United States Australian Shepherd Association

23rd Annual National Specialty
THE PURINA EVENT CENTER
300 Checkerdoo Loop
Gray Summit, MO 63039

Trials will be held indoors on soccer turf
Ring size: 90’ x 100’

Sunday – All Standard & JWW Classes, Time 2 Beat
Monday – All Standard, JWW & FAST Classes
Limited to 330 runs each day

ENTRIES OPEN at 8:00 a.m. CST, MONDAY, January 5, 2015
Entries accepted on a “FIRST RECEIVED” basis

ENTRIES CLOSE at 12:00 p.m. CDT, FRIDAY, March 27, 2015
After which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Chapter 1, Section 20-21 of the Regulations for Agility Trials

Judges & Assignments
Dale Mahoney #94037
18002 Dean Ln
Nampa, ID 83687-8149
All Classes; All days

American Kennel Club Certification
Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for holding this event under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
James P. Crowley, Secretary
First entry per dog per day ................................................................. $25.00
Each additional entry per dog per day .............................................. $13.00
Includes AKC Recording Fee of $3.50 for first entry and $3.00 for each additional entry per dog per day.

**Online Entries**

This trial is accepting online entries through LabTestedOnline.com. During the first 48 hours after opening, the initial limit of entries designated as either online or paper will be as follows: 75% paper (248), and 25% (82) online each day. If either form of entry has not filled at the end of the 48 hour time period, the club reserves the right to decrease or increase either one accordingly.

**Paper Entries**

Make checks payable to “USASA 2015”. Checks must be payable in U.S. Funds Mail entries and fees to: Karen Nenow, 6621 Marty St., Overland Park, KS 66202

Paper entries received within the first 24 hours must include postage or be metered. Entries must be delivered by multi-state or multi-national postal or carrier service, including but not limited to USPS, FedEx, UPS, and DHL. You must waive the signature requirement for delivery services, if applicable.

All entries must be submitted on official AKC Agility entry forms, one dog per entry form. Photocopies of entry forms without the AKC Agreement are not acceptable. Unsigned, incomplete, or illegible entries are not acceptable. Limit of 10 dogs per envelope.

If you would like confirmation that your entry was received before the trial has closed, please include your email address or enclose a self-address stamped postcard.

Express mail entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the Trial Secretary’s address without recipient signature.

Entries cannot be changed once the trial has closed. Please check your entries!

**“After Closing” Waiting List**

A waiting list (30 runs maximum each day) will be maintained for these trials once they have closed on March 27. The waiting list will be active until its deadline — Monday, April 6, 2015, 6:00 p.m. CDT. Any dogs that are entered in these trials at closing and pulled before the waiting list deadline will be replaced, if possible, by dogs in order on the waiting list, and the exhibitor will be reimbursed in full. If a dog is pulled but cannot be replaced, the exhibitor will not receive a refund and the dog will be considered absent for the trials. Entry fees for dogs on the waiting list that do not get into the trial by the waiting list closing date will be refunded in full.

**Dogs Eligible to Enter**

This trial is open to Australian Shepherds fifteen (15) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club, or that have AKC Limited Registration, or Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP). Dogs with a PAL/ILP number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Dogs should be physically sound. Dogs that are blind or deaf, bitches in season, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect a dog’s physical or mental performance are not eligible to compete. No dog shall compete if it is taped or bandaged in any way or has anything attached to it for medical purposes.

Wherever the word “dog” is used in these regulations, it includes both sexes.
**Trial Information**
The building will be available for set up on Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.
Trial hours are 7:00 a.m. to 30 minutes after the completion of judging.
Ring size: 90’ x 100’.
The building is climate controlled. Please bring crates and chairs. All crates must be on mats, carpet or some other material that will protect the floor.
Electronic timing will be used at these trials.
No smoking is allowed in the Event Center
No outside food or beverage is allowed in The Purina Event Center at Purina Farms property. Violators will be reported to the AKC.

**Height Divisions**
The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class(es)/height divisions. Dogs running in a lower height division than they are eligible for will be eliminated.

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<th>Preferred Agility Must enter the AKC mandated jump height</th>
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**AKC Jump Height Cards**
All dogs competing in agility must possess an official AKC Jump Height Card. An official AKC Jump Height Card is defined as either a permanent jump height card, a valid temporary jump height form, copies of two different measuring forms (placing the dog in the same height class) dated on or after the dog’s second birthday, or copies of three different measuring forms (two of which place the dog in the same height class) on or after the dog’s second birthday. All dogs (except those jumping 24” or 26”) without jump height cards/forms must be measured/wicketed by the Judge of Record PRIOR to running in their class; this measurement will be valid for the weekend of trials only. If a Volunteer Measuring Official or an Agility Field Rep is present, all dogs without a valid jump height card/form must be measured at some time during the trial. If the dog cannot be measured by the VMO prior to running, it must be measured for the judge before its first run. You are not required to show your height card or send a copy with your entry. You are required to mark on your entry form your dog’s height card status.

