

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California

AKC All Breed Agility Trials, June 26—28, 2009
Antioch Fairgrounds
1201 W. 10th St., Antioch, CA 94509

Set Ups, Check In, Start Times, Walk Through

Preliminary running order contingent on move-up entries not yet received. Exhibitors shall be provided armbands or stickers indicating their dog's running order number for this trial. Per AKC rules, the move up deadline is 6 pm on Monday, June 22, 2009. Absolutely no move ups for Friday will be allowed after this time and date. Move ups for Saturday and Sunday must be given to the Trial Secretary, at the show site, in writing within 15 minutes of the last dog completing the course on Friday.

Novice B/A Standard, JWW and FAST classes will run together by jump heights with division B running before division A. Excellent B/A Standard, JWW and FAST classes will run together by jump heights with division B running before division A. The preferred classes will

run intermingled with the regular classes by height. Each class will be briefed separately. Lunch breaks will be at the Judge's discretion. A warm-up area, consisting of a regulation agility jump will be provided for all exhibitors.

Set Ups No exhibitor set ups before noon on Friday unless you are part of the set up crew.

RV Parking You will receive a parking pass in the U.S. mail the week before the show. Plan to bring long extension cords as the power box may be a distance from your campsite. You will need to fill your water tank before parking.

Food and beverages

Dannie's Catering will be onsite Saturday and Sunday.

Check in will begin on Friday at 2:00 pm and on Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 am. Armbands may

be picked up at the score table each day.

Judging will begin at

3:00 pm on Friday

8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday.

Walk through will begin as soon as the Judges have approved the courses. This will be at approximately 2:30 pm on Friday and 7:30 am on Saturday and Sunday. Open and Novice, all FAST classes—all heights will walk the course together prior to their class being judged. Excellent Standard and JWW will be split into two groups as follows:

Group 1: 4/8/12/16

Group 2: 20/24/26

The order will be walk run, walk run, etc.

Unless you have a conflict, i.e. showing in another ring or working, you **MUST** walk with your group.

All About the Height Cards

All dogs, regardless of jump height, must either: present a height card at check, send a copy of their height card with entry to this show, or be measured. Dogs that do not have an AKC height card or who

have not provided a copy of their height card to the trial secretary must be measured **BEFORE** their first run of the weekend.

Cindy Macklin will measure dogs without height cards. Measurement will take

place near the score table at approximately 2:00 pm on Friday and 7:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. If you are not present during measurement these times we cannot promise your dog will be measured.

Directions:

Contra Costa County Fairgrounds—Antioch

The site is outdoors on grass. Shade is almost non-existent so please bring your own. You may drive onto the fairgrounds through the 10th Street gate to unload. Vehicles must then be moved to the regular parking lot.

Directions:

From the Sacramento area: Take 5 south to 12 east to 160 south to 4 west. Exit Somersville Rd. Go north to West 10th Street and turn right. The Fairgrounds Main Gate will be on your right about 500 yards.

From the Vallejo area: 680 south to 4 east. Exit Auto Center Dr. Go north to West 10th Street and turn right. The fairgrounds Main Gate will be on your right at about 500 yards.

From the area south of Concord take 680 north to 242 to 4 east. Exit Auto Center Dr. Go north to West 10th Street and turn right. The fairgrounds Main Gate will be on your right at about 500 yards.

From the peninsula: Take 24 or 580 to 680 north to 242 to 4 east. Exit Auto Center Dr. Go north to West 10th Street and turn right.

Entry Information

The dog specific information was emailed to you at the time the entry was processed. This may have been several weeks ago. If you need to verify the classes entered email lorie@abbadogs.com

Lorie Abbott

Trial Secretary

925-294-8965

Class Order, Height Order, Which Judge When

Friday: 121 dogs and 226 runs

Cindy Macklin will judge JWW

Susan McClair will judge Standard

Saturday: 205 dogs and 452 runs

Cindy Macklin will judge all Standard Classes & Novice FAST

Susan McClair will judge all JWW Classes, Excellent & Open FAST

Sunday: 189 dogs and 430 runs

Cindy Macklin will judge all JWW Classes, Excellent & Open FAST

Susan McClair will judge all Standard Classes & Novice FAST

Run Order—Friday

Excellent handlers are divided into two groups as follows:

Group 1: 8, 12, 16 jump height order

Group 2: 20, 24, 26 jump height order

Rings will run in in "lock-step" . Groups will rotate to the next course only after each dog in their group has attempted the course or is marked ABS.

