

ARound the Farm Australian Shepherd Club

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ARFASC invites you to our
Winter ASCA® Sanctioned Agility Trial

December 16-17, 2023

**ALL DOGS WELCOME!
(Not just Aussies!)**

Agility at the Farm
8N861 Burlington Road, Campton Hills, IL 60140
www.agilityatthefarm.com
Indoors on turf

Judge: Jackie Oricko, OH

Classes offered each day:
2 Regular, 2 Gamblers, 2 Jumpers

Championship Divisions offered:
Standard, Veteran Dog, Junior Handler, and FEO

ACE Divisions offered:
Standard, Senior Dog

Entries are limited to 350 runs per day

Entries open: Oct. 30, 2023 (Postmark date)

Pre-entries close: Dec. 11, 2023 or when entries fill

Day of Show entries will be accepted if runs are available

Trial Secretary
Paul Engemann
1225 Winged Foot Dr.
Twin Lakes, WI 53181
(708) 227-5952

Trial Chair
Jody Cull
740 Hawthorne Lane
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 209-4735

Check-In and Setup

Doors open at 7:00 a.m., Walk-through will start at 7:30 a.m., First dog on the line at 8:00 a.m.

Pre-Entry Fees

Pre-entry pricing is priced by the run. The more runs you enter, the more you save. This includes all dogs in your household that are competing in this trial.

1-9 runs: \$15/run
10-13 runs: \$14/run
14-19 runs: \$13/run
20+ runs: \$12/run

Junior Handler (must enter JH classes only): ½ price off all pricing above.

ENTRY FEES: Make checks payable to ARFASC and mail to Trial Secretary.

Entries must be postmarked by June 4 to qualify for pre-entry pricing.

Day of Show Entry Fees (if runs are available): \$20 run

Other Important Info

Catalogs/Run Orders: No catalogs will be printed. Running orders will be posted at the gate. Handlers with multiple dogs will be separated as much as possible.

Move-Ups: All move-up requests must be received by the trial secretary before Dec 12, 2023. Day-to-day move-ups will be accepted. All move-ups for Sunday must be received by the Trial Secretary by the end of the trial on Saturday.

FEO (For Exhibition Only): We will accept FEO entries. FEO entries may jump any jump height but will not be eligible for any prizes or awards. Minimum age permitted is 15 months. Any dog younger than 18 months must jump at a lower height than their regular jump height. This is a non-qualifying division.

Trial Site Information: The trial will be one ring, 81' x 104'. Equipment may include the following: Dog Walk, A-Frame, Teeter, Open Tunnel, Tire Jump (displaceable), Weave Poles (24" spacing), Non-Winged Single Hurdles, Winged Single Hurdles, and Double Bar Hurdle. All contacts have rubber surfaces. Dog Walk and A-Frame will be slatted and the height for the A-frame will be 5'6" for 16", 20" and 20"+ dogs, and 5' for the 4", 8", and 12" dogs. Electronic timing will be used.

Food: Water and snacks will be available for workers. Restaurants are located on Randall Road, approximately 10 minutes from the trial site.

Measuring - Dogs with a wither height of 20" or less will need show proof of measurement (ASCA, AKC or NADAC height card) or be measured at the trial, unless they are jumping in the highest jump height in that category/division.

Prizes and Awards: ARFASC will award ribbons for 1st through 4th places and green ribbons to each qualifying score. Dogs that complete an ATCh at our trial will receive a rosette and jump bar. Please let us know if you may earn an ATCh during our trial weekend.

High in Trial Awards (HIT): HIT awards for Elite, Open, Novice, and Veteran will be presented at the end of the trial on Sunday. Dogs must have an ASCA registration/QTracking number and compete in the Championship program to be eligible for HIT awards.

HIT calculations are based on scores from Jumpers/Gamblers/Regular. HIT will be calculated based on the level of the dog in the regular class. Points for HIT will be calculated as follows: Elite Q - 7 pts, Open Q - 6 pts, Novice Q - 5 pts. Each faulted Q run in Regular shall be given one-half the value of the equivalent level HITQ points. In the event of a tie, dog with the fastest combined Regular YPS will be the winner.

