

ENTRIES CLOSE at P. O. Box 12, Belmont, VT 05730, at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 2 2008, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as specified herein.

PREMIUM LIST

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Inc.

2008 National Specialty sponsored event

(Sanctioned by the American Herding Breeds Association)



Two American Herding Breeds Association (AHBA) All-Breed Trials featuring Herding Trial Arena Dog Levels I, II, III (HTAD), Jr. Herding Dog (JHD) and Herding Capability Tests (HCT)

Monday, April 21, 2008

EVENT SITE:

StarShine Farm
Owners: Ken and Janet Benson
33 Oliver Road
Lebanon, CT 06249
starshinefarm@msn.com
860-642-6185

Test Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TRIAL OFFICIALS

Chairperson Claire Coppola
111 Fayson Lakes Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405 Claire@canine-site.com
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Test Secretary Mie Kingsley
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2008 BMDCA National Specialty Herding Committee Members

Advisory: Mary Dowski- BMDCA Herding Chair, Carol Lundquist, Nancy Melone, Gina McDonnell
Local Coordinator – Martha McCormick
Hospitality – Kris Fezio, Val Sullivan
Course Set Up- Mike Lella
General Assistance- Pamela Berger, Priscilla Sykes, W.E. (Buck) Sykes
Trophy Table – Marjorie Cottle
Course Director: Claire Coppola
Stock Supervisor: Tenley Dexter
Event Photographer: Karen Hocker, Bedford, MA www.karenhocker.com

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Veterinary Emergency Treatment Services (24 hours)..... (860) 444-8870
8 Enterprise Lane, Oakdale, CT 06370
Eastbrook Animal Hospital, Roger Mitterling, DVM (on call)..... (860) 456-1759
143 Storrs Road, Mansfield, CT 06250

JUDGES

Test A (HCT, JHD) & Trial B (HTAD I, II, III)..... Debbie Eckels, Cheswold, DE
Trial A (HTAD I, II, III) & Test B (HCT, JHD) ...Diane Sobel-Meyer, Branchville, NJ

ENTRY FEES: Trial pre-entry: \$45, Day of show entry: \$50
Pre-entries open January 1, 2008 and close **April 2, 2008**. Any entry received after 5:00 PM, **April 2, 2008**, is considered to be a "day of show entry." Pre-entries will give entry preference to Bernese Mountain Dogs. All AHBA accepted herding breeds are welcome to participate in this event, especially Swiss working breeds. Cancellations received after closing date will not be refunded. Entry fee includes the \$2.50 AHBA recording fee. Waive signature on Express Delivery items or else date of receipt will be the date the item is retrieved from the Post Office.

LIMITED ENTRY SELECTION:

Pre-entries are recorded in order received. Entry is open to all AHBA herding breeds but Bernese Mountain Dogs are given preference to all other breeds. If limit is reached on 4/2/08, those runs not occupied by Bernese Mountain Dogs will be determined by 1) date of entry received and 2) blind draw by the Event Secretary including the entries that were received on the same day. Entrants will be notified via email of their entry status by 4/9/08. If no e-mail address is provided, entrants will be contacted via USPS or telephone.

ENTRY FEE REFUNDS: Entry Fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. If because of riots, wars, strikes, civil

disturbances, national emergencies, health emergencies, and the dictates of law enforcement or of the owner(s) of the grounds and/or facilities or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or to complete the event, no refund of entry fee will be made. Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to snow storms, hurricanes, lightning, extreme heat, heavy rains, or other circumstances including, but not limited to, the condition of the facilities or grounds and/or the ingress and egress from the grounds, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, livestock, exhibitors and spectators. The well being of dogs, livestock, exhibitors and spectators is of paramount importance and, in the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the event before completion, no refund of entry fee will be made.

In accordance with AHBA guidelines, bitches in season may run in order. Run order will be printed in the catalog. Entry acknowledgements will be e-mailed. If entrant wants to be notified by USPS mail, please include a self-addressed envelope with postage accompanying your entry.

TRIAL/TEST INFORMATION

All Bernese Mountain Dogs entered in these events must have AKC DNA profiles provided on entry form.

Exhibitors should bring proof of rabies vaccination and have it available upon demand.

