toy by Barb Ziemba**

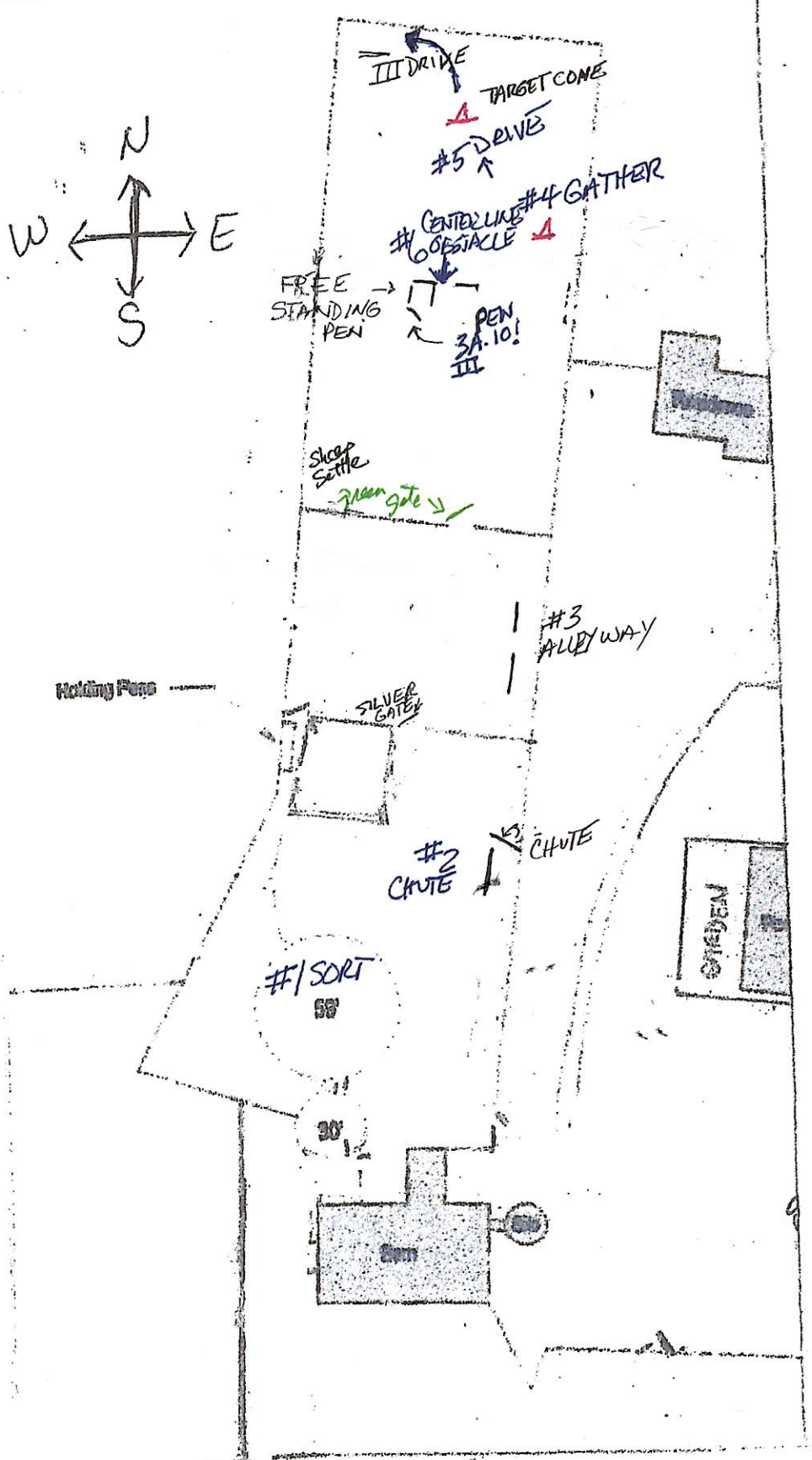
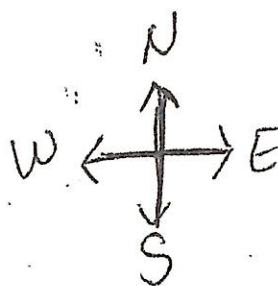
* **OTHER:** by Spiritwinds

* Test titles: Rosette

* Ribbon: HRD, HTD, HTAD, RLF TRIAL placements 1-4.

* Qualifying Ribbon FOR EACH LEG.

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2026 RLF



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2026 AHBA Ranch Large Flock – 25 sheep

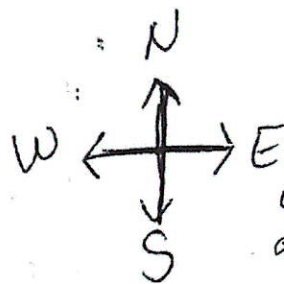
Time: Level I – 20 minutes; II – 23 minutes; III – 25 – minutes

