

ATBA April 16-18, 2021 Herding Trials Covid Advisory Letter and Liability Waiver Statement—  
**please sign at end and submit with your entry & fee to trial secretary**

The ATBA stands ready to modify our Covid and herding trial practices based on regulations and unfolding events. Please refer questions you may have to ATBA Herding Trial Committee members. The following is our current advice as of March 14, 2021.

Covid-19 Trial Cancellation Should PA regulations prevent holding these herding trials, the trials will be cancelled and exhibitor entry fees will be refunded by the ATBA.

Covid-19 Entry Withdrawal Handlers and anyone in their party shall not come to the trial facility and shall withdraw their entry(ies) if they have been in close contact with anyone with Covid-19 symptoms, test positive for Covid, or are symptomatic themselves at any point within 14 days prior to the trial. When withdrawing, please reference “Due to Covid-19” and your entry fee will be refunded.

**Liability Waiver Statement:** Your attendance to the ATBA’s April 16-18, 2021 herding trials is at your own risk. If you, your family, anyone in your party, or animals show any sign or develop any symptoms of Covid-19, you(they) agree not to hold liable the ATBA, AKC, AHBA, Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm, LLC, or any persons or agents either working on their behalf or invited to the property on their behalf.

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1. **Per PA Dept of Health Regulations: For yourself and all people traveling with you, please submit a list of all your names, telephone number contacts, and expected locations 14 days after the herding trial. This information may be critical for contact tracing or further outreach.**
2. The Obedience Hall will be closed to the public, and no unauthorized persons may approach the Secretary’s Desk in the Obedience Hall. Run results will be posted just inside the Obedience Hall’s door. Please call the secretary on her cell phone or contact a herding trial committee member if you need to submit a day-of entry.
3. Trial ribbons, scoresheets, and prizes will be made available for self-pick-up by exhibitors soon after the conclusion of an event/livestock/trial/course. Test class ribbons and scoresheets will be available soon after the conclusion of the event/livestock/test class, each day. The ribbons, scoresheets, and prizes will be labeled with dog & handler name by event/livestock/course/class or event/livestock/test class and hung on a display rack located just inside the large entrance door of the glider barn.
4. When you arrive, self check-in (bring your own pen) at the sign-in-sheet posted near the entry gate for your event/livestock/course/class or event/livestock/test class.
5. Bring your own armband with number to the trial. You will receive your entry number(s) and day/event/course/class information by e-mail.
6. There will be no food or beverages offered at this trial. We also ask that, if possible, you pack out your own garbage when you leave.
7. Competitors must park twelve (12) feet apart and respect a social distance of at least six (6) feet between people and dogs everywhere on the property. Face masks shall be at-the-ready, to be worn in the event that you come within or anticipate coming within 6 feet of another person.
8. Competitors are encouraged to practice excellent hand and face hygiene protocols.
9. The porto-potty has hand sanitizer and a spray sanitizer available. We require that after use, the surfaces that you have had contact with, i.e., the seat, urinal, walls, and door handles, be sprayed.

10. AKC trial: a. There are two separate trial event numbers for each livestock/test class as well as for each livestock/trial course/class offered.
  - a. Test classes listed and Ducks/A & B Courses/all classes, are offered both Friday and Saturday, for both event numbers. Sheep/C & D Courses/all classes (both event numbers) are offered only on Friday, and Sheep/A & B Courses/all classes (both event numbers) are offered only on Saturday.
  - b. Ducks & Sheep/PT and A Course/all classes: White panels and A-B-C orange cones mark the A Course obstacles, and unmarked orange cones mark the PT obstacles. The same panels and cones will remain in place for both PT and all A Course classes.
  - c. Sheep/B Course/all classes: White drive panels mark the Advanced class drive legs, and orange cones mark the Started/Intermediate drive legs. The same panels and cones will remain in place for Sheep/B Course/all classes.
11. AHBA trial: Ducks & Sheep/JHD & HTAD/all levels: Panels mark HTAD obstacles, and orange cones mark JHD obstacles. The same panels and cones will remain in place for both HTAD & JHD runs.
12. Suggested check list (besides the dog, usual dog supplies, your arm band number(s), pen, and yourself): Water, Food, Shade/Rain shelter (either an umbrella or canopy), battery operated fan for humans & dogs, portable chairs, sunglasses, hat, bug spray, & rain gear just in case....

We hope everyone will comply with our suggestions and make the ATBA's trial a wonderful herding experience for us all. Any suggestions or feedback will be appreciated.

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I acknowledge I have read this trial advisory letter and liability waiver statement. I agree both to the liability waiver and to abide by this letter's suggestions. I will monitor and advise anyone in my party so that we comply with this letter. **I will include at least one dated & signed copy of this letter with my trial entry.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel./Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Owner and/or handler of dog who will be on-site)

I plan to travel with \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of additional people in my party/vehicle(s), other than myself.

***On this or on a separate page***, per PA Health Department, for yourself and everyone you are bringing to the farm in your party, please list their **name, telephone number**, and an **address** where they might be 14 days after the trial (If you travel with different people the day-of the trial, please hand your updated contact information to the appropriate trial chairperson: (AKC) **Regina Green or Robert Dunning; or (AHBA) Carolyn Wilki. Thank you so much!**):