

STOCK DOG TRIALS

2024 STOCK DOG TRIALS



Monday, August 26 • 9 a.m.
Warner Coliseum

JUDGE: Kim Torson-Schneider, Pine City, Minn.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

2024 Minnesota State Fair Stock Dog Trials

Superintendent: JoAnna Yund, Minneapolis, Minn.

Board Liaison: Steve Storck, Morris, Minn.

Stock Dog Trials Schedule

Monday, Aug. 26

9 a.m.

Stock Dog Trials (Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum)

Novice Ranch, Pro Ranch, Rookie

Stock Dog Trial Judge



Kim Torson-Schneider

Kim Schneider resides in Pine City, Minn. with her husband, three Australian Shepherds, sheep, goats, ducks, geese, and chickens. She has been actively involved in herding for over 20 years. She offers stock dog training for all herding breeds at Elysian Farm. She has helped train and trial numerous dogs including Australian Shepherds, Samoyeds, Pumi, Bernese Mountain Dogs, German Shepherds, Koolies and many other breeds. She loves helping each dog use their natural instinct. She is an Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) and American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) stock dog judge.

About the Stock Dog Trials

Object: Stock dogs must handle sheep quietly, easily and confidently while having control and directing movement without injury of any sort.

Scoring: The trials are judged on a “points plus time” scale with times being used to break ties.

Division 1 (Rookie): Limit 6 dogs and a time of 5 minutes

Handler may not have shown any dog at an advanced level in any herding venue. Dogs may not have been shown at an intermediate level in any herding venue. Dogs may not have previously won the rookie division. Handler may accompany the dog. Sheep are released in the arena. Handler may not walk through any obstacle. Course is performed as a fetch, drive or combination. Run ends when the pen gate closes or time expires, whichever occurs first.

Division 2 (Novice Ranch): Limit 12 dogs and a time of 7 minutes

Dogs may have not previously won the novice ranch division. Three head of sheep are released into the arena. Dogs gather the sheep. Handler and dog start behind line #2. Handler must maintain a distance of 6 feet from stock/obstacle, except when working bridge, pen or shed. Run ends when the pen gate closes or time expires, whichever occurs first.

Division 3 (Pro Ranch): Limit 12 dogs and a time of 7 minutes

Three head of sheep are released into the arena. Handler remains in center area except when working bridge, pen or shed. Handler must remain in penning circle during the pen to earn full pen points. Run ends when the pen gate closes or time expires, whichever occurs first.

Division 4 (Exhibition Only): Limit 10 dogs and a time of 5 minutes

This division is for dogs or handlers who are not eligible for the other classes but want to experience the Minnesota State Fair. Sheep are released in the arena. Handlers are encouraged to move about the course as necessary to make their dog successful. Run ends when pen gate closes or time expires, whichever occurs first.

COURSE ROUTE

Division 1 (Rookie): 60 Points

- The dog must be set at post #2
 - The handler may move to within 15 feet of the sheep prior to sending the dog
- Once the handler sends the dog:
 - They may fetch or drive the sheep through the fetch panels, around post #3, then around post #2, then proceed to the pen
 - The handler may not go through the fetch panels
- Run ends when the Pen gate is shut

Division 2 (Novice Ranch): 90 Points

- Dog starts at post #1
 - Handler may stand anywhere in a straight line between post #1 and #2 to send the dog
- Once the dog is sent, the handler may move to the side of the fetch panels
- When the sheep pass through the fetch panels:
 - Handler may fetch or drive them around post #1 and post #3
- Post #3 is where the handler must stop and:
 - Drive the sheep through the Drive Panels
 - Turn right and pass between post #2 and the Fetch Panels and on to the pen
 - When the Sheep Clear post #2 Handler may proceed to the Pen
- There is no Hula Hoop in Novice Ranch
- When the last sheep clears the pen opening, they may close the gate
- Run ends when the pen is shut

