

## TRIAL INFORMATION

### United States Australian Shepherd Association



**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
#2018471914

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**  
#2018471915

**National Specialty Agility Trial**  
**Monday, April 23, 2018**  
#2018471916

*"Most Versatile Aussie" event*



**Purina Farms Event Center**  
300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039

**Trials will be held indoors on soccer turf**  
Ring size: 85' x 105'

#### Trial Secretary

Carolyn Johnson  
Lab Tested Secretary Services  
AKC Annually Licensed Agility Trial Secretary

632 N Forest Ave  
Webster Groves, MO 63119  
<http://www.labtestedsecretary.com>

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[carolyn.johnson@labtestedsecretary.com](mailto:carolyn.johnson@labtestedsecretary.com)



**Veterinarian On Call**  
**24 HOUR EMERGENCY CLINIC**  
Veterinary Specialty Services  
1021 Howard George Drive  
Manchester, MO 63021  
636-227-6100

*Please call ahead*

Directions from trial site: At main gate, turn right onto Hwy MM. Turn right on Hwy 100. Take I-44 east to Exit #272, Hwy 141. Take Hwy 141 north to Howard George Dr/S Outer Road in Manchester, MO. Clinic will be on left.

#### Trial Chair

Janet Polys  
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763-229-0482  
[janpolys@yahoo.com](mailto:janpolys@yahoo.com)

#### Event Committee

Janet Polys, Lynn Kraut, Peggy Timms, Diane Bettis, Jody Cull,  
Debi Coccoia, Wendy Cerilli

#### Judges & Assignments

Pamela Nettles #70579  
17485 S County Road 202, Elmer, OK

Mark Upshaw #53138  
624 Buckhorn Rd, Bloomsburg, PA

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>
Standard	Mark Upshaw	Pamela Nettles	Mark Upshaw
Premier Standard	Mark Upshaw	---	---
JWW	Pamela Nettles	Mark Upshaw	Mark Upshaw
Premier JWW	---	Mark Upshaw	---
FAST N/O	Pamela Nettles	Mark Upshaw	Mark Upshaw
FAST M/X	Pamela Nettles	Pamela Nettles	Mark Upshaw
T2B	Mark Upshaw	Pamela Nettles	---

#### Running Order/Start Times

**Class Order** - Regular and Preferred will be run together at each height.

Saturday Ring 1: T2B, Premier STD, M/X STD, Open STD, Nov STD  
Ring 2: M/X FAST, Nov FAST, Open FAST, Nov JWW, Open JWW, M/X JWW

Sunday Ring 1: M/X FAST, T2B, M/X STD, Open STD, Novice STD  
Ring 2: Nov FAST, Open FAST, Nov JWW, Open JWW, M/X JWW, Premier JWW

Monday Ring 1: M/X FAST, Open FAST, Nov FAST, M/X STD, Open STD, Nov STD, M/X JWW, Open JWW, Nov JWW

#### Jump Order

All days Ring 1: Short to tall  
Ring 2: Tall to short

#### Start Times

	Walkthrough/judge's briefing	Judging starts
Saturday	11:30 am	12:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am	9:00 am
Monday	8:30 am	9:00 am

#### "After Closing" Waiting List

The Monday trial has an after-closing waiting list. The waiting list will be active until its deadline — Monday, April 16, 6:00 pm CDT. Any runs that are entered in these trials at closing and pulled before the waiting list deadline will be replaced, if possible, by runs in order on the waiting list, and the exhibitor will be reimbursed in full. **If a run is pulled but cannot be replaced, the exhibitor will not receive a refund and the dog will be considered absent for the run.** Entry fees for runs on the waiting list that do not get into the trial by the waiting list closing date will be refunded in full.

**Move-ups**

**For the Saturday, April 21, trial: MOVE-UPS close at 6:00 pm CDT, Monday, April 16.** Move-ups may be sent by regular mail or email to the Trial Secretary. If an email address is provided with your entry, an email confirmation of the move-up will be sent.

