

# ARound the Farm Australian Shepherd Club

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ARFASC invites you to our  
Spring ASCA® Sanctioned Agility Trial

**April 25-26, 2020**

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

Agility at the Farm  
8N861 Burlington Road, Campton Hills, IL 60140  
[www.agilityatthefarm.com](http://www.agilityatthefarm.com)  
Indoors on turf

Judge: Lora del Page

**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:** February 15, 2020 (Postmark date)

**Pre-entries close:** April 10, 2020 or when entries fill

**Day of Show entries will be accepted if runs are available**

**Trial Secretary**

Barb Cote,

748 Hillcrest Rd., Palatine, IL 60074 (773) 490-6940

**Trial Chair**

Paul Engemann, 708 227-5952

**Check-In and Setup**

Check in, setup and start times will be announced in the final confirmation sent the week of the trial

**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: \$13/run

10-13 runs: \$12/run

14-19 runs: \$11/run

20+ runs: \$10/run

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

**Entries must be postmarked by April 10, 2020 to qualify for pre-entry pricing.**

**Day of Show Entry Fees** (if runs are available): \$18/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 April 20, 2020. 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:** There is no food available for purchase onsite. Drinks, snacks and lunch will be provided for workers (so please volunteer!). 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> 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 and Novice 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 PS will be the winner.

**ARFASC Agility Dog of the Year**

ARFASC will be presenting overall 2020 Agility Dog of the Year awards to one Aussie team and one Other Breed team. The results will be based on the results across all of our trials and will be determined following our Dec 12-13, 2020 trial. The calculation for these awards will be the same as for each trial's HIT but will be accumulated throughout the year. As with our HIT awards, dogs must have an ASCA registration/Qtracking number and compete in the Championship program to be eligible for these awards.

**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. Volunteers will be provided lunch, snacks & drinks. 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 have 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:**

**Sunday:**

All classes will run low to high	All classes will run high to low
Gamblers 1 (EON)	Jumpers 1&2 (EEOONN)
Gamblers 2 (NOE)	Gamblers 1 (EON)
Regular 1&2 (EEOONN)	Gamblers 2 (NOE)
Jumpers 1&2 (NNOOEE)	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](http://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.

## 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 redited 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:

<http://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2015/04/trackapp.pdf>

If you 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 one 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.

**Gambblers** – A two-part game where the handler guides the dog through a course of 10 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](http://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**

**ARound the Farm ASC, April 25-26, 2020**

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

ASCA® Registration / QTracking# \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:    M    F

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Height at Withers: \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height Exempt?    Y    N

Standard Jump Height:    8    12    16    20    20+

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

Program:    Championship (CH)    ACE

Class Entered	Division					Level			Days Entered	
	Std	Vet (CH)	Jr (CH)	Sr. Dog (ACE)	FEO	Nov	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Regular 1						A_ B_				
Regular 2						A_ B_				
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Gamblers 1										
Gamblers 2										

Total Entry Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see page one)

**Mail checks payable to: ARFASC**

Send Entries to: Barb Cote, 748 W Hillcrest Road,  
Palatine, IL 60074

**EXHIBITOR/OWNER MUST READ & SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT  
PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF JUNIOR MUST SIGN AS WELL  
AGREEMENT**

The person who signs this agreement represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both exhibitor and the owner of entered dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry:

- As used here "ASCA®" means the Australian Shepherd Club of America, its affiliate clubs and each of their members, officers, directors, employees, show chairs, show committee and agents.
- Exhibitor/owner, agree to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA®, and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium for this event.
- Exhibitor/owner certify that the entered dog is not hazardous to persons, dogs, or property and that the entered dog's rabies vaccination is current in accordance with the requirement of the state in which the dog resides.
- Exhibitor/owner acknowledge all hazards presented by the event and the event premises, including, but not limited to, the condition of the floors, stairways, halls, lighting, security measures or lack of, electrical appliances, fittings, show rings, parking areas and the presence of unfamiliar animals and people; exhibitor and owner assume the risk of any harm arising from these.
- Exhibitor/owner release ASCA® and Around the Farm ASC (ARFASC) including its officers, directors, and members and event organizing committee, and site owner(s) (Agility at the Farm) and will defend them and hold them harmless from all present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving the entered dog, the event or event premises. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing hold harmless provisions, exhibitor/owner hereby specifically assume sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damages because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injury, or death may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

**I have read, understood, and acknowledge the above Agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner /Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_