Division 3 (Pro Ranch): 105 Points

- Handler starts in the hula hoop
 - Send the dog from their side to gather sheep
- Dog fetches the sheep through the fetch panels
- Around post #1 and between post #1 and the Hula Hoop from Right to Left
 - There is only one attempt to get the sheep between post #1 and the Hula Hoop.
 - Then the handler must move on.
- The team must then get one sheep through every other obstacle before moving on
- Once the sheep pass post #3, handler may leave the hula hoop and proceed to the bridge
- The Sheep go through the drive panels, turn right, and pass between post #2 and the Fetch Panels to the Bridge
- Following the Bridge, proceed to the Pen, where the handler must stand in the Hula Hoop until the last sheep clears the pen opening
- Run ends when they shut the pen

RULES & COURSE CHANGES IN THE HANDLERS' MEETING TAKE PRECEDENCE

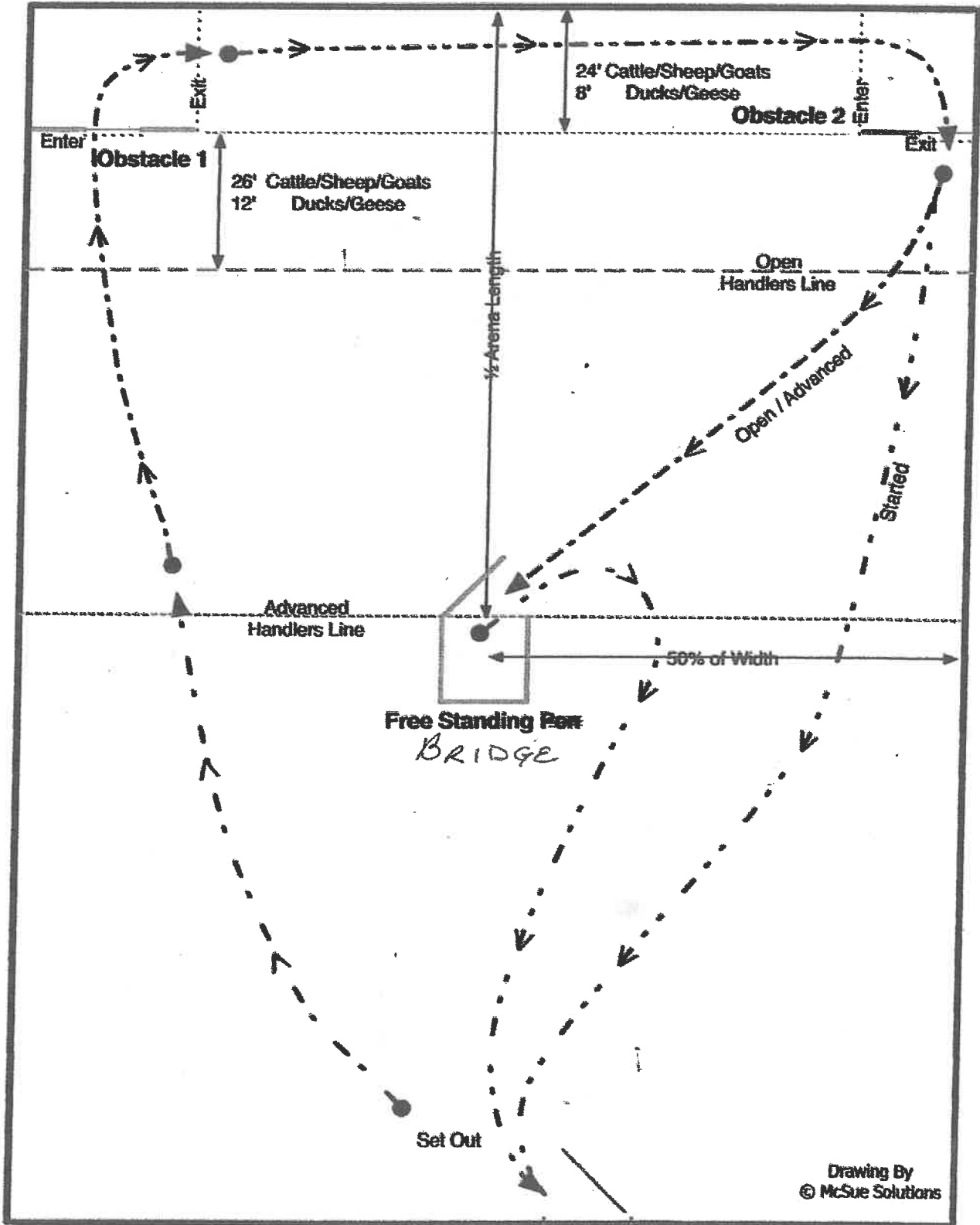
Thank you to our livestream sponsors!