**For the Sunday, April 22 and Monday, April 23 trials: MOVE-UPS close 30 minutes after the end of the trials on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22 respectively and must be submitted at the trial.**

**Change of Entry**

As described in Chapter 1, Section 21 of the Regulations for Agility Trials, a dog which is entered in a Novice A class for which it is not eligible may be moved to Novice B. In addition, if notification has been received in writing from the AKC after closing that a dog is not eligible for a class entered, the dog may be moved to the correct class. The request for the move must be made at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the trial. If a VMO or Field Representative at a trial measures a dog into a height other than what they entered, the entry may be changed from Regular to Preferred or from Preferred to Regular, as long as the dog has not run any classes that day. If the dog has already run, the change may be made for the next trial day(s). The exhibitor must provide the Trial Secretary the AKC Agility Measurement Form when requesting the class change.

**Trial Information**

The building is available for set up on Saturday at 10 am. There will be NO SETUP ON FRIDAY due to another event at Purina.

Trial hours are 7:00 am to 30 minutes after the completion of judging.

Ring size: 85' x 105'. There will be 2 rings on Saturday and Sunday and 1 ring on Monday.

The building is air-conditioned. Please bring crates and chairs. All metal crates must be on mats, carpet or some other material that will protect the floor.

Electronic timing will be used at these trials.

**OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM  
AGILITY TRIAL -- MOVE-UP  
USASA - Apr 21-23, 2018**

\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_ Monday

**Mail form to Carolyn Johnson, 632 N Forest Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119**

AKC REGISTERED NAME (INCLUDE AKC TITLES ONLY)		DATE OF BIRTH
AKC REG NO	CALL NAME	
<b>MOVE STANDARD ENTRY TO:</b> OPEN            EXCELLENT            MASTER <b>MOVE JWW ENTRY TO:</b> OPEN            EXCELLENT            MASTER <b>MOVE FAST ENTRY TO:</b> OPEN            EXCELLENT            MASTER		
ACTUAL OWNER(S)		
SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR HIS AGENT DULY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS ENTRY		PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF OWNER IS UNDER 18
X		X

For Trial Secretary Use Only: APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice to Exhibitors**

The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering these trials, 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 obstacles safely.

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 Committee.

The United States Australian Shepherd Association may cancel this event in extreme weather conditions.

Entry fees will not be refunded if the trials cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

Since bitches in season are not allowed to compete in AKC Agility Trials, the club will refund all but \$10.00 of the entry fee per day for bitches unable to compete for that reason. The Trial Secretary must receive written notification of such a claim for refund by letter hand-delivered, emailed, or postmarked before the trial commences.

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 Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

All dogs must be on leash or crated at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area.

Exhibitors are responsible for being at the ring gate when it is their turn to run. The judge need not wait for any dog holding up a class. The United States Australian Shepherd Association has no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or steward for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the ring when required.

Entries must be made on Official AKC entry forms or copies and must include the signed Agreement and Rules. Junior Handlers must enter their JH# and complete back of form. Include only AKC titles on entries.

Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may have made such errors. No entry will be refunded in the event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. Errors in entries made by the exhibitor cannot be corrected after the closing date. No refunds for duplicate entries.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. There is a \$25 returned check fee.

No refunds will be issued for overpayment of less than \$10.

Checks for pulled or unacceptable entries will be shredded. No checks will be returned.

Dogs under 4 months of age are not permitted on the show grounds of AKC Agility Trials.

The United States Australian Shepherd Association does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC entry form for this event.

The 2018 National Specialty show site is Purina Farms. Maps are available on the Purina website, [www.purinafarms.com](http://www.purinafarms.com). Agility trials will be in the Great Hall at the Purina Event Center. Food concessions, vendors, show office and show committee tables will be in or close to the Great Hall. All reserved grooming spaces, dog bathing, and handler changing rooms are in the adjacent Gateway Hall. The General Membership Meeting and the Judges Education Seminar will be in the Founder's Room on the second floor of the Great Hall.

Access - Access to the Purina Farms property is available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If the gate is closed outside of those hours, there is a button on the front gate that can be pushed, which contacts Security, who can then open the gate. To contact Security via phone, call 636-221-1428 or the back up number of 314-982-2222.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. This includes properly disposing of waste and using designated relief areas and the public x-pen area on the East side of the Gateway Hall for all elimination needs. Designated stations throughout the facility should be used appropriately (i.e., watering station should not be used for waste or other materials).

No dogs are allowed, except for service dogs in the Checkerboard Café, on the second floor of the Purina Event Center and in any restroom or human bathing area. No swimming (dogs or people) allowed in any ponds on the property.