Workers: No club can pull off a trial without the help of members and exhibitors to keep it running smoothly and efficiently. Your help is greatly appreciated. We will have a sign-up board near the ring where you can sign-up for the worker positions that you prefer. We will also be glad to train those who are not familiar with the needed positions.

Toys in the Ring. Toys may be brought into the arena for training purposes. These toys may not involve food or treats of any kind, may not make noise, or may not leave parts behind. All handlers declaring toys will mark the gate sheet with a "T" at the run check-in and will run at the end of the class in order by jump height. Upon entering the ring, handlers must declare to the judge that they have a toy. They will be immediately eliminated whether or not the toy is used and will have the specified time for training in the ring. If handlers bring a toy in the ring without declaring it, they will be asked to leave immediately.

Preliminary Running Order

Saturday:

All classes will run low to high

Gamblers 1 (EON)

Gamblers 2 (EON)

Regular 1&2 (EEOONN)

Jumpers 1&2 (EEOONN)

Sunday:

All classes will run high to low

Jumpers 1&2 (EEOONN)

Gamblers 1 (EON)

Gamblers 2 (EON)

Regular 1&2 (EEOONN)

Notice that exhibitors, through submission of entries, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of and agree to follow ASCA rules and regulations and ARFASC's trial policies, including but not limited to the following:

- This trial is open to all dogs, purebred or otherwise, at least 18 months of age.
- Bitches in heat, lame, or blind dogs are ineligible for entry, as is any dog with a deformity which may cause the judge to not be able to reasonably assess the dog's ability to function and perform the obstacles safely, and in a manner that is in the best interest, health, and welfare of the dog. Any dog that demonstrates aggression

towards any person or any other dog, whether inside or outside the ring, must be excused from the trial, as will any dog which the judge feels is not in enough control to perform all obstacles in a safe manner. Any owner, handler or spectator exhibiting poor sportsmanship or abuse towards a dog or person will be required to leave the show site for the duration of the trial.

- Bitches in heat are not allowed on the trial site. Bitches that come into heat or dogs that become injured before the closing date may have their entry fees refunded, less \$25.00, pending proof by veterinarian. Refund to be made after the trial closing date. No other refunds will be made after trial closing date. Overpayments below \$10 will be returned only upon request otherwise such overpayments will go to Aussie Rescue.
- This show will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA. A copy of the rulebook may be obtained at www.asca.org.
- No leads, collars, food, etc., shall be permitted on the course at any time.
- All dogs must be on leash or securely crated when not competing in the ring.
- Safety shall always be the foremost consideration in actions by handlers at all times.
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry on the basis expressly provided through ASCA rules and regulations. Anyone not currently in good standing with ASCA will not be allowed entry into the trial.
- Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee based on suitable cause only. Refusal of entries shall be reported to the ASCA office.
- Entries must be made on the enclosed entry forms. Copies may be made if entire form is copied. Entries must be signed to be valid.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and there will be a \$35.00 service fee on all returned checks. Entry into future trials and participation in this trial will not be allowed until all fees are paid in cash or money order. Illegible or incomplete entry forms do not constitute a valid entry.
- Dog sales or puppies under eight weeks old are not permitted on the trial site.
- ARFASC, its board of directors, ASCA, management, and the property owner assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs, personal property, and/or children.
- COVID CDC guidelines will be followed at this trial.

New to ASCA Agility?

- The Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), the largest single-breed registry in the world, welcomes dogs of all breeds and mixes to compete in ASCA-sanctioned agility trials.
- Dogs do not have to have an ASCA registration or Qtracking number to participate. If your dog is not an ASCA-registered Australian Shepherd and you would like to earn titles, all you need is an ASCA Qtracking number (available for any breed or mix).
- Courses are open and flowing with reasonable course times.
- Training in the ring is allowed. No food is allowed in the ring but you can work on whatever you want up with a toy if you have declared to SCT.
- Jumpers courses have no weaves.

