

## STOCK DOG TRIALS

Superintendent - Don Hummel, Elk Horn

Sponsored by: Iowa State Fair

Directed by: The Iowa Border Collie Association

The open cattle trial is sanctioned by the United States Border Collie Handlers Association.

Trial Field - Outdoor Arena

Wednesday, August 15 - 8:30 a.m.

Premiums offered --- \$3,100

### RULES

1. Open Class Livestock general rules, regulations and health requirements apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Stock Dog Trials Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
2. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 14.** Entries may be made online at [www.iowastatefaireentry.org](http://www.iowastatefaireentry.org). Entries may also be made by printing the form available at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org). Complete the entry form and return it with **full payment** of all fees to: Iowa State Fair, Sheep Department, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, Iowa 50317-0003.
3. Entry fee of \$20 per dog, Open Class; \$15 per dog, Ranch Class. Limit of two dogs per handler, per class.
4. Each exhibitor must purchase one discounted admission ticket at \$8 when making entry. Additional tickets may be purchased. Discounted tickets for children 6-11 years old may be purchased for \$4 each. Without admission tickets, the full price of \$12 (adults) and \$6 (children) per day will be charged at the gate.
5. Each exhibitor must purchase a vehicle parking permit at \$10 per day. Each exhibitor is limited to two ongrounds lot permits per day. Any additional passes will be issued for Lot Y. Vehicle permits must be purchased in advance. Each vehicle permit will park one car or truck (**no trailers**) in a Fairgrounds lot for the day of the contest. **Vehicle permits are required to park in Fairgrounds lots on a space available basis. Parking will not be available at the gate.**
6. All dogs must have current rabies certificates.
7. Enter by division and class.

#### DIVISION 1 - SHEEP

##### Class

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|---|-------|
| 1 | Open  |
| 2 | Ranch |

#### DIVISION 2 - CATTLE

##### Class

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|---|-------|
| 3 | Open  |
| 4 | Ranch |

8. Dogs may work cattle, sheep or both, but must enter each class.
9. Previous Ranch Class winners must enter the Open Class.
10. Dogs entered in Ranch Class may not have run in Open Class.
11. One Day Trials - one run per dog constitutes the score (unless a re-run is requested by the Judges).
12. An exact scoring system of points for the negotiations of hurdles and gates. Handlers ring-penning and shedding shall be defined on score card - drafted and approved by the Judges and Committee. Handler will not be permitted to take dogs on course before competition.
13. A dog can be disqualified and required to be removed from the course immediately, and handler will be held responsible for any damage to sheep/cattle for which they are responsible. Order of running will be determined by trial committee.
14. **COMMAND:** Dogs may be directed by voice or whistle. Handlers may carry only a stockman's cane or show stick.
15. **OVER-DRIVING:** Exhausting sheep/cattle through much running and faulty work may, in extreme cases, disqualify, or the dog may continue with loss of points, according to the Judge's decision. The object is to handle sheep/cattle quietly, easily, confidently, having control and directing movement without injury of any sort.
16. Reruns will be permitted by Judge's decision.
17. **GRIPPING OR BITING:** If a dog bites a sheep/cattle in a severe manner, the dog may be disqualified and removed.
18. **INCOMPETENT DOG:** The Judging Committee may terminate the run of any dog judged "incompetent" of the work assigned.
19. **OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE:** Any disturbing incident that interferes with each and every contestant having equal opportunity shall be ruled on by the Judging Committee and the Committee's decision shall be final.
20. **UNFINISHED WORK:** A dog which fails to complete the work in the time allowed shall be allowed the points earned up to the expiration of the time limit set and order of work must follow designated pattern of work.
21. **TIED SCORE:** Rerun on first place ties. Course Director is in complete charge of all runs. Other ties will be decided by outwork then time.
22. **PATRON COOPERATION:** The proper conduct of Stock Dog Trials requires that conditions shall be as nearly equal for all contestants as possible. All patrons are asked to be considerate of this need.

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23. All contestants will be under control and direction of the Judging Committee and the Iowa State Fair. Each contestant will be solely responsible for any consequence, injury or damage done for which they are responsible.
24. Dogs entered in the Open competition will be required to perform six phases of work: OUTFUN, LIFTING, FETCH, DRIVING, PENNING and SHED.
25. Each dog will be scored in each phase of work according to the following points:
- Outrun ..... 20 points
  - Lift..... 10 points
  - Fetch ..... 20 points
  - Driving ..... 30 points
  - Penning ..... 10 points
  - Shed ..... 10 points
  - Possible..... 100 points**
- (10 points per gate or obstacle)

26. All Cattle Dogs will be required to perform OUTFUN and FETCH along with five other obstacles for points. A time limit may be enforced.