No dogs may be left crated overnight in either the Gateway Hall or the Great Hall, with the exception of exhibitors with reserved grooming spaces. Exhibitors may leave their dogs overnight at their own risk. There will be security provided in the building overnight. Crate cards will be provided so that owners can include contact information in case of emergency. They can be obtained at the Logo table.

No exercise pens allowed in the Purina Event Center. This includes both the Gateway and Great Halls. No exercise pens are allowed around the front and back of the Event Center or the grassy area adjacent to the East side of the Gateway Hall. Overall, exercise pens around the perimeter of the entire building are strongly discouraged. Any exercise pens in a designated grassy area should have a flooring/covering to prevent damage to the grass. All exhibitors MUST abide by the 15-minute unloading/loading parking time limit designated around the Event Center.

No parking is allowed in the following areas: Fire lanes, inside either Hall (no vehicles are allowed to drive inside either Hall) or on the sidewalks leading into either Hall, except where loading and unloading is designated. In addition, no driving is allowed on sidewalks. Driving or parking on any grass at Purina Farms is prohibited.

No helium balloons in either the Gateway or Great Halls. With the approval of the Director of Purina Farms, balloons can be used in the Founder's Room for special events. No glitter or confetti allowed in any of the facilities.

All food and beverages must be purchased through the Checkerboard Café. No outside food or beverage is allowed on the Purina Farms property (RVs are not included). Violators will be reported to the American Kennel Club. The Checkerboard Café is located close to both the Great Hall and Gateway Hall and offers a wide selection of food including daily specials. Vending machines are located in the Gateway Hall.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times when on the grounds (including the Purina Farms Visitor Center and especially on the balcony at the Purina Event Center).

Weapons of any kind, illegal drugs, and fireworks are not permitted on the premises.

No selling of puppies or dogs on the premises.

All dogs must be on-leash at Purina Farms at all times (except when crated, exercised in the specified areas, or as required to be judged). No dogs are to be left unattended in the exercise yards!

**SMOKING, INCLUDING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, IS PROHIBITED IN ANY OF THE PURINA FARMS BUILDINGS.**

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.

Rabies Vaccination Certificate - Missouri requires you to have proof of current rabies vaccination with you. Tags are not accepted.

All exhibitors and their dogs must remain on the part of the property owned by Purina Farms. Trespassing on Purina Animal Nutrition property is forbidden.

USASA, Purina, the Superintendent, the Trial Secretaries and their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors or spectators, their family, or to any of their dogs or property.

Exhibitors accept personal liability with respect to any claim in respect to any damage or injury caused by their dog(s) in their possession.

Free Day Only Parking is limited to the designated hard surface parking lots. No free day parking on the gravel parking lots. Handicapped parking is available upon request with valid identification only.

## Ribbons

All days

Rosettes will be awarded to First through Fourth Place in each jump height in each class. Qualifying rosettes will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score. Dogs must qualify to receive placement rosettes.

1st place ..... Blue    3rd place ..... Yellow  
2nd place ..... Red     4th place ..... White  
Qualifying ..... Green

MACH title ..... Blue/Red/Silver Rosette  
PACH title ..... Red/Blue/Silver Rosette  
New title ..... Green/Blue Rosette  
Double Q (Masters Standard/JWW) ..... Green Rosette

Monday, April 23 - Most Versatile Aussie Day

High in Trial winners ..... Purple & Silver Rosette

## Prizes

MACH title ..... Bar  
PACH title ..... Bar

All days

1st - 4th place in each class/jump ..... Custom Lead

Monday, April 23 - Most Versatile Aussie Day

1st - 4th place in each class/jump ..... Medallion and Custom Lead  
High in Trial winners ..... 2018 National Custom Wood Item

High in Trial will be awarded for Regular Standard classes, Preferred Standard classes, Regular JWW classes, Preferred JWW classes, Regular FAST classes and Preferred FAST classes.

High in Trial prizes for Standard and JWW will be awarded to the Australian Shepherds with the highest scores. In the case of more than one dog with the same score, the highest yards per second will be used to determine HIT for each prize. High in Trial prizes for FAST will be awarded to the Australian Shepherds with the highest weighted scores, adding points to the dog's score: 4 points for dogs in Excellent/Master, 2 points for dogs in Open and 0 points for dogs in Novice classes.

