



## teway Australian Shepherd Club April 21, 2023 – Farm AM Trial OPEN Sheep Course

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Step 1. [Pen Work 5pt;] Remove all 15 head of sheep from a designated pen (A-E) as indicated by the Judge.

Step 2. [Sort 25 pts;] Dog/Handler proceed to G7. Place all 15 head of stock through G7 into the holding area. Sort back any 7 sheep through G7. Leaving any 8 Sheep in Holding Pen. Return 7 sheep back to original take pen (A-E).

Step 3. [Barn Work Extra Task # 1 20 pts;] Dog/Handler fetch/drive 8 Sheep to G2/Triangle Pen. Dog/Handler proceed to G3. Dog holds sheep off G3 while handler opens gate allowing sheep into holding pen alleyway. Dog/Handler move sheep down alleyway to G5a and place sheep in corner holding pen. Dog/Handler move into the lower arena and proceed to G5.

Step 4. [Pen # 2 Corner Holding Pen – 10 pts;] Dog removes sheep from Corner/Take Pen and maintains control of the stock. Stock is settled and held at the West End of the lower arena. Judge will call a hold.

Step 5. [Hold at Designated Area Extra Task # 2 15 pts;] Once stock has settled, the dog should hold the stock until the handler has moved to the cone by the freestanding pen. Once the handler is at the cone the dog is recalled and positioned at the upper/advanced cone ( behind or in line with the plane of the panel obstacles ).

Step 6. [Gather 20 pts;] Dog is sent to gather the stock. (Handler may help their dog by positioning themselves up to one half distance between dog and stock). Once the stock reach the handler, dog/handler team fetch/drive to and through G4 allowing sheep into the triangle pen.

Step 7. [Pen # 3 10 pts;] Dog/Handler proceed to G2 and fetch/drive sheep back to barn area. Once sheep are in the barn area Handler should shut G6 and open Chute/Scale Door. Dog/Handler proceed to G7 and move stock into stock pen area and allow sheep to settle.

Step 8. [Chute 20 pts] Dog/Handler proceed to G8 and move sheep into the Chute/Scale holding pen. Once all stock are in holding pen dog is to remain in the pen. Handler closes G8 and remains on the outside of the chute directing the dog to move stock through chute until they exit into the sort pen. Handler closes Chute/Scale door.

Step 9. [Pen # 4 5 pts;]. Once stock are in the sort pen. Dog/Handler proceed to G7. Dog gathers sheep from sort pen and allows sheep to enter stock pen area. Handler/Dog return sheep to original Pen (A-E) as indicated by the Judge.

**Course complete! [Total Points - 130pts]**

*TIE BREAKERS in order as indicated below:*

- Step 2. Sort
- Step 3. Barn Work
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- Step 1. [Pen # 1 (A-E) 6 pts;] Remove all 15 head of sheep from a designated Barn Pen (A-E) as indicated by the Judge.
- Step 2. [Pen # 2- 7 pts;] Dog/Handler move all 15 sheep through G7 across Hold/Sort Pen into Round Pen through G11.
- Step 3 [Sort / Trailer 25 pts] Dog/Handler proceed to G12. Sort 5 Sheep into Pen 1 (1 of the 5 must be marked). Team Fetch/Drive Sheep to G10 and put the 5 head Sheep into Pen 2. Team return to G12.
- Step 4. [Chute/Sheep Handling Equipment 20 pts;] 10 Head of Sheep are gathered from the round pen and moved through Pen 1 to Pen H. Once Stock and Team are in Pen H, Sheep are moved into the holding area/pen. Handler open front sliding Gate and directs dog to move sheep through the working chute. After all the Sheep have exited Handler must close the front Sliding Gate. Sheep exits Pen H into Pen 1 and proceeds to and through G9 into the Hold/Sort Pen area.
- Step 5. [Field Work/Graze Extra Task # 1 – 20 pts;] Dog holds Sheep while Handler opens G6. Dog/Handler fetch/drive remaining 10 sheep down alleyway from barn allowing sheep to proceed down gravel road to B Field Pasture G1. Sheep are allowed to enter B Field and are fetched/driven to the designated area and left to graze.
- Step 6. [Gather 20 pts;] The Handler takes dog to the designated handlers post. Dog remains at the post (Handler may position themselves up to one half of the distance between dog and the Sheep. Dog is sent to gather the stock to the handler then proceed to fetch/drive to G1.
- Step 7. [Barn Work Extra Task # 2 20 pts;] Team Fetch/Drive sheep back to barn area. Once sheep are in the sort pen area handler shuts G6.
- Step 8. [Pen #3 – 7 pts;]. Handler/Dog go through G9 proceed to G10 and remove Sheep from Pen 2 to reunite with 10 sheep in sort pen area,
- Step 9. [Pen # 4 – 5 pts] Once stock are reunited in the sort pen (15), Dog/Handler proceed to G7. Dog gathers sheep from Sort Pen and allows sheep to enter stock pen area. Handler/Dog return sheep to original Pen (A-E) as indicated by the Judge.

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Lower Arena 100'x200'	Triangle Pen 50'x50'	Pens A-E 20'x70' Each
Upper Arena 130'x200'	Holding Pens along Lower Arena 5'x7'	Stock Pen Area 100'x30'
B Field 4.5 Acres	Corner Holding Pen 12'x30'	Wooden Chute & Scale 70'x3'
Alley (Lower Arena to Barn) 14'x100'	Low Water Bridge 10'x18'x4'	Control Pen 60' Diameter
		Sorting Area (near barn) 30'x40'

NOT TO SCALE

