

Premium List: AKC Herding Trials



An AKC Member Club

One Herding Trial on Friday – Course D ONLY

Two Separate Herding Trials on Saturday

Two Separate Herding Trials on Sunday

No Tests Offered at These Events

FRIDAY, April 10th, 2026

EVENT #2026277207 Judge: Laura Kincaid

SATURDAY, April 11th, 2026

EVENT #2026277209 Judge: Kelly Fonkalsrud

EVENT #2026277210 Judge: Kelly Fonkalsrud

SUNDAY, April 12th, 2026

EVENT #2026277212 Judge: Laura Kincaid

EVENT #2026277211 Judge: Laura Kincaid

ENTRIES OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2026

TRIAL HOURS: Friday Trial Hours 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday Trial Hours 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or until the conclusion of trials; Tentative judge's briefing for the trial on Friday is 3:00 p.m. Judge's briefing for the first trial on Saturday and Sunday is 8:00 a.m. The second trial may follow a judge's lunch break.

LOCATION: SUNSHINE FARM

11092 240th STREET

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51503

These trials will be held outdoors.

**ENTRY LIMITS: 50 RUNS PER JUDGE PER DAY
DUCK RUNS ARE LIMITED TO 4 RUNS PER TRIAL**

ENTRIES CLOSE at 6:00 p.m. CDT, on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026, at the Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules. All entries received after numerical limits are reached will be placed on the alternates' list in the order received. Drawing for run order will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026, at the Secretary's residence. Multiple entries by a single handler will be adjusted, if possible, to provide time between runs.

Please waive signature requirements on all forms of delivery. Mail requiring signatures will be returned to sender.

Exhibition Only entries will be accepted. See inside note for details.

These trials are open to all AKC Herding Group dogs and other Eligible Breeds as specified in the AKC Herding Rules and Regulations.

HERDING TRIAL COMMITTEE

Trial Co-Chairperson: Gerianne Darnell, 11092 240th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 (402) 679-1548

Trial Co-Chairperson: Erin Embrey, 3308 Looking Glass Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123 (402) 672-2741

Joanne Swenson
Sharon Dowell

Jim Hogsett
Devetta Hill

Darrell Marean
Norine Nieman

Dee Nelson

CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these events under The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Sheila H. Goffe, Secretary



TRIAL SECRETARY

Norine Nieman (papnoseNN@gmail.com)

13500 Spring Street, Omaha, NE 68144 (402) 697-7006 - H (402) 490-6405 - C

JUDGES & JUDGING SCHEDULE

Laura Kincaid (95825) 40319 N Fox Drive, Antioch, IL 60002

Friday Trial #1 – Sheep: Course D: All Classes

Kelly Fonkalsrud (103989) 4229 E 77th Street, Tulsa, OK 74136

Saturday Trial #1 – Sheep: Course D: All classes; Ducks: Course A & Course B: All classes; Sheep: Course B & Course A: All classes

Kelly Fonkalsrud (103989) 4229 E 77th Street, Tulsa, OK 74136

Saturday Trial #2 – Ducks: Course A & Course B: All classes; Sheep: Course B & Course A: All classes

Laura Kincaid (95825) 40319 N Fox Drive, Antioch, IL 60002

Sunday Trial #1 – Ducks: Course A & Course B: All classes; Sheep: Course B & Course A: All classes

Laura Kincaid (95825) 40319 N Fox Drive, Antioch, IL 60002

Sunday Trial #2 – Ducks: Course A & Course B: All classes; Sheep: Course B & Course A: All classes

ENTRY FEES

A, B, & D Sheep: \$55 per dog per run per trial; A & B Ducks: \$55 per dog per run per trial

(Fees include \$4.50 AKC recording/service fee for each entry.)

Entries received without correct fees will not be processed until corrected.

BDOC WILL NOT REFUND ANY OVERPAYMENT. EXHIBITORS MAY WRITE A NEW CHECK.

EXHIBITION ONLY ENTRIES will be accepted for these trials. Competitive runs will take precedence. All exhibition entries are limited to no more than 20 runs per trial. Exhibition entries must be received by the regular closing date, and the same entry fee applies to both sheep and ducks.