It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to request measurement. If your dog does not have a valid height card for a trial and is not measured by a VMO, if present, any qualifying runs earned will be disallowed. THERE WILL BE VMO’s AT THIS TRIAL.

**Notice to Exhibitors**
The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering these trials, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.

Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee(s).
The United States Australian Shepherd Association may cancel this event in extreme weather conditions.

Entry fees will not be refunded if the trials cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

Since bitches in season are not allowed to compete in AKC Agility Trials, the club will refund all but $10.00 of the entry fee per day for bitches unable to compete for that reason. The Trial Secretary must receive written notification of such a claim for refund by letter hand-delivered, emailed, or postmarked before the trial commences.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

All dogs must be on leash or crated at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area.

Exhibitors are responsible for being at the ring gate when it is their turn to run. The judge need not wait for any dog holding up a class. The United States Australian Shepherd Club has no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or steward for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the ring when required.

Entries must be made on Official AKC Entry Forms and must include the signed Agreement and Rules. Junior Handlers must include their JH# and complete all information.

Include only AKC titles on your entries.

Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may have made such errors. No entry will be refunded in the event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. Errors in entries made by the exhibitor cannot be corrected after the closing date. No refunds for duplicate entries.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. There is a $25 returned check fee.

No refunds will be issued for overpayment of less than $10.00.

Dogs under 4 months of age are not permitted on the show grounds of AKC Agility Trials.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians’ recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement.

The United States Australian Shepherd Association, their Board, Members, and Nestlé Purina Farms and its employees will not be liable for any loss or injury which may be sustained through disappearance, loss, theft, communicable disease, parasites, injury and/or death of dogs entered in this event.

The United States Australian Shepherd Association does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC entry form for this event.
### Ribbons

**All days**

Rosettes will be awarded to First Place through Fourth Place in each jump height in each class. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score at the April 12 trial; qualifying rosettes will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score at the April 13 trial. Dogs must qualify to receive placement ribbons.

1st place. .................. Blue  
2nd place. .................. Red  
3rd place. .................. Yellow  
4th place. .................. White

Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to the Australian Shepherds with the highest weighted scores, adding points to the dog’s score: 4 points for dogs in Excellent/Master, 2 points for dogs in Open and 0 points for dogs in Novice classes.

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<th>Double Q (Masters Standard/JWW)</th>
<th>Green &amp; Blue Rosette</th>
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**Monday, April 13**

High in Trial – Regular Standard Classes .................. Purple & Silver Rosette
High in Trial – Preferred Standard Classes .................. Purple & Silver Rosette
High in Trial – Regular JWW Classes .................. Purple & Silver Rosette
High in Trial – Preferred JWW Classes .................. Purple & Silver Rosette
High in Trial – Regular FAST Classes .................. Purple & Silver Rosette
High in Trial – Preferred FAST Classes .................. Purple & Silver Rosette

### Prizes

**All days**

1st place in each class/jump  .................. Note Cards and Custom Lead
2nd – 4th place in each class/jump  .................. Custom Lead
MACH title  ................................................................. Bar
PACH title  ................................................................. Bar

**Monday, April 13**

High in Trial – Regular Standard Classes .................. Framed Art Print
High in Trial – Preferred Standard Classes .................. Framed Art Print
High in Trial – Regular JWW Classes .................. Framed Art Print
High in Trial – Preferred JWW Classes .................. Framed Art Print
High in Trial – Regular FAST Classes .................. Framed Art Print
High in Trial – Preferred FAST Classes .................. Framed Art Print

High in Trial prizes for Standard and JWW will be awarded to the Australian Shepherds with the highest scores. In the case of more than one dog with the same score, the highest yards per second will be used to determine HIT for each prize. High in Trial prizes for FAST will be awarded to the Australian Shepherds with the highest weighted scores, adding points to the dog’s score: 4 points for dogs in Excellent/Master, 2 points for dogs in Open and 0 points for dogs in Novice classes.

**Purina is pleased to be the official sponsor.**

Purina. ® Chosen by Champions. ®

**Monday, April 13**

1st place in each class/jump  .................. Purina Pro Plan Small Thermal Sack

All prizes, if not awarded in the ring, must be picked up during the event at the Purina booth. Presentation of the winning ribbon is required. Purina reserves the right to make prize substitutions of equal or greater value in the event a specific listed prize is not available.

