

ASC of Montana 2023

Cow Country Classic

6 All Breed Stock Dog Trials

A weekend of ASCA® stock dog competitions

Hosted by the Australian Shepherd Club of Montana

July 7th, 8th, and 9th AM & PM 6 Arena Trials

Frenchtown, MT

Pre-entries open May 25th and close June 7th

- Two (AM & PM) arena Stock dog trials each day
 - Friday – Course F (cattle, sheep, ducks)
 - Saturday -- Course C (sheep, ducks) and Course F (cattle)
 - Sunday – Course A (cattle, sheep, ducks)
- The trial will be held at facilities located at Miller's Arena in Frenchtown, MT
- Handlers Meeting each day at 8:00AM
- **JUDGES: John Knepper, Steve Shope, Jim Hartnagle**

4 Silver Buckles Offered!!

	Pre-entries	Post-entries
Ducks: 5 head of Khaki Campbell ducks	\$35.00	\$40.00
Sheep: 5 head of hair or wool sheep	\$45.00	\$50.00
Cattle: 3-5 head of Cattle	\$55.00	\$60.00

Pre-Entry Deal

- Super weekend discount: Enter **all 6 trials all classes for \$710.**
- Pre-entries close on June 7th

Lunch will be offered during an afternoon break all three days. Food is catered and homemade for the event. Lunch tickets available in advance. Make separate check payable to ASC of Montana. \$10.00/Day

Course Director: Andy Viens
Trial Secretary: Susie Gonaver

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ASCA® Sanction Pending

General Information for ASC of MT Events

These shows are ASCA® sanctioned by the Australian Shepherd Club of Montana. All ASCA® rules apply. ASC of Montana and their members *assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by an exhibitor, handler, dog, property, child or spectator*. No entry fee will be refunded if the show cannot open or be completed due to riots, civil disturbances, acts of God, public emergencies, or other events beyond the control of ASC of MT. Entries must be made on the official ASCA® entry forms. (Attainable at: www.asca.org – select: *Forms and Rulebooks*)

Proof of rabies vaccination may be required.

- An official wait list shall be maintained
- Run order will be determined prior to trial by random draw and posted prior to start of trial.
- Bitches in season will run in draw order.
- **Bitches in season will remain crated when not competing and kept away from spectator area.**
- All dogs must be on leash or crated when not competing.
- Changes and/or substitutions, other than natural division progressions, must be submitted to the trial secretary in writing the evening before the trial.
- Move-ups are allowed, but they may not be recorded correctly unless written notification is provided to the trial secretary prior to the start of the trial.
- Any change requests, including substitutions, must be submitted to the trial secretary in writing the evening before the trial.
- Entry fees will be refunded only when a dog has been certified by a licensed veterinarian as unable to compete due to sickness or injury. Owner will be responsible for all vet fees.
- Pre-entry deadline: Postmark no earlier than May 25th 2023 and no later than June 7th, 2023. No telephone, facsimile, email, or incomplete entries will be accepted. All entries must be on ASCA® entry forms with proper fees included.
- Please use one entry form per dog.
- Note that the AM or PM designation on a trial does not indicate or restrict the order in which the trials will be held.
- Non-ASCA® dogs may enter the stock trial without a tracking number, however, only those with a tracking number will be awarded ASCA® titles upon completing title requirements.
- Please fill out forms legibly—especially your email address and phone number!
- Run limits and judging assignments are subject to change.
- Selling runs will not be permitted.
- If the trial is full and you wish to sell a run, the transaction must be handled by the trial secretary. All offers to buy or sell runs must be submitted in writing at least one hour before the trial starts. No exceptions.
- Please clean up after your dogs. Clean up tools and receptacles are placed at strategic locations around the trial site.
- All ASCA® Rules will be strictly enforced.
- In order to have ASCA® qualifying legs tracked and to receive ASCA® titling certificates each non-ASCA® registered dog will be required to have an ASCA® tracking number. Tracking forms are available at: www.asca.org. Chose link to *Forms and Rulebooks*.

SCHEDULE

		Course	CATTLE	Course	SHEEP	Course	DUCKS
Friday July 7, 2023	AM	F	John Knepper	F	Steve Shope	F	Jim Hartnagle
Friday July 7, 2023	PM	F	Jim Hartnagle	F	John Knepper	F	Steve Shope
Saturday July 8, 2023	AM	F	Steve Shope	C	Jim Hartnagle	C	John Knepper
Saturday July 8, 2023	PM	F	John Knepper	C	Steve Shope	C	Jim Hartnagle
Sunday July 9, 2023	AM	A	Jim Hartnagle	A	John Knepper	A	Steve Shope
Sunday July 9, 2023	PM	A	Steve Shope	A	Jim Hartnagle	A	John Knepper

STOCK

5 head per run Ducks, 5 head per run Hair sheep, and 3-5 head per run Beef Cattle. Owners of dogs will be held responsible for all injuries to livestock during their runs. Replacement costs are: \$35.00 per duck, \$200 per sheep, and market price per cow unless posted otherwise at time of trial.