A New England style hot and cold lunch buffet selection, served indoors, will be available by pre-order for \$9.00 per person. There will be water, other beverages and snacks available at the site for \$1.00 each. Breakfast drinks and light fare available – donations requested. Complete the enclosed Lunch Pre-order Form and return to the Trial Secretary with your entry.

Two portable sanitation units on site.

Herding gift items available for purchase.

Raffle items (herding related) donated by herding enthusiasts, which are on display at StarShine Farm, will be raffled as of Tuesday, April 22, in Warwick, RI.

A canopy will be set up near the arenas to provide shade for exhibitors. Limited crating in this area is allowed. Portable tents (e.g. EZ-Ups) are allowed and exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own shade and adequate water for their dogs. All dogs are required to be on leash except when competing.

Entrants may be asked to sign a hold harmless waiver at the test/trial site prior to running their dog(s)

SCHEDULE

Check in for Trial A opens at 7:30 am.

Handlers meeting for HTAD will start at 8 am for Trial A. Handlers meeting for JHD will follow, and the HCT handlers meeting will follow the conclusion of JHD runs.

A similar schedule will be in effect for Trial B after the lunch break at the judge's discretion, but not before 1 pm. Check in for Trial B, ½ hour before start of Trial.

If all time slots are not filled, Day of Show entries will be taken from 7 am to 1 pm. Substitutions will be allowed only with a dog owned by the same person making the original entry.

FACILITIES: StarShine Farm is a privately owned training farm with cattle, sheep, ducks and dogs on the premises. Multiple outdoor training pens, arenas, and fields and an indoor, lighted, heated, fully matted obedience/agility training room provide a range of facilities for AKC, ASCA and AHBA events.

RIBBONS:

Qualifying Test & Trial Dark Green Ribbons

1st – Blue Ribbon, 2nd – Red Ribbon, 3rd – Yellow Ribbon, 4th – White Ribbon

Highest Score in Combined Trials (highest score from Trial A or Trial B)

Highest Scoring Bernese Mountain Dog in Combined Trials (highest score from Trial A or Trial B)

Ties will be broken by time.

TROPHIES:

High Scoring Dog in Combined Trials: One quart pottery container and rosette offered by Carol Lundquist, in honor of Car-Rae's Dynasty de Grasso, VCD1, RE, OA, DD, HRD III-s, HTAD III-s, HTD II-s and by Priscilla & Buck Sykes in memory of Molly B.'s (Debby vom Worblental CDX CGC TDI JHD DD BDD, July 11, 2000 - February 24, 2006) & Fronny's (Fronny vom Worblental CD RE TD CGC JHD DD BDD, November 25, 2001 - May 21, 2006) passion for herding

High Scoring Bernese Mountain Dog in Combined Trials: Pottery pie plate and rosette offered by Claire Coppola, Alpenschatz BMDs, in celebration of fifteen years with seven multi-talented Bernese and Mie Kingsley in memory of Petra (Maine's Yodelin' Bear CDX RE)

Oldest and Youngest Qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog in Combined

Tests/Trials: Herding Berners Mug offered by Nancy P. Melone, Ph.D. and Timothy W. McGuire, Ph.D. in celebration of veteran CH Lionheart's Caruso v Pioneer CD NDD HCT-s JHD-s CGC and in memory of Helvetica Hexe HCT-s JHD-s CGC

All qualifying Bernese AKC Champions of Record in combined Tests/Trials: Herding Berner Pins offered by Mary Dowski, Car-Rae Kennels, LLC in memory of Cassie, Ajax, Abby & Brenna- talented working Bernese on and off the farm in herding, obedience, drafting and agility

High Scoring Bernese AKC/CKC Breed Champion in Combined Trials: Tote Bag embroidered by Tari Hafner, Takari Kennels, and offered by Bernice Lepera in memory of Hidden Valley's J GypsyBlue (May 1994-August 2006), Berner trial pioneer on sheep and still the only BMD titled on ducks

High Scoring Veteran in Combined Trials: Stuffed Toy offered by Daphne Overton Price in honor of CH Crystal Creeks' Katja Michaela CD RE DD CGC