PLEASE INDICATE ON THE ENTRY FORM IF YOUR ENTRY IS FOR EXHIBITION ONLY

Make checks payable to BDOC (returned check fee is \$35). All entries must be submitted on official AKC entry forms, one dog per entry form. Photocopies of entries without the AKC agreement attached are NOT acceptable. Unsigned, incomplete, or illegible entries are NOT acceptable and cannot be entered in the trial until corrected. (AKC Rule CH 14, Sec 4) Faxed entries and/or credit cards cannot be accepted.

ENTRIES CLOSE Wednesday, April 1st, 2026, at the secretary's residence at 6:00 p.m. CDT

MAKE FEES PAYABLE TO: Bellevue Dog Obedience Club (BDOC)

AND MAIL TO: Norine Nieman, 13500 Spring Street, Omaha, NE 68144

Please Note: By providing your e-mail address, you will receive your entry confirmation and judging schedule via e-mail. Please notify the trial secretary, if you prefer to receive the information via USPS.

LIVESTOCK

Sheep: Mixed-hair sheep & mixed-wool sheep (value: \$225/head)

Ducks: Golden Hybrid 300 (value: \$45 each)

COURSE A: 3-5 head of stock per run COURSE B: 3-5 head of stock per run COURSE D: 10 head of stock per run

NOTE: COURSE B sheep outruns will be 480 feet for Advanced, 300 feet for Intermediate, and 150 feet for Started.

Course B outruns for ducks are the minimum for all classes.

Types of Obstacles for Course D: hay bales, cones, gates, & panels

RIBBONS & ROSETTES

1st Place	Blue	4th Place	White
2nd Place	Red	5 th Place	Pink
3rd Place	Yellow		

Qualifying Dark Green

High-in-Trial	Blue, Red, & Yellow Rosette
Reserve High-in-Trial	Red, Yellow, & White Rosette

SPECIAL ROSETTES

High Combined Sheep Course A & Course B (each trial)	Blue & White Rosette
High Combined Ducks Course A & Course B (each trial)	Blue & White Rosette
New Title Rosette	
New Herding Champion Rosette	

**Please contact Gerianne Darnell with any questions:
GerianneDarnell@aol.com or (402) 679-1548**

---No Lunch Available on Site---Bring Your Own Food & Drink

MOTELS

(This list is provided as a courtesy. BDOC does not endorse any motels listed.) Please make sure that you pick up after your dogs, so that these motels will continue to accept dogs. Some restrictions may apply. Double check with motels regarding rates & dog policy when making your reservations.

My Place, 2281 South 35th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 256-9555

Best Western, 2216 27th Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 322-3150

Red Roof Inn, 500 30th Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 366-5555

The Western Inn, 1842 Madison Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 (800) 322-1842

Days Inn, 3208 South 7th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 366-9699

Microtel Inn, 2141 S 35th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 256-2900

Motel 6, 3132 S. Expressway, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 366-2405

RV CAMPING (check availability)

Horseshoe Casino, 2701 23rd Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA (712) 308-5005

Lake Manawa State Park, 1100 N Shore Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa (712) 366-0220

On Site RV Parking May Be Available (without hookups) — Contact Gerianne at geriannedarnell@aol.com

All owners/exhibitors should be aware that the entire motel/RV site and grounds are considered within the trial limits. You will be responsible for all damage to your motel room and may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the rules of the AKC. Any abuse of the motel/adjoining grounds will be brought to the attention of the show giving club and its Trial Committee. Any exhibitor's entries may be refused for previous misuse of the motel/RV facilities. This is an AKC supported measure.

NOTICES TO EXHIBITORS

The Trial Site will be available to exhibitors at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10th, 2026; and at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 11th-12th, 2026. Dogs must be removed from the trial site immediately following the conclusion of the trials each day.

These trials will be held outdoors. Please bring shade tents, chairs, crates, water for you & your dog(s), rain or cold weather gear (if needed), and clean up items. A cool-off tub will be provided.