DAILY AWARDS

- Ribbons will be awarded 1st thru 4th place.
- Color Ribbons for qualifying scores per class and division.
- Rosette Ribbons for High in Trial by division and High combined by class.
- Ribbons will be given out at the end of each day.

Other ribbons/rosettes or prizes may be awarded.

WEEKEND AWARDS

- Rosettes will be awarded for
 - High in Trial Cattle, Sheep and Ducks

Other ribbons/rosettes or prizes may be awarded.

BUCKLE AWARDS-4 SILVER BUCKLES OFFERED

- **Most Promising Started Aussie**
- **High Combined WTCH Aussie**
- **High Combined WTCH Other Breed**
- **High Combined Non-WTCH**

*Rules for weekend Buckle Awards

- ALL scores will be used in High Combined calculations.
- To be eligible for an overall combined buckle, the dog must enter all class of stock each trial.
- To be eligible for an overall combined buckle there must be two or more dogs in the category to be eligible for a buckle (all classes of stock each trial)
- **Owners must designate Non-WTCH or WTCH buckle.**

- The most promising Started Aussie does not require entry in all trials, but the dog must be entered in all classes of stock in Started in at least two trials. Only started scores will be counted toward the total of Most Promising Started Aussie. Started dog must remain in Started Division to be eligible. *A Started dog will be ineligible for the Most Promising Started award after 90 days of earning their second qualifying score in the Started Division.*

ENTRIES

Acceptance of Entries: All entries will be put in order of postmark date. A waiting list will be maintained if the trial fills by postmark date of entry. Entries postmarked after April 15th or received after May 11th will be considered day of show entries. Day of show entries will be accepted until the trial fills. Once the trial fills, additional entries will be put on a waiting list as per ASCA rules unless the applicant requests otherwise. Applicants preferring an immediate return of their application and fees if the trial is full should include instructions with their application.

Divisions will run for all classes of stock: Advanced, Open, Novice, Junior, and Started.

Be sure to fill out ASCA® stock trial entry forms completely (one per dog) and indicate AM trial or PM trial, and cattle/sheep/ducks, where applicable on one entry form. All entries must be accompanied by payment. Please write legibly! Incomplete or illegible entries will not be accepted. ASCA Entry Forms: <https://www.asca.org>

Include checks payable to ASC OF MT with entries and mail them to:

ASC of Montana
ATTN: Susie Gonaver
126 Buckskin Run
Whitefish, MT 59937

Additional Information for Spring Turnout

FOOD:

Special LUNCH daily on Break: \$10.00 per person. Make checks payable for Lunch to ASC of Montana.

In Frenchtown (approximately four miles from the trial site) there are eateries serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. There is also a Grocery Store.

CAMPING:

There will be limited camping on site with no hookups. (\$10.00/night) Include dates and fees with application. **Make checks for camping payable to Michael Miller.**

There are 3 commercial campgrounds 8 miles east of the trial site.

- Jelly Stone: 800-318-9644; 406-543-9400
- Jim and Mary's RV and Camping: 406-549-4416
- Outpost Campground: 406-549-2016 And closer to Missoula there is a KOA campground with cabins (yes that is what they call them!) 800-562-5366; 406-549-0881

HOTELS in Missoula:

- Days Inn: 8600 Truck Stop Rd. 406-721-9776
- Quality Inn & Suites: 4545 N Reserve St 406-203-1341
- La Quinta: 5059 N Reserve St. 406-549-9000
- Hampton Inn: 4805 N. Reserve St. 406-549-1800
- Super 8: 4703 N Reserve St. 406-549-1199
- Motel 6: 3035 Expo Pkwy. 406-549-6665
- My Place Hotel: 5951 Expo Pkwy. 406-926-1001
- Grant Creek Inn Best Western: 5280 Grant Creek Rd. 406-543-0700
- Wingate: 5252 Airway Blvd. 406-541-8000

Check to see what arrangements they provide for pets.
There are no housing accommodations in Frenchtown.

LOCATION:

Miller's Arena, 16315 Touchette Lane, Frenchtown, MT.

DIRECTIONS:

Coming from Spokane on I-90 (headed east): Take the Huson exit (85). Turn left off the exit ramp and go over I-90 and then make a right onto the frontage road. Continue on frontage road for about 2.5 miles, take a left onto Touchette Lane and go .4 miles to Fox Hill Dr. Take a left and park.

Coming from Missoula on I-90 (headed west): Take the French Town Exit (89) then turn right off the exit ramp and go to the Stop sign. Then make a left onto the frontage road and continue about 2.2 miles, passing Frenchtown Pond State Park. Take a right onto Touchette Lane and go .4 miles. Turn left onto Fox Hill Dr. and park.

VETERINARY SERVICE:

There will be no Vet on Site at Millers Arena

Emergency 24 Hour Vet Clinic
Sentinel Veterinary Specialists and Emergency
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