Thank you to the **Minnesota State Fair Foundation** for sponsoring the stock dog trials livestream! Scan the QR code or visit mnstatefair.org/competitions/livestreaming to tune in to available livestreams throughout all 12 days of the fair!



SCAN ME

Course B



Minimum Arena Size
 Cattle/Sheep/Goats 100' x 200'
 Ducks/Geese 60' x 90'
 Maximum Ducks/Geese 100' x 100'

Re-Pen

* Panel Opening
 10' Cattle/Sheep/Goats
 4' Ducks/Geese

Drawing By
 © McSue Solutions

2024 Minnesota State Fair Stock Dog Trials Run Order

NOVICE RANCH					
	Exhibitor Name	Dog Breed	Dog Name	Exhibitor City	Placing
1	Lauren Eberhart	Border Collie	Trim	Minnetonka, Minn.	
2	Chuck Hoffman	Border Collie	Lily	Jordan, Minn.	
3	Andi Wulff	English Shepherd	Wren	Forest Lake, Minn.	
4	Jacquie Kramer	Working Kelpie	Frankie	Elburn, Ill.	
5	Skye Priesz	Border Collie	Chiyo	Stanchfield, Minn.	
6	Linda Spengler	Rottweiler	FIRE!	Richfield, Minn.	
7	Chaia Herrgott	Border Collie	Emmie	New Prague, Minn.	
8	Blythe Johnston-Buck	Belgian Tervuren	“Wally” Ch Cormus Play it Straight	Woodbury, Minn.	
9	Lauren Eberhart	Border Collie	Maple	Minnetonka, Minn.	

PRO RANCH					
	Exhibitor Name	Dog Breed	Dog Name	Exhibitor City	Placing
1	Jenny Knutsdon	Border Collie	Nash	Vermillion, S.D.	
2	Gerard (Jerry) Zappa	Border Collie	Bugsie	Hudson, Wis.	
3	Susanne Hoffman	Border Collie	Tam	Jordan, Minn.	
4	Jacquie Kramer	Working Kelpie	Billie	Elburn, Ill.	
5	Jodi Ebert	Working Kelpie	Velma	Woodbury, Minn.	
6	Susanne Hoffman	Border Collie	Anya	Jordan, Minn.	
7	Terry Wofford	Border Collie	Socks	Hilliard, Fla.	
8	Chuck Hoffman	Border Collie	Bear	Jordan, Minn.	

ROOKIE					
	Exhibitor Name	Dog Breed	Dog Name	Exhibitor City	Placing
1	Denise Ervin	Border Collie	Tia	Coon Rapids, Minn.	
2	Skye Priesz	Australian Shepherd	Rikki	Stanchfield, Minn.	
3	Andi Wulff	English Shepherd	Violet	Forest Lake, Minn.	

Exhibition Only					
	Exhibitor Name	Dog Breed	Dog Name	Exhibitor City	Placing
1	Pamela Vermeer	Working Kelpie	Parciak's Gem In My Eye	Stacy, Minn.	