### Motel Information

**HOST HOTEL:**  
**Holiday Inn at Six Flags, 4901 Six Flags Rd, Eureka, MO 63025 (I-44, Exit 261)**  
800-782-8108 – Ask for Crystal Smith

Make reservations early, as this is a resort area.  
When making reservations, indicate you are with the “Australian Shepherd National Specialty” at Purina Farms.

There are many other hotels/motels/campgrounds in the area. For a listing of other hotels/motels/campgrounds as well as restaurants, refer to the Purina Farms website at [http://www.purinafarms.com](http://www.purinafarms.com).

**RV Parking**

A limited number of RV sites are available at Purina Farms. RV Parking Reservation information and Form will be available on the USASA website at [http://www.australianshepherds.org](http://www.australianshepherds.org). Reservations open February 15 and close March 27. Contact Linda Grant at tyaedyd@comcast.net for info.

All exhibitors should be aware that the entire motel grounds and RV sites are considered within the trial grounds. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs on the motel, RV and trial grounds. Motels require that dogs be crated when unattended. Any damages to motels, RV sites or the trial site or abuse of the grounds can result in disciplinary action by the Event Committee. Any exhibitor’s entries may be refused for previous misuse of the motel or RV facilities. This is an AKC supported measure.

**Directions**

**From North/East/South:** Take I-44 to Gray Summit/Hwy 100 Exit 253. Turn east on Hwy 100. After approximately ½ mile, turn left on MM. Entrance to The Purina Event Center at Purina Farms is approximately 1 mile on left.

**From West:** Take I-70 to Hwy 47, Exit 193. Take Hwy 47 south to Hwy 100. Continue on 100 to I-44 east. Take I-44 east one exit to Gray Summit. Follow directions above.
**OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AGILITY ENTRY FORM**

**UNITED STATES AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION**

Opens: January 5, 2015, 8:00 am. • Closes: March 27, 2015, 12:00 pm.

Day 1: Sun. 04/12/15  □ STD  □ JWW  Not Offered  □ T2B
Day 2: Mon. 04/13/15  □ STD  □ JWW  □ FAST  Not Offered

Daily Entry Fee: 1st run $25.00. Each additional run $13.00
Checks payable to: USASA 2015  Mail to: Karen Nenow, 6621 Marty St., Overland Park, KS 66202

IMPORTANT: Carefully read instructions before filling out!  ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

**Choose Either Regular OR Preferred Classes**

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Non-Regular Classes  Not Offered

This Dog Needs To Be Measured  □ Yes  □ No  SEX  HEIGHT AT WITHERS

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ACTUAL OWNERS

OWNERS ADDRESS  □ NEW ADDRESS  CITY, STATE ZIP + 4

HANDLER  ENTER JR. HANDLER # if applicable

Exhibitor or owner MUST sign on the signature line beneath the instructions.

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**SIGN HERE X**

Telephone Number:  Email Address:  □ New
Email  Phone #:  

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

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**AGREEMENT**

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us).

I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Handlers may opt to enter in a higher height division for all Regular titling classes, but not in a division lower than their proper height division. Dogs entered in the Preferred classes must compete at the required jump height and may not compete in a jump height division higher or lower than their proper height division.

All dogs that have not been officially measured for an Agility Jump Height Card may still compete; however, they must be measured by a Judge of record, an Agility Field Representative, or a Volunteer Measuring Official, prior to running. If measured by the Judge of record, that measurement will be valid for this trial or back-to-back trials only. If a measurement is necessary, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to have their dog(s) measured prior to running.

Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners® program may be eligible to enter all-breed AKC agility trials at the club’s option. These dogs should be listed as All American Dog and must include their AKC number on the entry form and check the AKC No. box.

Junior Handlers should enter their Junior Handler number on the front of this form. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, it may be obtained from the American Kennel Club (919) 233-9767. If the Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner?

**SIGNATURE** of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

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Volunteers will be needed for the smooth running of this trial. To volunteer to help, please fill out the form below and return with your entry to the Trial Secretary. Volunteer workers will receive food vouchers for the Checkerboard Café and will be eligible for the daily worker raffle.

Name ____________________________________________________________

Phone __________________________ Email __________________________

I can help with the following jobs during the following classes / jump heights.

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AGILITY TRIAL – MOVE-UP
USASA – Apr 12-13, 2015

Mail form to Karen Nenow, 6621 Marty St., Overland Park, KS 66202

Dog’s AKC Registered Name: ____________________________________________

Dog’s AKC # ___________________ Dog’s Call Name: ______________________

Move Entry to Agility Class: (Circle One)

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Owners Name: __________________________________________________________

Signature of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry: __________________________________________

Signature of Trial Secretary If Approved: _____________________________________ Date __________________