



AKC FARM DOG CERTIFIED TEST

presented by the
SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

TWO AKC LICENSED FARM DOG CERTIFICATION TESTS



1ST EVENT: # 2023128404 2ND EVENT: # 2023128405

Pre-Entry fees: \$40 per dog/per run which includes \$3.50 AKC recording fee.

Day of entry fees: \$45 per dog/per run which includes \$3.50 AKC recording fee.

Saturday, November 4, 2023

at MACKERRAS HOLLOW

1701 Juliette Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

FARM DOG CERTIFICATION TESTS – OPEN TO ALL BREEDS

The AKC Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Test is open to all dogs at least 9 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers, or neutered dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Females in season may not participate. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to enter provided, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the entire course.

ENTRIES OPEN Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 8 AM. Please do not send early entries; they will be refused.

Entries Close: Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the home of the event secretary

If the test event does not fill by October 25th, 2023 at 7:00 PM, we will accept day of entries.

After October 25th 2023, entries cannot be, canceled or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 14, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules and Chapter 3, Section 1 of the Regulations for Herding Tests and Trials.

FDC Entries Limited to 35 runs per event.

Day of Show entries will be accepted, if maximum limit is not reached on or before Wednesday, October 25th, 2023.

JUDGES

Elise Merkin (#94837)
1812 Rosetree Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047-7805

Timiae Tally (#108623)
443 Barnetts Bridge Road, Jackson, GA 30233

These events will be held outdoors NOT undercover, rain or shine.

Test Hours: 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM
Check-In will begin at 8:00 AM for Test 1 and 11:30 for Test 2

EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN:

Saint Francis Veterinary Specialists and Emergency
625 Dekalb Industrial Way, Decatur, GA 30033
404-924-2000

EMERGENCY & DISASTER PROCEDURES

FIRE / POLICE / AMBULANCE / MEDICAL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

All dogs should be crated or leashed securely and owners/handlers are responsible for the safety of their dogs.

THUNDERSTORMS / LIGHTENING

All people and dogs should be in the safety of their vehicles until the danger has passed.

CERTIFICATION



American Kennel Club Certification
Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

Complete Farm Dog Certification information can be found at www.akc.org

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herringsapp@gmail.com
678-983-5983

Leslie Willett.....FDC Event Secretary
2298 Hollyridge Dr SW, Marietta 30060
Lacy88@comcast.net

Please put Farm Dog in the subject line of all emails.

EVENT OFFICER CHAIRS

Tabitha Hortenstine and Elise Merkin.....Ribbons
Steve and Michelle Hilton.....Hospitality
Steve Hilton.....Volunteers

ENTRY INFORMATION – FARM DOG TEST

ENTRY FEES: Pre-entries: \$40/PER DOG/per RUN, includes AKC \$3.50 recording fee. Make checks payable to Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia, Inc.

Day of entry fee will be \$45/per dog/per test; cash only. Day of entries will be taken until 11:00 AM provided there is space available in either test. Please note it takes two test passes to earn the title, so cost is per test.

If sending entries overnight, make sure to sign the waiver that allows the delivery person to leave packages without a signature. Requiring a signature will only delay receipt of your entries. Checks will be deposited on Thursday, October 26, 2023. Returned Checks do not constitute a valid entry and will be subject to a \$35 collection fee.

Errors and Illegible Entries: Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms and no entry will be refunded in the event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. Please type or print clearly & carefully the information on entry forms to eliminate errors. The Event Secretary is not responsible for illegible (in the opinion of the Event Sec) entry form information. The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia, Inc. may decline entries and may remove any dog on any account of disease, viciousness or other cause, and no one shall have any claim against the aforementioned group or any official or member thereof.

Confirmations: Confirmations and judging schedule will be sent by email only. Final confirmations will be emailed after the entry closing date.

Refunds: Entry fees will not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, not allowed to compete in the entered test, disqualified, excused by a Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee.

Refunds will only be allowed for bitches in season. Bitches in season will not be admitted to the test. Any exhibitor with a bitch entered, which is in season on the test date, will be refunded the entry fee, less \$3.50 per test for the AKC recording fee, upon written certification from a veterinarian. Notification must be in the hands of the event secretary no later than 30 minutes before the start time on the day of the test. (Saturday, November 4, 2023) If because of riots, civil disturbance or acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or complete the Test, no refund will be made. When entry limits are reached, all additional entries received prior to closing will be added to an alternates list in the order entry was received. The alternates list will be used to fill vacancies that occur in the drawn running order, with the first alternate entry replacing the first vacancy in the event entered.

Consent and Release: A signed Consent and Release from Liability form must accompany each entry. Failure to do so will result in you and your dog being barred from entering the grounds and competing in these tests.

PRIZES: Each dog that passes a Farm Dog Certification Test will receive a dark green qualifying ribbon provided by the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia, Inc. Dogs earning their Farm Dog Certification will receive a title rosette provided by the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia, Inc.

Dogs that pass Farm Dog Certification Tests under two different judges are eligible for a Farm Dog Certified Title. The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia, Inc. will provide an application form for this title. A link to this application form is also on page 6 of this premium.

Owners will need to complete the application form and send it and the appropriate fee to the American Kennel Club; the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia will not do this submission for exhibitors, but will help FAA and 4-H students with the form.

