

**American Dutch Shepherd Association
PRESENTS
A HERDING EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**

at Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm, 2167 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA 18013,
For further information: mylaeken@hotmail.com

Morning Event Time: 7:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., all weather event, individual appointments

Morning Test/Training periods of 30 minutes for:

1. Herding Instinct Test (for dogs who are herding novices) or
2. Herding Training Session for herding-experienced dogs in handler's choice of training set-up (many different size pens, arenas, and fields on this 66 acre sheep farm to choose from) and with number of sheep/call ducks that you may prefer to try. There will be at least 70 sheep and 50 ducks available.

Training and testing will emphasize the use of positive reinforcement.

Morning Fees:

\$65 per entry due by August 27, 2016.

Fee includes a 10 Minute Video/Lecture about Large Flock Sheep Tending in Germany (featuring video of a Dutch Shepherd in training) at conclusion of morning testing. Spectators invited to watch a.m. testing/training/ am video for free.

TESTER-- CAROLYN WILKI: Carolyn Wilki, a nationally recognized herding author, has tested over 2000 dogs, all breeds. She has trained dogs to over 200 herding titles.

Herding Instinct Test: In the instinct test, as well as in the training periods, positive reinforcement training techniques are used. Dogs may be restrained with a dragging long line or kept behind fence barriers, as appropriate.

Every dog tested receives a written evaluation. Puppies should be no younger than 6 months of age. No upper age limit. Dogs should have useful sight and hearing and be physically able to trot/move normally.

Leash your dog! Dress your dog in all his/her normal collars, including at least a flat buckle collar. Have a mid-back or sled dog harness available for use if you can. No e-collars. Please pick up after your dog. Feed & water dog as usual! Bring dog treats that have high value for your dog — we might use them (or not) during the test or in the training period. Please wear/bring weather/farm suitable clothes. Bring bug spray, sun block if appropriate.

Instinct Test Description

Dogs will be given approximately 20 minutes to demonstrate their herding prowess. Some dogs (for example, especially if they are young pups) will benefit from less time. Dogs will be tested for fetching, driving, and tending abilities. The owner will be handling the dog along with Carolyn and will have an opportunity to learn about beginner herding and livestock control.

The basic goals of an instinct test are to show your dog that the dog has the power to move livestock; that moving livestock is fun; and to show us behaviors in your dog that would be useful for further herding training.

In order to "pass" and receive a certificate, dogs must show at least 5 minutes of sustained interest in sheep, natural behaviors useful to some herding style, and some responsiveness to handling. A sample evaluation form is attached. Whether a dog has passed or not, each dog will receive a written evaluation.

During the test, the dog may be outside the test pen, inside a test pen with sheep, or outside the pen with handler and sheep inside. The dog may be dragging a long line, not dragging a long line, dragging a four foot leash, not wearing anything, etc. -- depending on what the tester thinks the dog needs to perform his/her best.

Dogs first are introduced to penned sheep—4 sheep or 40 sheep-- with the dog outside the pen. Many dogs can be tested and passed without actually entering the pen with sheep. If the dog requires additional stimulation by chasing stock without a barrier between, the dog (on or off leash, as appropriate), will be tested with livestock inside a 32', 40', 50,' 100' square or round diameter pen or in a 50'x100' or 100'x 200' arena pen or in a 10 acre field marked with furrows. If a dog is too intimidated by sheep, we will try to coax herding instinct behaviors using ducks instead.

MORNING TRAINING PERIOD: **Instead of doing a herding instinct test, the experienced herding handler has the option to participate in a herding training session.** Handlers with experienced herding dogs who are already in training should describe in writing what type of stock and set-up they would like to use (type, number of stock, size of arena, size of field) and briefly describe what their training objective will be during that half hour. *This description should be received by the tester/trainer at least 24 hours before the herding event day.* Generally, you can expect your dog to regress when introduced to a new area with unfamiliar livestock. So, it is not a bad idea to go back to basics or to duplicate what you do at home. Just describe the set-up you want to try, and Carolyn will do her best to meet your requirements.

Also, if you and your dog have worked only 3-5 sheep, and you are interested in introducing your dog to working 40 sheep, tending, or working ducks for the first time, here is your opportunity to try.

DIRECTIONS:

From the East/North – Interstate Route 80 West through NJ to Exit 4B (Columbia/Blairstown). Follow signs to Columbia, then to Portland, PA toll bridge, continue straight on PA 611 South.

* Turn right on PA 512 (Bank & Chiropractic office on corner). Go exactly 1.5 miles. Turn right at Lillian Lane. Cross RR tracks. Bear left up hill after stop sign. Immediately after 4-way stop sign intersection, road forks. Take right fork (Lake Minsi Drive).

** Go 0.6 miles and turn left into gravel lane at Mailbox Number 2167. You are now at Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm. Drive in to gravel parking areas near stone house and barns.

From Central NJ – Take I-287 to I-78 West. Take Route 31 North, then Route 46 W. Follow signs to Portland, PA toll bridge and take PA 611 South. Follow directions from * above.