First Rotation:

Standard Ring: Group 1. The 16" handlers work for 12" / 8" then switch.

JWW Ring: Group 2. The 24"/ 26" handlers work for 20" then switch.

Second Rotation:

Standard Ring: Group 2. The 24"/ 26" handlers work for 20" then switch.

JWW Ring: Group 1. 16" handlers work for 12" / 8" then switch.

Dogs will be judged from the lowest armband number in each class to the highest armband number in each class.

Class Order—Saturday

Standard Ring

Open, Excellent, Novice Standard then Novice FAST

JWW Ring

Excellent, Open, Novice JWW then Excellent FAST, Open FAST

Class Order—Sunday

Standard Ring

Open, Excellent, Novice then Novice FAST

JWW Ring

Excellent FAST, Open FAST then JWW Excellent, Open, Novice

Height Order

Saturday—Excellent Standard and JWW

20, 26, 24, 4, 8, 12, 16

All other classes will run small to tall

Sunday—Excellent Standard and JWW

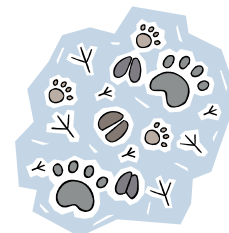
16, 12, 4, 8, 24, 26, 20

All other classes will run tall to small

Barbara's Crafts



The Sheltie Club would like to invite all exhibitors to make their own crate tag. Barbara Sciaroni will be near the score table with stickers, construction paper, scissors, the call name of every dog entered pre-printed and a laminating machine. If you bring a photo of your dog it can be incorporated into the tag. The maximum photo size is 3 1/2 x 2 1/4 (business card size). Photos can be trimmed at the site.



Volunteers

SSCNC would like to thank you in advance for volunteering to work at this year's event. To show our appreciation, for each class worked, each volunteer will a \$2 voucher and raffle tickets. The vouchers are valid at any vendor present this weekend, Dannie's Catering or toward entry fees at a future SSCNC agility trial. Bottled water in orange Igloo containers will be located at the score table and worker raffle table. Don't forget to bring your own drinking vessel.

Dry erase boards will be located near each ring. If you see a blank space and have free time just write your name in the blank or volunteer with Pat White and Nicole Young.

On Call Veterinarian

East Bay Vet Emergency (925) 754-5001

1312 Sunset Dr., Antioch, CA 94509

Directions: From Fairgrounds, turn right on 10th Street. Turn right on L Street, .4 miles. Turn left on W 18th Street, 1.8 miles. Turn right on Hillcrest Ave, .5 miles. Turn right on Sunset Dr.

Approximate distance 2.78 miles. Time 8 minutes

The 411 on Conflicts

We understand there are times when conflicts among rings arise. Every effort will be made to accommodate conflicts, however, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to check in, mark their dogs as a conflict if necessary and walk courses when assigned. We can reset bars for exhibitors "caught" in other rings BUT we cannot hold any course waiting for conflicts.

Exhibitors may NOT move their own dogs at the gate. Moves at the gate can only be made one of the following persons:

Any Judge of record for this weekend's event, the gate steward assigned to the class, Pat White, or Nicole Young.

AKC Agility Trial Secretaries' Newsletter. May 21, 2009

First, the decision as to where a dog should be moved when a conflict is realized lies solely with the judge. The Gate Steward must be informed as to how to handle conflicts "per the judge's direction" and must query the judge when anything on the gate sheet needs attention *if previous guidance has not been given*.

While we have no set number of dogs stated in our regulations or guidelines for the separation of two (or more) dogs handled by the same person in the same class, we have historically used a minimum of ten (10) as a common figure. Circumstances may necessitate more (or less), but again, the judge must be made aware of any movement situations and he or she will decide what works best.

Fact, Fiction or Opinion— You Make the Call

Incident: Each weekend at shows, I hear comments along the lines of "that's against AKC rules" or "AKC has too many rules" or "USDAA courses are so different from AKC courses", or "USDAA is friendlier than AKC".