DIRECTIONS TO SHOW SITE: Mackerras Hollow is a private residential farm located at 1701 Juliette Drive (NOTE: synonymous with "Juliette Road" on some maps). From US-78 West - take exit 5 to East Ponce De Leon / Memorial Drive; bear right onto E Ponce de Leon Ave. From I-285, take US-78 East and use exit 5 towards Stone Mountain Village/Memorial Drive (7.6 miles from 285/78 junction); bear right onto E Ponce de Leon Ave.

Turn right on E Ponce de Leon Ave, and then at the first light turn right on Juliette Drive. Proceed past the apartments and over the bridge to the end of the road (X miles). The farm is located on the right at the dead end and directly across from DeKalb United Pentecostal Church.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS: Parking will be available. Please follow the directions/signs on the day of the event.

HOSPITALITY: Lunch and water will be provided for all volunteers.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

- **TEST 1:** Check in will begin at **8:00 AM**. Judge's briefing at **8:15 AM**. Tests will begin at **8:30 AM**.
- **TEST 2:** Check in will begin at **11:30 AM**. Judge's briefing at **12:00 PM**. Tests will begin at **12:15 PM**.
- **The exhibitor can not have food or treats in their possession during the test.**
- Dogs must wear a secure, well-fitting, flat collar during the test evaluation and be held on a proper fixed-length leash at all times while on the farm site unless confined in a crate, kennel or vehicle. The leash shall be four to six feet in length. No prong or electronic collars, head halters, harnesses or flexi-leads are permitted on the premises.
- **NO FLEXI-TYPE RETRACTABLE LEASHES ALLOWED** on site.
- You are responsible for picking up after your dogs and disposing of waste in the proper receptacles. A failure to do so could result in you and your dog being dismissed from the testing grounds and be barred from competing.
- Under no circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting herding stock nor to interfere outside the testing area with another dog's performance in the test areas. The Judge may request the removal of any dog from the immediate test area at any time, if she determines the presence of the dog presents a risk to livestock, other dogs or persons on the farm.
- Un-entered dogs are NOT allowed in the test/trial areas or on the grounds.
- Entered Dogs allowed on Mackerras Hollow grounds in area of test only.
- Please do not leave ANYTHING in the parking area.
- Bitches in season may not enter.
- No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same judge at any Test.
- Dogs must be ready for judging. Neither the Club nor the Course Director will be responsible or obligated to furnish any services for notifying exhibitors or their agents of class judging.
- The Groups sponsoring these events, the course director, their agents, officers, club members and committee members shall assume NO RESPONSIBILITY for injury or illness to you, children or dogs. **YOU ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK.**
- By attending this event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and any communicable disease related to humans and canines.
- All dogs must have current vaccinations for rabies, distemper, parvo. Please bring a copy of rabies certificate or current tag with you.
- These tests are held on private property. You must obey all posted rules.
- Children must be accompanied by and kept under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- Please follow parking directions.
- Please vacate the premises upon completion of the tests.
- Bring your own chair and shade and water for your dogs. Dress appropriately for the weather.
- There will be no concessions available on site for exhibitors.
- Event is held rain or shine.

The application to receive the Farm Dog Certified certificate can be found at http://images.akc.org/pdf/FDC_Title_Application.2.2017.pdf. You will need the information below to apply:

Date	Club Name	Location
11/04/2023	Shetland Sheepdog Club of GA Farm Dog Certified Test Event # 2023128404 Event # 2023128405	Stone Mountain, GA



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Performance Events Department

Attn: FDC Title

8051 Arco Corp Dr/ Ste 100

Raleigh, NC 27617

Tel:919-816-3816 / Fax: 919-816-3905

Email: herding@akc.org

**OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB HERDING ENTRY FORM
AKC LICENSED FARM DOG CERTIFICATION TEST**

Saturday Nov. 4, 2023 Test 1 Event # 2023128404 Test 2 Event # 2023128405
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Mail entries with fees payable to Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia, Inc. to

Leslie Willett, 2298 Hollyridge Dr SW, Marietta 30060

You must WAIVE SIGNATURE on express entries.

I am registering this dog for the ____AM Test ____PM Test ____BOTH Tests.

I enclose \$_____for entry fees. IMPORTANT- Read and sign and include the AGREEMENT with your entry along with the Release of Liability form. Your entry cannot be accepted without fees, agreement, and release.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

AKC Registered Name of Dog: _____ Call Name: _____

Breed: _____ Variety: _____ Sex: _____

Registration #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Circle one: AKC ILP/PAL NO. FSS NO. FOREIGN NO. List Country: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Name of Breeder(s): _____

Actual Owner(s): _____

Owner's Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Junior Handler Name (If Any) _____

Junior Handler Number (must have) _____

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner w whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event and entry form and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. The entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement.

Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

AGREEMENT (MUST be included with entry form)

I, (we) acknowledge that the "rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" and the "rules for Herding Tests & Trials" have been made available to me (us) and that I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies,

I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. I (we) will pay for any injuries or the replacement value in this event of serious injury to the livestock caused by my (our) dog. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: www.akc.org

For complete information on the Farm Dog Certification test including scoresheets, videos, and regulations, go to <http://www.akc.org/sports/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/>

PAGES 7 and 8 of this premium list are required for valid entries.