ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON July 17, 2026, 9:00 am, EST at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent as "No Signature Required".
ENTRIES CLOSE ON August 26, 2026, 4:00 pm, EST after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.
Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender. After closing Wait List Not Offered.

PREMIUM LIST
AKC Farm Dog Certification Tests

FARM DOG CERTIFIED
An American Kennel Club® Event

Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc.

200 Basal Lane, Duncansville, PA 16635
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION INC

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
Event # 2026262128 (T1) Event #2026262129 (T2)
(Two Events will run concurrently)

EACH EVENT LIMITED TO 30 ENTRIES TO BE HELD OUTDOORS
DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED IF NOT FILLED
PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

Trial Hours: Saturday - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (EDST)
Check-in time will be assigned after close, in the order that entries are received
(No Indoor Crating, please work from vehicles)

No food available on site to purchase.

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.

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

President. . . . . Amy Sheehan

Vice President . . . . . Nancy Porta

Secretary. . . . . Darlene Ormsby, 151 Sage Drive, Roaring Spring, PA 16673

Treasurer. . . . . Kathie Crist

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EVENT COMMITTEE

Gary Creamer, Kathie Crist, Katie Musselman, Tammy Perkins, & Nancy Porta

JUDGES
Tests to Run Concurrently

Event #2026262128 (Test 1)		Event #2026262129 (Test 2)	
Darlene Ormsby	Dani Rosenberry	James Underwood	Dani Rosenberry
105320	104224	104983	104224
Roaring Spring, PA	Altoona, PA	Altoona, PA	Altoona, PA

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.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

This trial will follow any current Public Health Protocols as announced by PADOH/CDC at the time of the trial. For questions on current CDC guidelines, see their website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html. Masks are NOT required, regardless of vaccination status, but exhibitors are welcome to wear a mask if desired. We ask that you please do NOT attend this trial if you were exposed to and have COVID-19 Symptoms. CDC suggests you stay home and away from others until your symptoms are getting better and are fever free without meds for 24 hours. By entering these trials and signing the entry form, the exhibitor acknowledges that AAKA, Inc.'s members, directors, officers and all persons connected or associated with AAKA, Inc. are in no way liable for any present or future illnesses incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, before, during or after these trials.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog 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 elements safely. **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 an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. or any official thereof.

Refunds: Entry fees, less $4.50/test for bitches in season or less $7/test for injured/incapacitated dogs, will be refunded if veterinary certification is presented no later than 30 minutes before the start of judging of the first test.

Collars and Leashes. Dogs must wear a secure, well fitting, flat collar during the test with no hanging tags or attachments. Martingales, prong collars, e-collars, head collars, and harnesses are not allowed. Leashes should be 4 to 6 ft. long and should be made of fabric or leather. NO retractable leashes are allowed. Dogs should be on leash at all times.

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready when it is to be judged. The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the check in to proceed with the judge.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

All AKC rules regarding sportsmanship and conduct apply.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

ELIGIBILITY

- Dogs must be at least 9 months of age.
- Dogs must have an AKC number. They must be Registered or Listed by having an AKC, PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing), or AKC Canine Partners number.
- Dogs with disabilities (including amputees) may participate in the FDC test provided in the opinion of the judge they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the test.
- Prior to testing, all dogs will be examined for disqualifications. At the inspection, unfit dogs will be excused with the entry fee refunded.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Sylvan Veterinary Hospital: 2135 Plank Road, Duncansville, PA 16635 (3.9 mi/8 min)
814-935-8638

Directions: head SW on Basal Dr., Left onto Longview Dr., Left onto Carson Valley Rd., Right onto Colonial Dr., Left onto Municipal Dr., Left onto US-220 / Plank Rd., destination on the left. Building is shared with "Poochey Chef" in the front; the Veterinary Hospital in the back.

EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS:
VCA Metzger Animal Hospital: 1044 Benner Pike, State College PA 16803 814-237-5333 (51 min)
Directions: SW on Basal Ln to Longview Dr., Left onto Longview Dr., Left on to PA-416 / Carson Valley Rd., Right onto PA 764, take ramp on right and follow US-22 West, Keep Lef, heading toward Altoona/ Bedford, merge onto road and take ramp for I-99 North / US-220 North, Keep Left Heading toward Altoona, Keep Left to stay on I-99 N / US-220 N, At Exit 76, head on the reamp right and follow signs for Shiloh Road, bear right onto Shiloh Rd., Turn Left onto PA-150 / Benner Pike, Animal Hospital is on the right.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire / Ambulance / Police - Blair County: 911

LOCAL HOSPITAL: UPMC Altoona, 620 Howard Ave., Altoona PA 16601
(7.5 miles, 19 minutes)

HOTEL INFORMATION

The following hotels accept well-mannered dogs and handlers. Please call ahead to verify Pet Policies / Fees. Please clean up after your pets at the hotels as they are considered extensions of the trial site.