Most Senior BMD Handler in Tests or Trials with a qualifying dog: Autographed Bernese Book and Bookmark offered by April and Erv Rifenburg in memory of CH Swiss Star's As You Like It HCT, UD, TDX, NA, NDD (if there are no eligible handlers this trophy will be awarded to the most senior non-qualifying BMD handler)

Placement Rosettes: offered by Daphne Overton Price and Bernice Lepera

Qualifying Rosettes in Tests and Trials: offered by Pamela E. Berger in honor of Charlie (Nor-Ham's Harwood, March 28, 1990- May 6, 2002)

Ring Favors (one per entered dog) Handmade collar offered by Martha McCormick, Ursa Minor Kennels, North & South

STOCK: Mixed breed sheep, 5 head for each HTAD run and 3 head for each JHD or HCT run. Stock provided by Ken and Janet Benson, StarShine Farm, and Tenley Dexter, Gaylordsville, CT.

ENTRY LIMITS: Entries are limited to 40 runs per test/trial A and 40 runs per test/trial B. HCT/JHD will not exceed 25 runs per test.

COURSES:

HTAD: Course # 2 with ribbon and gather, 150 x 270 outdoor arena

JHD: 100 x 200 sloping field

HCT: 60 x 60 training pen

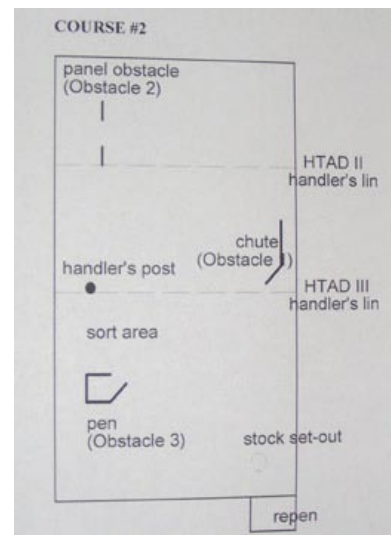
See: www.ahba-herding.org for a course diagram and information on test and trial requirements.

TRIAL CLASSES will include Herding Trial Arena Dog classes, with levels HTAD I, II and III, to take place on a standard course. These trials will be held on 5 sheep. All levels include an outrun, lift, fetch, wear and/or drive, and pen (the pen may be on the fence for the started level, but is free-standing for the higher

levels). At the started level, the outrun is short and the handler may accompany the dog and sheep throughout the course. At the intermediate level, the outrun is longer and the handler may accompany the dog only part way through the course. At the advanced level, the outrun is longer, the handler remains at the handler's post until time to pen, and after the pen there is an additional exercise (removing a ribbon from a marked sheep).

The course used at these trials will be a mirror image of the one to the left.

The handler's post is located approximately halfway between the North and South ends of the arena, or a minimum of 110 ft. from the set-out gate, 20 ft. off of the East side. The freestanding pen is located halfway between the handler's post and the South end of the



arena, 20 ft. from the East fence. (A trailer may be substituted for the pen.) The opening of the Y chute is located approximately halfway down the length of the arena on the West fence, or a minimum of 110 ft. from the area just in front of the gate of the free-standing pen. The Y chute should be no less than 12 feet long and no more than 4 feet wide with an opening of 12 feet. (A bridge may be substituted for the Y chute.) The panel obstacle is located 20 ft. from the East

side and 30 ft. from the North side of the arena, set parallel to the East side and with a 12 foot opening. The sorting area is the area roughly between the free-standing pen and the handler's post. The freestanding pen should be 8-10 ft. on each side for sheep.

1. Gather - The stock are let out at the repen gate and allowed to settle. HTAD I handlers take the dog to a point approximately one-half the distance from the handler's post to the stock and leave the dog; the handler may move to approximately 15 ft. from the stock and send the dog to gather. HTAD II handlers leave the dog at the handler's post and move to a point approximately halfway between the post and the stock and send the dog to gather. HTAD III handlers and dogs stay at the handler's post, and the dog is sent from there to gather the stock. At all three levels the stock are brought to and around the handler's post, on the side between the post and the Y chute. The Gather ends when the stock have gone just past the handler's post.

