

PREMIUM LIST

AKC Farm Dog Certification Test



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

<https://mascusa.org/>

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Trial 1 - AKC Event #2026701988
Judge: Elizabeth Nelson, #112266

Trial 2 - AKC Event #2026701988
Judge: Casandra Janssen, #118296

Open to All AKC Recognized Breeds

Chaput Farms
2357 44th St NE
Larimore, ND 58251

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/HYetwkcDFLpCppPZ9>

Entries will open Wednesday May 1, 2026 at 8:00am

Pre-entries close Friday, May 29, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Trial Secretary address or when the numerical limit is reached, whatever occurs first.

Trial Hours

Event hours are 9am to completion. The briefing will begin at 9am. 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.

Sheila Goffe, Secretary

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| EVENT COMMITTEE | ENTRY |
| Cassy Janssen, Jill Swingen, Beth Collins, Shelley Weihert, Lucinda Schuft | Online entries are accepted! Please submit entry at: https://forms.gle/HYetwkcDFLpCppPZ9 |
| VETERINARIAN ON CALL | EMERGENCY SERVICES |
| Red River Animal Emergency Hospital 4491 23rd Ave S Fargo, ND 58104 701-478-9299 | Fire/ Ambulance/Police - Dial 911 First Aid kit available. Altru Health System 1200 S Columbia Rd Grand Forks, ND 58201 |

ENTRY FEES

\$40.00 per dog, one test (includes \$4.50 AKC recording fee)
 \$70.00 per dog for both tests (includes \$4.50 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: Jill Swingen, Event Secretary
 873 S 93rd St, Grand Forks, ND 58201

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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 - 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.
- Please bring water for yourself and your dog.

DIRECTIONS TO THE EVENT SITE

From Grand Forks - Follow Gateway Dr/US-2 West toward Devils Lake for 34.4 miles. Bear right at 44th St NE/County Hwy-16 and follow 44th St NE/Country Hwy-16 for 2.8 miles. Turn left at the event signs and follow the driveway to the designated parking.

Thank you to all exhibitors for supporting our event!