The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering this trial, 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 requirements safely.

Dogs may not be left in closed vehicles without proper ventilation. If dogs are found in distress, BDOC will take appropriate action.

All dogs in attendance must be held on leash or otherwise restricted except when working. Under NO circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting stock or interfere outside the arena during another dog's performance. (See Chapter 1, Section 20 of the AKC herding regulations.)

Bitches in season will run in catalog order in trials.

Entry fees will not be refunded if a dog is absent; disqualified; excused; or barred from competition by action of the Judge or Trial Committee. If an absent dog is replaced by a dog from the alternates' list, the owner will be notified and the check for its entry fee will be shredded.

If, because of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, or other acts beyond the control of the host club, it is impossible to open or to complete a show or trial, no refund of entry fees will be made. BDOC reserves the right to cancel these trials in the event of extreme weather conditions and no entry fee refunds will be made in such case.

Exhibitors understand that they are entering this event at their own and others' risk.

Owners are responsible for errors on completed entry forms, whoever may make such errors, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. Changes, additions, or corrections to entry forms must be received in writing, by telegram or e-mail prior to the close of entries. Those received by telephone are not acceptable.

Telephone, e-mail, and unsigned entries cannot be accepted. Entries not on an Official AKC Entry Form and photocopies of entry forms without the Agreement and Rules of the Official AKC Form are not acceptable.

Post-dated and returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. A collection fee of \$35.00 will be added to the amount of each returned check.

No refund for duplicate entries. Care will be taken to find duplicates, however, if an entry has been processed, no refund will be made. No refunds are given for any changes to an exhibitor's entry form for any reason. Exhibitors may write a new check.

No entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

No alcoholic beverages allowed on the grounds of the trial site.

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. There will be no refunds of entry fees, if a person is asked to leave the trial site.

No dogs under 6 months of age are permitted on the trial grounds.

Exhibitors alone are responsible for being at the trial arena gate when it is their turn to run. Judges are not required to wait for any dog.

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

Management is not responsible for the loss of, damage to, or death of any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any participant, whether the result of accident or any other cause. It is expressly understood that every dog at the show is in the care and custody and control of its owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises.

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska, Sunshine Farm, the trial secretary, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or illness sustained by spectators, exhibitors, handlers, their employees, or children, etc., or to any of their dogs or property. Entrants and spectators to this show do so entirely at their own risk.

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for these events.

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone or need help, please call 800.656.4673 [HOPE](National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

These trials are governed by the American Kennel Club. Exhibitors should read the AKC agreement on the entry form attached to the Premium List. The Regulations for Herding Trials are available from the AKC at 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390 or www.akc.org. All AKC Rules of Conduct will be strictly enforced.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE

Take I-80 East or West to I-29 South. From I-29 South or North, take the "Lake Manawa/Iowa School for the Deaf" Exit 47 (turn right). Drive to the Intersection of Hwy. 92 & Hwy. 275 (Wabash Avenue). At that Intersection: Turn right and drive 2 miles on Hwy. 275 (Wabash Ave.), turn left on Pioneer Trail (G-66), drive 4 miles, then turn right on 240th Street. Drive 1.2 miles, cross the bike trail, then it's the next place on the right. Look for the Basset Hound mailbox. [MAP](#)

EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICE

On Call During Trial Hours:

George Darnell, DVM
Sunshine Veterinary Clinic
11092 240th Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Directions: On Site

After Trial Hours:

Urgent Pet Care
8455 S 73rd Plaza, Papillion, NE
402-597-2911
Directions: Directions will vary depending on where you are. Please call the clinic for the quickest way there.

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club Officers & Board Members

President	Gerianne Darnell 11092 240 th Street, Council Bluffs, IA
Vice President	Erin Embrey 3308 Looking Glass Drive, Bellevue, NE
Treasurer	Joanne Swenson 7511 S 189 th Street, Omaha, NE
Secretary	Caroline Rice 18202 Nicholas Road, Plattsmouth, NE
Board Members: Gale Osborne, Ron Weaks, & Kris Woodke	