2. Drive - The stock are taken South between the West fence and the freestanding pen, then around the pen to a point just in front of the pen gate. Handlers at all levels may accompany the stock to this point. The stock are then driven to the Y chute. HTAD I handlers may accompany the stock and dog, fetching or driving or a combination of both. HTAD II handlers may accompany the stock and dog to a point halfway to the Y chute. HTAD III handlers must remain at the position in front of the pen while the stock are driven to the Y chute. The Drive ends when the stock reach a point 10 ft. in front of the Y chute.

3. Obstacle 1 - The stock are taken through the Y chute. HTAD II and III handlers remain at the designated location until the stock have cleared the Y chute. HTAD I handlers remain at the entrance of the Y chute until the stock have cleared it. Obstacle 1 ends when the stock have cleared the Y chute.

4. Obstacle 2 - Upon the stock exiting the Y chute, HTAD I handlers may fetch or drive the stock through the free-standing panels, Obstacle 2 (none the handlers may go through the panels). HTAD II handlers must stay on the post side of the handler's line (which runs across the width of the arena, even with the outside edge of the panel obstacle that is nearest the center of the arena) until the stock have cleared the panel obstacle. HTAD III handlers will remain behind a handler's line that runs the width of the arena even with the handler's post until the stock have cleared the panel obstacle. Once the stock have cleared the panel obstacle, the stock are turned to the left and taken to the pen; all handlers may take any position relative to the stock when going to the pen. Obstacle 2 ends when the stock have cleared the panels.

5. Obstacle 3 - The stock are penned in the freestanding pen. Scoring for the pen ends when the pen gate is closed.

6. Sort - The animals are removed from the pen and taken to the sorting area. HTAD I and II handlers briefly hold the stock, then take them to the repen. For HTAD III handlers, the sort will be a ribbon-removal. The Sort ends for HTAD I and II at the conclusion of the hold, and for HTAD III when the gate is closed on the sorted animals, or when the ribbon has been removed.

7. Repen - The stock are taken to the repen and held a short distance off the gate while it is opened, and then they are repenned. When a gate-sort has been used, the animals that had been left out in the arena are repenned. The run ends when the Repen gate is closed.

TEST LEVELS include the Herding Capability Test (HCT) and the Junior Herding Dog Test (JHD), both of which are run on a pass/non-pass basis and qualification requires two passing runs under different judges. These tests will be held on 3 sheep. At the HCT level, the first leg may consist of a basic instinct test in a small arena with the tester allowed to handle the dog. The second leg requires an initial pause, some simple, controlled movement of the stock back and forth across the small arena, a stop, and a recall; for the second leg, the owner or designated handler, not the tester, must handle the dog, although the tester may give advice. The JHD test is held in a somewhat larger arena. The dog is handled by the owner or designated handler, although the tester may give advice. There is a simple course through which the stock is taken, consisting of two corner panel obstacles and a free-standing panel obstacle in the center of the arena, ending with the sheep being put into a fence-line pen. The handler may accompany the sheep and dog throughout the course. Although earning a HCT is not a prerequisite for entering the JHD it is advised that the dog have some herding experience before entering the JHD level.

ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR THE HERDING SITE

The BMDCA Specialty hotel, **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, Warwick RI (host hotel for BMDCA specialty), 877-227-6963, is about 90 minutes from the site. The closest accommodations are campsites. Exhibitors are advised to check with management for current policies on pets.

Hotels/Motels:

Oakdell Motel, Rt. 85, Waterford, CT dog friendly, semi-efficiencies, shopping mall, casino nearby. 800-676- REST

Rodeway Inn, 327 Ruby Rd. Willington CT (\$10.00 surcharge for dog, mention you are with BMDCA). 860-684-1400

Howard Johnson Express Inn, 451 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon CT (\$10.00 surcharge for dog, one dog per room). 860-875-0781

Quality Inn Conference Center, Vernon, CT (\$25.00 surcharge 1st day, \$10 for more days, only 5 rooms available). 860-646-5700

Clarion Suites Inn, Manchester CT (\$20.00 surcharge for dog). 860-643-5811

Motel 6, New London/Niantic CT (one dog per room, no pet charge) 860-739-6991

Red Roof, New London CT (no charge for dog, one per room). 860-444-0001,

Jarnoval Bay Bed & Breakfast, Mansfield Center/Storrs, CT 860-455-1938, jarnovalbay@hotmail.com