Comfort Inn: 130 Patch Way Rd, Duncansville PA 16635; 717-496-0257 (3.6 miles/9 min. to trial site)

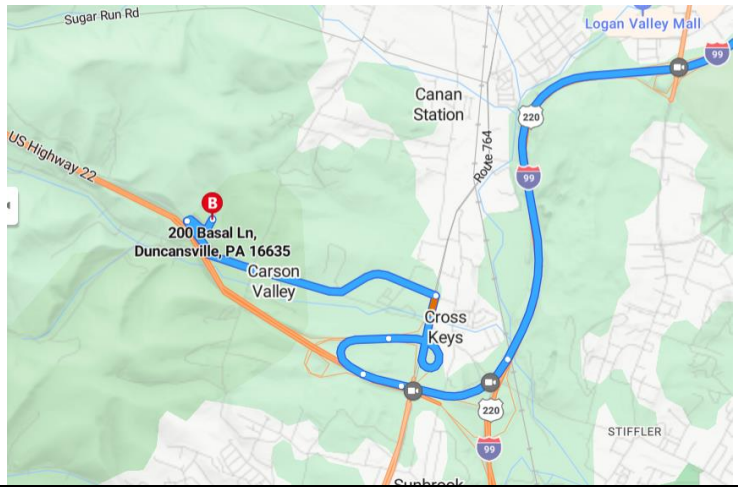
Quality Inn & Suites: 3306 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602; 814-944-9661 (5.4 miles/ 12 min. to trial site)

NO RV Parking is available at the test site.

DIRECTIONS TO TEST EVENT SITE

GPS ADDRESS: 200 Basal Lane, Duncansville, PA 16653
https://aakainc.com/about-us/directions/

MAP



ENTRY FEES

*An entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single test event. Entry fees include a $4.50 per run AKC recording fee.

Each entry* ……..……. $27

Mail entry forms and fees to: Kathie Crist
2144 Cumberland Road
Bedford, PA 15522

Please make checks payable to the AAKA.
Please write a separate check for each dog's entry.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, text or fax. Express mail entries must be "no signature required" allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to the Trial Secretary: Kathie Crist at karafast@live.com. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible / invalid entries will not be processed. Exhibitor will be contacted and given the chance to re-enter if the trial has not filled by the time their entry is opened. If Exhibitor does not acknowledge, the ineligible entry will be returned to sender. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. will add a $20.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

WAIT LIST -- DAY OF EVENT ENTRY INFORMATION

No After Closing Wait List Is Offered. Day of Test Entries will NOT be accepted, **UNLESS** the trial has not filled. Inquiries may be directed to Kathie Crist at **karafast@live.com** or (814) 623-8680**.**

TESTING TIME – CHECK IN TIME – TEST PROCEDURE

- Since approximately 6-8 dogs can be tested in an hour, your check in time and testing time will be assigned according to when entries arrive or are received by the trial secretary, with allowance made for owner with multiple dogs to test and worker dogs. You will be notified by the secretary of your testing/check in time after the trial closes. All times after the first dog will be "approximate". Handlers MUST check-in with the trial secretary when they arrive at the test site on the day of testing.
- The test will be conducted outdoors.
- Dogs will be tested one on one with an AKC Farm Dog Judge.
- Upon arrival, handlers will check in with the secretary inside the training building.
- After check-in, handlers will navigate "the farm" to designated stations with the AKC Farm Dog Judge.
- After completing the test, if the dog passes, the handler will pick up a flat dark green qualifying ribbon inside the building.
- If the dog is scheduled for two FDC tests, after completing the first test, the handler will leave the testing area and sign up inside the building and wait in turn for the second test under a different AKC Farm Dog Judge.
- If it is the second time the dog has passed the test, the handler may pick up a New Title rosette and AKC FDC Title Application form inside the building.

RIBBONS

Ribbons / Rosettes will be awarded upon successful Qualification as follows:

Qualifying Test . . . . . .Dark Green Flat Ribbon

Farm Dog Certification New Title . . . . . Blue and White Rosette

WHAT IS THE AKC FARM DOG CERTIFIED TEST?