Test your knowledge by answering each question with either Fact, Fiction or Personal Opinion

1. Un-entered dogs are not allowed at AKC Shows.
2. Puppies under 6 months of age are not allowed at AKC Shows.
3. Canopy set-ups, crates, x-pens are not allowed within 15' of the ring.
4. It's OK to move your dog up/down in the line up so you can leave the show site early/arrive late.
5. USDAA shows are so much more relaxed, friendly and fun than AKC shows.
6. It's OK to drive by an active ring as long as the vehicle moves very slow.
7. Training is not allowed on AKC show grounds.
8. Dog treats and/or toys are not allowed within 10' of the ring.
9. The show was cancelled due to extreme weather so the club is required to send refunds to exhibitors.
10. An exhibitor score is marked NQ. The exhibitor is sure, as are their family members/friends, that it should have been a qualifying run. After all, "they" never saw the judge raise their hand(s). The exhibitor wants to show the judge a video of their run so their score can be corrected.



Answers are on page 4

Campers



Those on the set up list may begin arriving at 10:00 am on Friday. All others may begin arriving at 11:00 am.

Daily Parking

Vehicles may drive in to unload and load each day. All vehicles MUST be moved to the regular parking lot. This is a fairgrounds rule.

The main parking lot is located near the little league fields.



Potty Areas

Do not allow your dog to potty on ANY manmade object. This includes trashcans, ring stakes, canopy legs, table legs, gate boards, planters, benches, chairs or any other manmade object.

Your dog may relieve himself on trees, grass, dirt and the like. Failure to follow these directions may result in a bench committee hearing. Remember to pick up after you dog.

Answers:

1. Fiction. This is not an AKC rule, however clubs can make this a rule for a particular event. The rule must be stated in the premium or it cannot be enforced.
2. Fact. However, we all understand the importance of socializing young puppies. Show Committees and AKC Representatives routinely turn a blind eye to underage puppies IF they are kept in the RV and crating areas and way from the rings.
3. Fiction. 15' is the recommended distance. 10' is the required distance.
4. Numerous communications have been distributed regarding this topic but each weekend gate stewards, judges and show committees are still bombarded with requests to be moved up or down in the running order due to personal reasons. You may NOT be moved for personal reasons, only legitimate conflicts.
5. Opinion. And NOT my opinion after attending a resent USDAA show this spring. Upon exiting the ring with my border collie we began tugging with her leash—and she was on leash. Another exhibitor immediately told me I was not allowed to tug with my dog near the exit or anywhere around the ring area because the if the dog currently on course saw me playing with my dog it would leave the ring. Um, I need to reward my dog and if the dog in the rings stops working for it's handler and leaves the ring then the problem is a relationship issue between that dog and handler. The exhibitor then accused me of bad sportsmanship. Yep USDAA is friendlier!
6. Fiction. Rings may not be within 50' of an active road.
7. Opinion. This one is tricky as we need to define training as it relates to intensive or abusive training. Dogs may be warmed up and may be off leash in the designated warm up area. Intensive or abusive training with corrections are not allowed per AKC rules. A practice jump will be provided to all exhibitors. No other agility equipment, items that looks like agility equipment or are textured like official agility equipment may be used. Warm ups should be performed as not to be disruptive to any dog or person. Physical or verbal disciplining of a dog will not be permitted, except to a reasonable extent in case of an attack on either a dog or a person.
8. Dog treats, food, toys, or training aids are not allowed in the ring. I cannot find any rule stipulating a distance they must be placed outside the ring.
9. Fiction. When I stop laughing the explanation will be typed.
10. Fiction. Judges may not review video to determine a dog's performance. However, judges may review video to determine time.

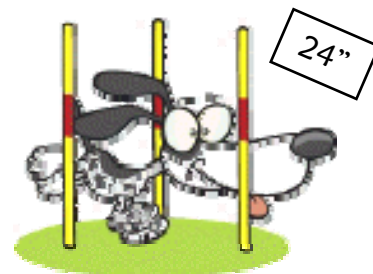
If any exhibitor has a question regarding rules please ask the score table. If we don't know the answer we will research the question. As another exhibitor pointed out last weekend, printed on my armband are the words Quiz and Lorie Abbott.