The Daniel Rust House Bed & Breakfast, Coventry, CT, dog friendly, 860-742-0032, innkeeper@thedanielrusthouse.com

Captain Grant's, 1754 - A National Historic Inn, Poquetanuck, CT, 9 rooms + 3-room apartment, 800-982-1772, 860-887-7589, stay@captaingrants.com

Campgrounds:

Waters Edge Family Campground, 271 Leonard Bridge, Lebanon CT 860-642-7470— four miles from herding site, 2 dog-friendly cabins available as well, 2 dog limit per cabin, contact Claire Coppola, who has reserved both cabins for our event, open April 15th, takes reservations year-round, accepts motor homes and campers. www.watersedgecampground.com

Strawberry Park, Preston CT. 860-886-1944. – approx. 20 minutes SE of

Lebanon, open year round, spaces for tents, pop ups, trailers, motor homes; rental units available – no pets & no smoking in rentals. www.strawberrypark.net

A few RV spots at StarShine Farm or nearby privately may be available for overnight – no hookups – inquire with Herding Secretary at time of entry.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TEST SITE

Traveling by Air: Bradley International Airport in Hartford, CT, 50 minutes to herding, 2 hours to host hotel (90 miles). The herding site is 90 minutes from the host hotel (approx. 60 miles, depending upon route).

Road Directions:

Directions from Warwick, RI, Crowne Plaza Hotel: Start out going north on Greenwich Ave/RI-5, turn left onto RI-113/East Ave. Turn right at Bald Hill Rd/RI-2 N. Take the ramp onto I-295 N. Stay on I-295 approx 7 miles. Take exit 6A-B-C for US-6 toward Hartford, CT/Providence. Keep left at the fork to continue toward Grand Army of the Republic Hwy/Hartford Ave/US-6A. Take exit 6C for US-6 W. Merge onto Grand Army of the Republic Hwy/Hartford Ave/US-6A, continue to follow Hartford Ave. Slight right at Hartford Ave/Hartford Pike/US-6, continue to follow US-6 for approx 35 miles. Continue on Boston Post Rd/CT-66, continue to follow CT -66. Turn left to stay on CT -66. Turn right at CT-32/Pleasant St. Turn left at CT-289/Mountain St, continue to follow CT-289. Turn right at Burnham Rd. Turn left at CT-87/Trumbull Hwy. Turn right at Oliver Rd.

From the North or South: Take I- 395 to Exit 81W or 82 (2 West/32 North). Turn right onto Rt 32 (x25), then left onto Route 87/Lebanon Road (Getty Mart on corner). Go 7 miles through center of Lebanon, bear left at second stop sign (staying on Rt 87), then one mile to second left onto Oliver Rd. (if you pass Blueberry Hill Farm Fresh Produce on right, you've gone too far) to the first driveway on the left (#33- black mailbox). Look for BMDCA sign at driveway.

Optional event sponsored by the Australian Shepard Club of New England **Beginner Introduction to Herding Fun Day given by Tenley Dexter**

Sunday, April 20, 2008 8:30 AM (rain or shine) to be held at StarShine Farm
The Fun Day will consists of a morning lecture explaining the basics of herding and the fundamental concepts of training, followed by a demonstration of the basic training steps and ending with an individual exposure to stock by the clinician of each dog entered.

COSTS: \$30.00 per dog which includes the full day's schedule and lunch
\$15.00 per person for those just wishing to attend the lecture and observe the demo but not entering a dog to be worked, also includes lunch.

\$10.00 for additional dog ONLY if time and the schedule permits on the day of.

PRE ENTRY IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED DUE TO SPACE LIMITS

Entries: made out on a ASCA herding entry (go to www.asca.org) and check made out to ASCNE can be sent to:

Tenley Dexter, PO Box 58, Gaylordsville, CT 06755

270-378-5910 Jan 1st - April 1st

860-354-9069 after April 1st

FMI: http://ascne.org/2008Files/flyer_april_intro_to_herding.pdf