- 1.) Large round pen – sort 10 sheep out III-ribbons out; II ribbons in, then exhaust remaining sheep.
- 2.) All sheep go to and through chute from S to N - **III*& II*** (*handlers line) and smoothly, like a good shepherd to and thru Silver gate into 100sq.
- 3.) Once in the 100sq, allow them to settle.
All sheep then go to & thru alleyway S to N: **III*** straight thru *handlers line; **II***(handler's line) and I thru gap.
Then proceed smoothly to and thru the green gate into the JHD field.
(II & I) Call dog off allow sheep to settle.
- 3A) (III) Pen 10 sheep in free-standing pen, exhaust them from pen and allow all sheep to settle.
- 4.) Gather: (120' from sheep to cone)
(III): Dog & handler at cone.
(II): Dog at cone, handler may go halfway.
(I): Set dog at halfway point
Gather all to handler's cone
- 5.) Fetch/**Drive**: From the handler's cone
(**III**) **drive 120'** to and around target cone to behind panel in NW corner of field
(**II**) **drive 60'** to target cone
(I) fetch/dive to target cone
- 6.) Center line Obstacle on return to Green gate.
All sheep go thru Center line obstacle:
III*(handler's line) & II Both levels: Handler may NOT walk thru
I Handler may walk thru obstacle
- 7.) Exhaust sheep thru green gate with hold.

Tie Breakers:

- 1.) Section 2 - Chute
- 2.) Section 5 – Drive
- 3.) Time

SPIRITWINDS
2026 HRD



CENTER
LINE
OBSTACLE

SETTLE POINT
FOR SHEET



#6
PEN

#6A Fig 8

#5
GATHER

#4
DRIVE/
FETCH

#7
EXHAUST

green gate

#3
ALLEYWAY

Holding Pens

silver gate

#2
CHUTE

#1 SORT
58'

30'

8m

GARDEN

Spiritwinds Farm

AHBA 2026 Herding Ranch Dog (8-10 sheep)

Time: Level I - 20 minutes; II – 22 minutes ; III – 25 minutes

- 1.) All sheep in large rd. pen, sort half of the sheep out.
III- 2 ribbon sheep sort out
II- 2 ribbon sheep stay in
I – sort any half out
Exhaust all sheep.
- 2.) Put all in chute with gate closed, exhaust, close gate and go thru the silver gate into 100'sq.
- 3.) Collect sheep and go to & thru Alleyway: S to N
III* straight thru; II*, I thru gap (*handlers' lines)
- 4.) Take all to and through green gate into JHD field
Fetch/drive to set point (far cone):
(III only)120'Drive through center line obstacle to far cone;
(II) 60'Drive to far cone; (I) 60'Fetch to far cone
At far cone, leave sheep, call/take dog back to handlers post.
- 5.) Gather sheep to handler's post.
- 6A.) **III* only complete Figure 8 (* handler's lines)**
- 6.) All levels: Pen sheep* in Free-standing pen (*III hold rope).
- 7.) Exhaust thru green gate into the 100'sq field w/ hold off gate

Tie Breakers:

1. Section 6 – Pen
2. Section 2 – Chute
3. Time

ENTRY FORM - AHBA Trials & Tests, October 24 - 25, 2026 at SPIRITWINDS FARM, Chaffee, NY 14030

Breed: _____ Reg. Name: _____ Call name: _____

Registry & registry #: _____ Sex: _____ Birthdate: _____

Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Owner: _____ Breeder: _____

Owner's Address: _____

E-mail/phone: _____ Handler if not owner: _____

Pre-entries: \$55, RLF\$65 **received by EOD 10/14/26; +\$10** for Day-of if space available. Please make US funds - Check payable to **Gwen Engler**. Mail entry form & fees to: **Gwen Engler, 12919 Schutt Rd., Chaffee, NY 14030.**

Please sign release below!

Class: check if leg 2 or points	Saturday, October 24	Sunday, October 25
	Ducks (HTD) Sheep	Sheep
HCT leg 1	---	---
HCT leg 2	---	---
JHD leg 1 leg 2	---	---
Check if leg 2 or points:	Circle Level	Circle Level
HRD leg 2? __ Points? __	---	I II III ---
HTD leg 2? __d Points? __d	I II III	---
HTAD leg 2? __d __s Ducks Points? __d __s	I II III	HTAD I II III
RLF leg 2? __ Points __	---	--- RLF I II III

Total # of runs: ___ x \$55; ___ x \$65; Add \$10 for each run on Day-Of \$_____ Enclosed.

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(s) I have entered in or brought to this event. I further agree that I will hold AHBA, its officers, directors, agents, members, Gwen Engler, and Nancy Pugh 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(s) I have entered in or brought to this event. I agree to indemnify the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents, members, Gwen Engler, and Nancy Pugh for any loss, cost or expense including legal fees and costs, to which the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents, members, Gwen Engler, and Nancy Pugh 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(s) 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 I have entered in or brought to this event is not a hazard to other dogs, animals, or people and that they are healthy and adequately protected from communicable infectious diseases. I agree that the safety of the livestock comes first and understand that any run will be stopped in the interest of safety to Stock; I hereby waive any claim for damages or compensation. If any livestock is injured, I agree to pay the veterinary bill. If any livestock is killed or in the opinion of facility owners, is herding-disabled I agree to pay the valued price of the animal. The valued price for each sheep is \$300.00; each duck is \$150.00 - US Dollars. I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and I have read and agree to the conditions set forth above.

(Signature of entrant)

(Date)