From Easton, PA – Take 611 North. Follow directions from * above, EXCEPTING: Turn LEFT ON PA 512 (not RIGHT!)

From the West/North— Interstate 80 East (or I-81 South to 380 South to I-80) thru PA to Exit 310. Route 611 South. Follow directions from *.

From Allentown, PA – Route 22 East (or I-78 East) to 33 North. Exit at Bangor/Stockertown. PA 191 North to Bangor. In Bangor, go straight through 2 stop lights. At 3rd light (blinking), turn right. Left at stop sign. Go 1/4 mile, turn right on Ridge Road. Go about 3 miles and make a sharp left onto Lake Minsi Drive. Follow directions from ** above. (If you reach 4-way stop sign intersection when driving Ridge Road, you've gone too far)

From Phila, PA – Penn. Turnpike NE Extension, I-476 North, exit 56, Lehigh Valley to Route 22 East. Follow “from Allentown, PA” above.

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MORNING HERDING EVENT REGISTRATION

Closing Date: August 27, 2016.

_____ is today's date.

_____ Entry fee (Please check one) of \$65 or

_____ Herding Instinct Test—for novice dog

_____ Morning Herding Training Period—for herding-experienced dog

(Please supply further information for the herding-experienced dog on next page)

Payment: Send Check made to order of ADSA addressed to:

Carole Goetzelmann, Secretary

7996 Timberbreak Dr

Cincinnati, OH 45249

Name _____

Address _____ E- Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Tel. No. _____ E- Mail _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Age _____ Sex _____ Neutered? _____ In heat during event? _____

Participants and spectators assume financial responsibility for any livestock damage caused by their dogs, their possessions, or themselves, including vet or medication costs or replacement cost if livestock is deemed by owner to be beyond medical care. Replacement cost is \$200 for ewes, lambs, and wethers, and \$450 (purchase price) of breeding ram (who will not be in herding instinct test), \$40 for duck, \$25 for chicken, \$40 for guinea hen, \$4000 for camel. Further, participant avers that the dog attending is healthy and current in his/her vaccinations, and the dog will not attend if the dog has been in contact with any communicable dog disease within 30 days of the event.

The participant understands that herding can occasionally be a risky sport both for participants and spectators. In case of any harm, damage, or injury that happens to or is caused by the participant, the participant's relatives, dog(s), or property during the event, the participant agrees not to hold liable the American Dutch Shepherd Association, Carolyn Wilki, their tenants, clients, invited guests, or agents working on their behalf.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Morning Herding Training Period for herding-experienced dog

Handler Name: _____

Dog Name: _____

My dog _____ (name) has been in herding training for _____ (number of days/weeks/months/years—circle one) at a rate of _____ (number of hours) per month. Besides this dog, I have trained _____ (number) dogs in herding training beyond an instinct test title.

_____ I want sheep. _____ 3-5 _____ 10 _____ 20 _____ 30+

_____ I want ducks. _____ 5 ducks _____ 15 ducks

_____ I want my dog to practice what he/she does in training at home.

Briefly describe the size arena/field you hope to be in, the number and type of livestock, and what you hope (it is your goal) your dog will practice/learn in the 30 minute morning training session:

OR

_____ I want my dog to learn a new skill in a set-up similar to the one at home. A description of the new skill I want _____ (dog's name) to learn as well as the size arena/field, the number and type of livestock:

OR

_____ I would like my dog to try something new—a different kind of livestock, a different style of herding, a new herding skill. What new thing would you like your herding-experienced dog to try in the morning herding session?

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AFTERNOON Herding Training Clinic

Start Time: ½ hour after the end of the morning tending video/lecture.

Estimated Start Time: 12:30 PM

Estimated End Time: 4 PM

(Note: Start time will depend on when the morning herding event concludes. End Time will depend on number of dogs entered.)

~12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Introductory Lecture on Herding and Tending Fundamentals

At least 2 opportunities on livestock per dog.

Maximum of 7 dogs.

[Note: If the trainer feels, after observing the pair work in the morning session, that the dog and owner are skilled enough to work on their own during the introductory lecture, they will be given permission to do so.]

Afternoon Fees Per Dog

Fee Day of (or within 1 week of event)— \$130

Pre-sign up by September 18 — \$100

Lecture Only— \$20 per person (including day of)

AFTERNOON HERDING CLINIC REGISTRATION (for both novice and experienced herding dogs)

Closing Date: 1 week before event. \$30 late fee for registration received after closing date.

_____ is today's date.

_____ Entry fee (Please circle one) of \$100, includes two stock sessions per dog and an optional introductory herding/tending lecture. **Dog must have attended the morning herding session to participate in the afternoon herding clinic.**

_____ \$130 if entry received after September 18.

_____ \$ 20 for only Introductory Lecture on Herding and Tending Fundamentals

_____ TOTAL \$ AMOUNT FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON TRAINING SESSIONS

Name _____

Address _____ E- Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Tel. No. _____ E- Mail _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Age _____ Sex _____ Neutered? _____ In heat during event? _____

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