

PREMIUM LIST

AKC Farm Dog Certification Test



Hosted by: Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA, Inc. (MASCUSA)

<https://mascusa.org/>

Saturday, September 27th, 2025

Trial 1 - AKC Event #2025701980
Judge: Cynthia Curran, #107653

Trial 2 - AKC Event #2025701981
Judge: Kathleen Riley, #110323

Open to All AKC Recognized Breeds

RavenRock Farm
10670 114th St N
Stillwater, MN 55082

Each test is limited to 40 entries per event

Pre-entry is strongly encouraged, day of entries accepted as space allows.

Tests will run concurrently each day.

Online entry ONLY at <https://forms.gle/jUSE6ELNwx2gR9Bf8>

Entries will open Wednesday July 23rd, 2025 at 8:00am

Pre-entries close Friday, September 12th, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Trial Secretary address or when the numerical limit is reached, whatever occurs first.

Trial Hours

Event hours are 9 am to completion. The briefing will begin at 9 am. These tests will run concurrently (back-to-back) following the briefing. For the safety of our volunteers and participants, lightning is the only reason to cause the postponement and or cancellation of an event.



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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 DiNardo, Secretary

OFFICERS OF MASCUSA

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EVENT COMMITTEE	ENTRY
Jill Swingen, Beth Collins, Megan Philpot, Lucinda Schuft	Online entries are accepted! Please submit entry at: https://forms.gle/jUSE6ELNwx2gR9Bf8
VETERINARIAN ON CALL	EMERGENCY SERVICES
Animal Emergency and Referral Center of Minnesota 1160 Helmo Ave N Oakdale, MN 55128 651-501-3766	Fire/ Ambulance/Police - Dial 911 First Aid kit available at the Secretary's table. Lakeview Hospital 927 Churchill St W Stillwater, MN 55082

ENTRY FEES

\$40.00 pre-entry per dog, one test (includes \$3.50 AKC recording fee)
 \$70.00 for both tests, per dog (includes \$3.50 AKC recording fee)
 There will be a \$25.00 service charge for any returned checks
Day of test entries accepted as space allows.

Payment may be made via PayPal

Please make checks payable to: NSMASC

Please mail to: Casandra Janssen, Event Secretary:
 11197 460th Ave NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721

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PRIZES AND AWARDS



Supported by North Star Miniature American Shepherd Club (NSMASC) a MASCUSA Affiliate

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Qualifying Score - Flat Dark Green Ribbon

FDC Title - Green and White Rosette

There are no placements for dogs competing in the Farm Dog Certified Test, only pass or fail.

WHAT IS FARM DOG

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Farm Dog, by downloading them here:

<https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RG9001.pdf>

The American Kennel Club (AKC), the world's largest dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce a new program called the Farm Dog Certified test. The test provides a series of twelve 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 their owner. The test is a non-competitive pass/fail evaluation designed to assess the overall conduct of a dog. The dog must demonstrate 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. "A wide variety of dogs live in rural areas. The FDC test is intended to demonstrate good behavior in these settings," said Alison Ruhe, AKC Executive Field Representative for Herding. "In addition, we view this new class as an opportunity to benefit our herding clubs by attracting new dog owners to their events, introducing them to the fascinating sport of herding." The 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 dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program. The FDC test provides an opportunity for dogs to apply their basic training in a unique environment. One can think of it as a Canine Good Citizen test on a farm," said Doug Ljungren, V.P. for Sports & Events. "In addition to promoting responsible dog ownership, the basic manners needed for the FDC test will prepare them for many other AKC activities." Additional information about the test can be found at the AKC website.

MEDIA RELEASE

With entry to this event, I HEREBY GRANT to North Star Miniature American Shepherd Club, and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for photograph, broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future. FURTHER, I HEREBY RELEASE North Star Miniature American Shepherd Club and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- Online entry and payment must be received for valid entry. Payment may be made by PayPal to North Star Miniature American Shepherd Club, or by check mailed to the event secretary.
- Please respect the event site grounds and clean up after yourself, your dog(s) and/or your children to maintain the premises in a clean and tidy condition! Failure to do so can result in removal from the site without refund of entries paid.
- Owners or their Agents are solely responsible for the presence of their dog(s) at the Test arena. Judges are not required to wait for dogs.
- This is a rain or shine event, please bring your own chairs, shade, water for yourself and your dog.
- All dogs must be leashed and/or crated at all times. Dogs must wear a simple well fitted buckle, snap, or slip collar in tests. The leash shall be 4-6 feet in length.
- 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 Event Hosts, be asked to leave the event site. In such case no refund of event fees paid shall be made.
- This is being held on a private ranch with livestock. Do not go outside areas designated for parking and waiting during testing hours. Leave gates open if open, closed if closed. Do not go into any building other than those used in the FDC test.
- No entry fee will be refunded if the event cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, extreme weather conditions, or any other cause beyond the control of the event committee.
- No entry fee will be refunded in the case of duplicate entries or any other cause beyond the control of the club after the closing of entries.
- No entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the event hosts.
- The event hosting clubs, MASCUSA, NSMASC, its agents, members, representatives, volunteers, etc., assume no liability or responsibility for any loss, damages or injuries sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children or spectators before, during, or after this event.
- A Block Scheduling System will be used for these tests. Once the pre-entry time frame has closed, a link to sign up for a time slot will be sent out for exhibitors to sign up for a time slot.
- These tests will run concurrently.
- Livestock Death/injury: exhibitors are responsible to pay for any livestock death or injury caused by their dogs. Replacement value for ducks \$25 each and fair market value for all other stock.

VENDORS

Food will not be provided. There are several restaurants nearby the event.

DIRECTIONS TO THE EVENT SITE

Follow I94 to Manning Avenue N in Lake Elmo. Exit to MN 36 E. Take the Exit towards Manning Ave, turn left on Manning Ave. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on Manning Ave N. Turn Left on 110th St N. Turn right on Lansing Ave N. Turn left on 114th St N, then turn right.

Thank you to all exhibitors for supporting our event!