**OUTRUN:** In starting each run the contestant and his dog shall take position at any point in the handler's circle – this same position to be the “fixed” position for all work during the GATHER and DRIVE. With the sheep/cattle in place, and upon signal from the Course Director, the run for each dog begins. On the outrun, the dog may be directed to go either “right” or “left”, and each dog shall carry along this given line until beyond the sheep/cattle. Crossover or disposition to crossover shall cause deduction of points according to the judge's decision. The dog shall go wide and beyond the sheep/cattle before circling in so as to come upon the sheep/cattle from the “far side” in preparation for the LIFT. The dog's “come-on” to the sheep/cattle should be cautious and well “balanced” on the flock.

**LIFT:** The lift should be cautious; the sheep/cattle not unduly startled, held quietly and firmly, and moved off steadily with the dog in full control.

**FETCH:** The fetch should be on a near straight line from the point of contact to the handler. Swerving, zig-zagging or other deviation from the near straight line will involve loss of points. The nature of the work and the condition and handling of the sheep/cattle will be the foremost consideration. The fetch ends when the sheep/cattle enter the handler's circle.

**DRIVING:** From the handler's position in the circle the dog is required to drive the sheep/cattle away on a diagonal to the left toward and through “Gate No. 1” (obstacle) thence horizontally across the field to and through “Gate No. 2” (obstacle) on the right side of the course. As soon as one sheep's/cattle's ear passes the hurdle line, drive must move forward.

(Hurdle not complete until all sheep/cattle go through.)

When through Hurdle No. 1, direct drive to Hurdle No. 2. Drive is completed after passing through Hurdle No. 2 and brought on a direct line to handler's circle.

**PENNING:** At the completion of the drive the contestant shall open the gate of the pen, either to the right or to the left, so that it continues in a straight line the side of the pen of which it is fastened. When the gate is opened, the contestant shall grasp the end of a rope 6 feet long, tied to the open end of the gate, and shall confine his movements to a limit fixed by the rope. Each dog shall work its assigned sheep/cattle into the pen.

**SHED:** The handler and dog will bring sheep/cattle into shedding area. The handler will call the dog through to gain control of the correct number of sheep/cattle. The judge will determine the type of shed (i.e. single or split) at the beginning of the trial and will signal to handler when shed is completed.

		<b>PREMIUMS</b>									
<b>Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	
	\$240	\$170	\$135	\$110	\$85	\$65	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25	
<b>Ranch</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	
	\$135	\$110	\$85	\$65	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	

**Trophies to:** 1st Place Champion Open Sheep, 1st Place Champion Open Cattle, 1st Place Champion Ranch Sheep and 1st Place Champion Ranch Cattle by **Iowa State Fair**.

**STOCK DOG TRIALS SPECIALS**

The **Elmer Bramley Award**, sponsored by **Windrush Farms - Vern and Susan Thorp**, will be given for the highest combined score of cattle and sheep.

**IOWA STATE FAIR**  
**Fair Dates: August 9-19, 2018**  
**Stock Dog Trials Entry Form**

**Entry form must be submitted online at [www.iowastatefaireentry.org](http://www.iowastatefaireentry.org) or postmarked on or before July 14.**

Mail form to: Iowa State Fair, Sheep Department, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317-0003

Phone: (515) 262-3111 ext. 241 • Fax: (515) 280-4841

E-mail: [sheepswine@iowastatefair.org](mailto:sheepswine@iowastatefair.org) • Web: [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (Area Code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only	
Exhibitor Number _____	Receipt Number _____
Adult Ticket No. _____	Child Ticket No. _____
Vehicle Permit No. _____	Date Tickets Sent _____

**Please enter for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair the livestock listed on the enclosed entry form.**

I hereby certify that they are entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Iowa State Fair and of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions contained in the Premium Book and by which I agree to be governed in exhibiting. **I am responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to persons or property which may occur as a result of this competition.**

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**ENTRY FEES**

	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Sheep Dog – Open	_____ @ \$20.00 each	\$ _____
Sheep Dog – Ranch	_____ @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
Cattle Dog – Open	_____ @ \$20.00 each	\$ _____
Cattle Dog – Ranch	_____ @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____

**ADMISSION FEES**

	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Discount Admission Ticket (required)	_____ 1 @ \$8.00	\$ _____ 8.00
Additional Discount Admission Tickets	_____ @ \$8.00 each	\$ _____
Children's Admission Tickets (6-11 yrs.)	_____ @ \$4.00 each	\$ _____
Vehicle Permit (required)	_____ 1 @ \$10.00	\$ _____ 10.00

(Vehicle permit is required to unload/load animals; one vehicle permit is required per vehicle per day.)

**TOTAL REMITTANCE**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Form of payment:  Cash/Money Order  Check  MasterCard  Visa **Make checks payable to: Iowa State Fair**

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please read all rules and regulations listed in the Iowa State Fair Premium Book.
- No refunds of fees will be made unless cancellation is received in writing (letter, fax or e-mail) by **July 21**.
- Each exhibitor is required to purchase one admission ticket and one vehicle permit. One admission ticket is required per person per day.