Friday						
Standard	8	12	16	20	24	26
Regular						
Excellent A	0	0	3	3	2	1
Excellent B	5	15	23	36	13	4

Friday					
Standard	4	8	12	16	20
Preferred					
Excellent A	0	0	1	2	0
Excellent B	0	0	1	2	1

Friday						
JWW	8	12	16	20	24	26
Regular						
Excellent A	0	3	3	3	4	0
Excellent B	5	14	22	35	12	4

Friday					
JWW	4	8	12	16	20
Preferred					
Excellent A	0	0	1	3	0
Excellent B	0	0	2	2	1



Saturday						
Standard Regular	8	12	16	20	24	26
Novice A	0	0	0	0	1	0
Novice B	0	2	3	3	2	0
Open	1	2	4	4	5	0
Excellent A	0	1	4	11	6	1
Excellent B	6	21	25	44	14	5

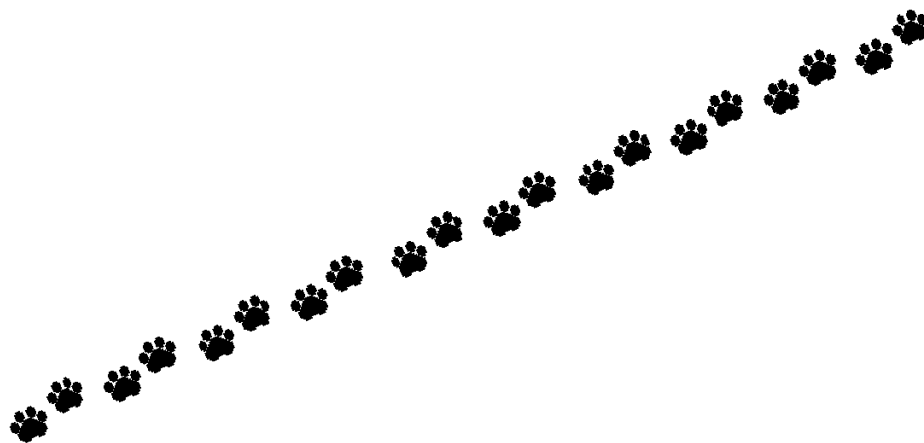
Saturday					
Standard Preferred	4	8	12	16	20
Novice	0	0	1	1	2
Open	0	2	2	1	0
Excellent A	0	0	1	1	0
Excellent B	0	1	1	3	1

Saturday						
JWW Regular	8	12	16	20	24	26
Novice A	0	0	0	0	1	0
Novice B	0	1	0	2	1	0
Open	1	0	6	8	4	1
Excellent A	0	4	3	9	9	0
Excellent B	7	24	27	44	14	5

Saturday					
JWW Preferred	4	8	12	16	20
Novice	0	1	0	0	1
Open	0	1	3	3	0
Excellent A	0	1	3	4	0
Excellent B	0	1	1	3	1

Saturday						
FAST Regular	8	12	16	20	24	26
Novice A	0	0	0	0	1	0
Novice B	0	1	4	2	2	0
Open	1	4	5	3	1	0
Excellent A	0	3	3	6	2	1
Excellent B	1	4	7	11	5	1

Saturday					
FAST Preferred	4	8	12	16	20
Novice	0	0	0	0	2
Open	0	0	1	1	0
Excellent A	0	0	0	0	0
Excellent B	0	1	0	0	0



Sunday						
Standard Regular	8	12	16	20	24	26
Novice A	1	0	1	0	1	0
Novice B	0	1	3	5	3	0
Open	1	1	3	6	3	0
Excellent A	0	1	5	10	4	1
Excellent B	5	19	25	42	11	5

Sunday					
Standard Preferred	4	8	12	16	20
Novice	0	2	1	0	1
Open	0	1	2	1	1
Excellent A	0	0	0	1	0
Excellent B	0	1	1	2	1

Sunday						
JWW Regular	8	12	16	20	24	26
Novice A	1	0	1	0	1	0
Novice B	0	0	1	2	3	0
Open	1	0	5	11	3	1
Excellent A	0	4	2	6	5	0
Excellent B	6	19	28	45	11	5

Sunday					
JWW Preferred	4	8	12	16	20
Novice	0	1	0	0	1
Open	0	1	4	2	1
Excellent A	0	1	1	2	0
Excellent B	0	1	1	2	1

Sunday						
FAST Regular	8	12	16	20	24	26
Novice A	0	0	0	0	1	0
Novice B	0	0	5	5	1	0
Open	0	3	6	4	1	0
Excellent A	0	4	4	4	2	1
Excellent B	1	5	8	13	4	1

Sunday					
FAST Preferred	4	8	12	16	20
Novice	0	1	0	0	1
Open	0	0	2	0	0
Excellent A	0	0	0	0	0
Excellent B	1	0	0	0	0