The AKC Farm Dog Certified (FDC) test provides for a series of 12 exercises that represent situations a dog may encounter in a farm environment. The basic test requirements are designed to demonstrate a dog's trainability, self-control, confidence, and trust when working in partnership with its owner. The test is a non-competitive pass/fail evaluation designed to assess the overall conduct of a dog. The dog must exhibit self-control when exposed to livestock and other unique sights, sounds, and scents. The dog should exhibit confidence and a willingness to comply with instructions when confronted with a variety of situations within farm type surroundings. One can think of the FDC test as a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test on a farm. There is no herding involved. All dogs who pass the FDC test twice under 2 different approved FDC Judges may earn the FDC title.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING TESTING

- Clickers and toys are not permitted during the test.
- No food or "imaginary food" (pretending to hold food) can be used as a reward or lure while testing.
- Dogs must wear a secure, well-fitting flat collar during the test. Martingales, prong collars, e-collars, head collars and harnesses are not allowed.
- Leashes should be 4 to 6 ft. long and should be made of fabric or leather. NO retractable leashes are allowed.
- Handlers can use verbal cues, hand signals, and praise provided it is not excessive in the opinion of the judge.
- Dogs may attempt each test element no more than 2 times.
- A dog must pass all elements of the test and overall assessment during the test to qualify.
- The Judge may discontinue testing if he/she determines the dog is too fearful or under stress to perform the required elements.
- The Judge may request the removal of any dog from the immediate test area at any time if he/she determines the presence of the dog presents a risk to livestock, other dogs, or persons on the farm.
- This is a rain or shine event. Please plan accordingly.

TEST ELEMENTS

1. Greet Evaluator – Initial Dog Appraisal. Handler approaches Evaluator, dog stops at handler's side on a loose lead while Evaluator performs introduction.
2. Perform a Walk Pattern around Farm Environment and by Passive Stranger. The handler walks the dog on a loose lead in a prescribed pattern through farm objects. A passive stranger sits quietly on course.
3. Jump on Hay/Straw Bale. The handler instructs the dog to jump up on the bale of hay and stay on the bale for a minimum of 10 seconds maintaining a loose lead.
4. Walk by Farm Animal(s). The handler walks the dog on a loose lead in view of penned farm animal(s) approximately 30 ft away from the fence line housing farm animal(s).
5. Walk Over or Through Unusual Surfaces. The handler walks the dog on a loose lead over or through 3 different unusual surfaces, including a plastic tarp, safe wooded surface, and another typical farm environment surface.
6. Supervised Separation. The handler places the dog in a freestanding kennel or dog crate and walks out of sight for a minimum of 1 minute.
7. Pass Through a Gate. The handler and dog navigate through a gate on a loose lead, the dog must wait calmly as the handler opens the gate, calls dog through the gate opening and closes gate.
8. Handler Feeds Livestock. The handler performs a farm chore of feeding farm animals while the dog is secured a minimum of 30 ft away from the animal enclosure.
9. Reaction to Another Dog. The handler is positioned in a designated area with the dog on a loose lead. The dog may stand, down, or sit. Another dog is walking by on lead approximately 10 ft away.
10. Reaction to Noise Distraction. The handler may stand or quietly walk in a designated area with the dog at side on loose lead. The assistant creates 2 background noises typical to a working farm environment.
11. Dog Approaches Livestock. The handler, with the dog on a loose lead, enters a fenced area that contains livestock within a separate enclosure. The dog is introduced to livestock and encouraged to approach the pen, the dog is then called back to the handler and returns readily when called.
12. Physical Examination. The handler physically examines the dog for any plant material, debris, or objects that the dog may have collected while working on the farm. Must examine 4 paws/feet, mouth/face, ears, and any other area prone to collecting debris.

OVERALL TEST ASSESSMENT. Was the dog consistently responsive to the handle and successfully exhibited self-control while exposed to a farm environment.

AKC Official Entry Form

Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc.
Mail To: Kathie Crist
2144 Cumberland Road
Bedford, PA 15522
Opens 7/17/26 @ 9 AM -- Closes 8/26/26 @ 4 PM

Check the desired Event(s) to Enter:		
AKC FDC Event# 20262621128:	☐ Test 1	Testing/Check in time will be assigned and notified as stated in premium.
AKC FDC Event# 20262621129:	☐ Test 2	

Please write a separate check for each dog's entry!
Entry Fees = $27 Per Test

# of Tests Entered_____ x $27 per test = Total Fees: _____

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AKC Registered Name			Registration Number
Call Name	Date of Birth	Sex	☐**AKC**/PAL/ILP/CP ☐Foreign
Breed		Variety	
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
Owner			
Owner's Address			
City	State		Zip
Telephone Number	Email		
Handler Name (if different from owner)	Junior Handler # (if applicable):		

Fields marked in Blue are Required
Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known and listed on Registration papers.

*****Be sure to read the Agreement and sign below the Instructions. No form will be processed without your signature!**

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For Club/Judge Use:

Test Event 1	**Pass/Fail:**	**Judge Signature:**
Test Event 2	**Pass/Fail:**	**Judge Signature:**

C Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. 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 of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. 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 of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

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 person. 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). 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 THIS 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.

INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ Phone #: _____