You may enter any level you wish, with Qs being recorded down to your actual level (e.g. you could enter Elite even if it's your first trial and any earned legs will be credited to your Novice title). This primarily allows experienced dogs who are new to ASCA to be more challenged on course. It also allows handlers who don't wish to do the 6 weave poles on a Novice course to enter Open or Elite. (Note: Once a leg is earned at a higher level, you can't move back to a lower level in that class.)

If you wish to apply for an ASCA number, copies of the ASCA Service Membership & QTracking Number Application can be found online at:
<https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>

Still have questions? Please let us know: ARFASC@aol.com

Titling Class Descriptions:

Regular – The Regular class contains all the agility obstacles. There is a specified course that the dog must follow. Faults can be incurred for things such as knocked bars, missed contacts and wrong courses. A clean run earns a 10 point Q. A run with 5 or fewer faults will earn a 5 point Q. 30 points are required to title at each level.

Jumpers – The Jumpers class contains jumps (and sometimes tunnels). There is a specified course that the dog must follow. Faults can be incurred for things such as wrong courses or knocked bars. A clean run earns a dog a qualifying score. Two qualifying scores are required to title at each level.

Gamblers – A two-part game where the handler guides the dog through a course of the handler's choosing in an attempt to earn points during the opening period. At the end of the opening period, the handler directs the dog to the 'gamble area'. The handler will direct the dog to perform the gamble obstacles without crossing the 'gamble line'. A dog must earn the minimum number of opening points in addition to performing the gamble successfully in order to earn a qualifying score. Two qualifying scores are required to title at each level.

For complete rules, please refer to the ASCA Agility rulebook at www.asca.org.

Hotel Information

Motel 6, 1860 Dekalb Ave, Sycamore, IL 60178 (815) 899-6500

Quality Inn & Suites, 1600 E Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174 (630) 584-5300

Directions to The Farm - 8N861 Burlington Rd, Campton Hills, IL 60140

From the North: US 47 South to Burlington Road. Turn right (west) on Burlington Road. Drive 0.6 miles to the red Agility at the Farm building on the right side of the road.

From the South: US 47 North to Burlington Road. Turn left (west) on Burlington Road. Follow directions from the north above.

From the East: I90 to Rt. 47 South to Burlington Road. Follow directions from the north above.

From the West: I90 to Route 20 Exit South. Rt. 20 will split into 47/20. Take the Rt. 47 fork south to Burlington Road. Turn right (west) on Burlington Road. Follow the directions from the north above.



AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®

Agility Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Host Club	Around the Farm ASC
Trial Dates	December 16 - 17, 2023

Use one entry form per dog. Print or type all of the following information.

Dog's ASCA® Registration #: _____ (LEP/Tracking/Regular)

Breed: _____ Sex: Male Female

Registered Name: _____

Call Name: _____ DOB: _____

Owner(s): _____

Primary Owner Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Handler: _____

(If other than owner)

Membership #: _____ JR DOB: _____

(Please enter JR # if JR is handling dog)

(If JR is handling dog)

Dog's Height @ Withers: _____ Breed Jump Height Exempt? Yes No

Standard Jump Height: 8" 12" 16" 20" 20+" 24"

Class Jump Height: 4" 8" 12" 16" 16+" 20" 20+" 24"

Program: Championship (CH) ACE

Class Entered	Division				Level			Day(s) Entered		
	Std	Vet (CH)	Jr (CH)	Sr Dog (ACE)	Nov	Open	Elite	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Regular 1					A B <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Regular 2					A B <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Gamblers 1										
Gamblers 2										

Entry Fee Per Class: \$ _____ Package (all classes) Entry Fee: \$ _____

TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \$ _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

EXHIBITOR/OWNER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18) MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM

AGREEMENT

IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT—Please read the following carefully as it, among other things, may prevent you from suing ASCA® and persons/entities affiliated with it. This agreement could even require you to defend them from demands and suits by third parties that include an assertion of wrongdoing by you. (1) The person signing this Agreement represents being authorized to enter into it on behalf of him/herself, as well as (if different) the owner(s)/exhibitor(s)/handler(s) of the dog(s) for which an entry form is being submitted (all these parties collectively referred to herein as "Applicant"). (2) "Releasees" here collectively refers to the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA®); its affiliate clubs; and the officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents of ASCA® and of those clubs. (3) This Agreement voluntarily is entered into by Applicant in exchange for the acceptance of the associated entry form and permission to participate in related activities. (4) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations applicable to this event. (5) Applicant certifies that the entered dog will not pose a hazard to people, property, stock animals, or other dogs, and further that the dog is current with rabies shots along with any other vaccinations required by its state of residence. (6) Applicant acknowledges and assumes the risks to Applicant and Applicant's dog associated with participation in the event, among which could be ones associated with poor condition of the facilities and surrounding areas; security measures or lack of them; electrical appliances; fittings; show rings; the presence of unfamiliar persons; and the presence/involvement of other animals—whether stock, dogs, or otherwise. (7) Applicant further agrees to comply with all recommended and required health and safety precautions, among which may be those related to social distancing; quarantining; wearing of face coverings; and non-participation of persons exhibiting symptoms or for whom there otherwise has been a likelihood of recent exposure to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases. (8) Applicant additionally acknowledges and agrees to assume the risks associated with taking part in the event though others might neglect compliance with health and safety precautions/requirements or pose an undue risk of spreading disease. For example, as is true as to any public event, there is some risk that Applicant and/or those affiliated with Applicant may catch COVID-19 or another contagious disease at the event. (9) To the maximum extent permissible, this release is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice of law rules. (10) To the extent that Applicant—or another party suing on behalf of Applicant, or suing to recover based on injuries/death/damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property—sues ASCA® (or a board member or staff member or agent of ASCA®) as a defendant, the sole appropriate forum (to the maximum extent permitted by law) for the suit shall be the state or federal courts serving Brazos County, Texas (where ASCA® has its headquarters). (11) Applicant hereby releases and waives any claims Applicant otherwise might assert against the Releasees as to any injury or damage claim connected in any way to any alleged act or omission arising out of, or occurring concurrent with, the event and related activities, interactions, communications, and even adjacent premises. (12) This release is made not only as to Applicant but also for anyone who might assert a claim on behalf of Applicant or based on purported injury or damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property, as well as any heir, beneficiary, assignee, executor, trustee, agent, or survivor of Applicant. (13) Applicant further agrees to assume sole responsibility for and indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from related claims, demands, judgments, and settlement payments. (14) These waiver, release, and indemnification provisions extend even to claims or demands asserting that the acts or omissions resulted in bodily injury or death or from intentional wrongdoing, as well as to attorney fees and other costs of defense. (15) The duties of indemnification further extend to any claims or demands asserted against Releasees that are alleged to have arisen out of the acts or omissions of Applicant, Applicant's dog, or others affiliated with Applicant. Among other things, this means that Applicant would pay the legal defense of Releasees if someone sued them based on a claim Applicant carelessly exposed the claimant to COVID-19. (16) Applicant's promises in this agreement apply without regard to the type of claim or cause of action asserted against Releasees. (17) To the extent any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, the remainder of it nonetheless is to be enforced. (18) This agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum permissible legal protection from—among other things—claims and suits pursued by Applicant (and/or those acting on behalf of Applicant or over injury/damage to Applicant), as well as from ones based on the purported wrongful acts or omissions of Applicant. (19) Nothing in this Agreement requires you to indemnify Releasees from claims by third parties that involve no allegations of improper acts or omissions by you, those affiliated with you, nor your dog(s). (20) Applicant acknowledges having read, understood, and had the opportunity for independent legal review of this document prior to signing it.

Date: _____

**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/HANDLER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18)
PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ERRORS AND RULE VIOLATIONS**

AS USED HERE, "ASCA®" MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS, AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS. October 8, 2020