Purina is pleased to be the official sponsor.

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Monday, April 23

1st place in each class/jump ..... Purina Pro Plan Small Thermal Sack  
High in Trial winners ..... Purina Pro Plan Roolling Cooler Bag

All prizes, if not awarded in the ring, must be picked up during the event at the Purina booth. Presentation of the winning ribbon is required. Purina reserves the right to make prize substitutions of equal or greater value in the event a specific listed prize is not available.



### **Photographer**

Photography by Alissa  
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http://www.pet-personalities.com

Alissa Behn has exclusive rights and responsibilities for all performance photographs, including win photos.

### **Freelance Photography**

Photography by any other person(s) or company for commercial purposes or distribution of any kind is strictly prohibited, except with the express permission of the official Photographers and the Show Chair. Written request must be received by the Show Chair prior to April 21, 2018, NO EXCEPTIONS. Photography using iPhones, Android phones, tablets, iPads or other handheld devices only for strictly personal, non-commercial purposes, is permitted.

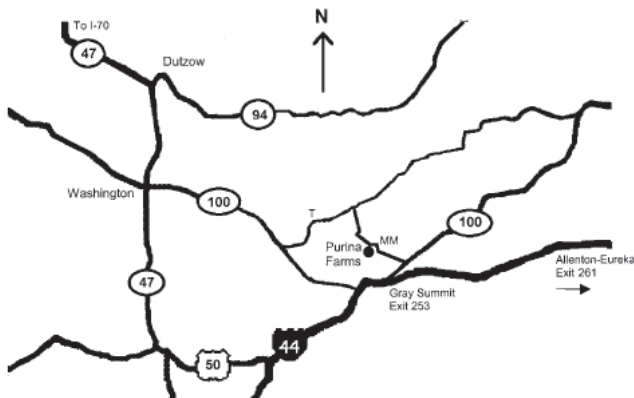
CANDID PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE CONSIDERED A VENDOR AND MUST PAY A FEE TO PHOTOGRAPH AT ANY OF THESE EVENTS.

### **Directions**

From North/East/South: Take I-44 to Gray Summit/Hwy 100 Exit 253. Turn east on Hwy 100. After approximately 0.5 mile, turn left on MM. Entrance to Purina Farms is approximately 0.5 mile on left, just past the herding fields.

From West: Take I-70 to Hwy 47, Exit 193. Take Hwy 47 south to Hwy 100. Continue on 100 to I-44 east. Take I-44 east one exit to Gray Summit. Follow directions above.

Longitude: 38 29 27.79 N  
Latitude: -90 50 05.01  
Gray Summit, MO is in Franklin County



### **Motel Information**

**Dogs may NOT be left in rooms unattended.**

#### **HOST HOTEL:**

**Holiday Inn at Six Flags**, 4901 Six Flags Rd, Eureka, MO 63025 (I-44, Exit 261)  
800-782-8108 — Ask for Crystal Smith

Make reservations early, as this is a resort area.

When making reservations, indicate you are with the "Australian Shepherd National Specialty" at Purina Farms.

### **RV Parking**

A limited number of RV sites available at Purina Farms. RV Parking Reservation information and Form are available on the USASA website at <http://www.australianshepherd.org> Reservations open February 10 and close March 30. Contact Joan Skinner, [joanmskinner@gmail.com](mailto:joanmskinner@gmail.com).

#### **Additional Motels**

*Due to changes in some hotel and motel policies, be sure to check with the motel to see if they still accept dogs. Dogs may not be left in rooms unattended. Make reservations early.*

Washington Super 8	800-800-8000 or 636-390-0088
4 050 Bielser Rd., Washington, MO 63090	
Eureka Super 8	800-800-8000 or 636-938-4368
1733 W 5th St., Eureka, MO 63025	
Budget Lodging	636-629-1000
866 S I-44 Outer Rd., St Clair, MO 63077	
Motel 6	636-587-7000
15 Hilltop Village Center Dr., Eureka, MO 63025	
Best Western Plus	636-390-8877
2621 E 5th St., Washington, MO 63090	
Super 8	636-390-0088
2081 Eckelkamp Ct., I-44 Exit 251 Hwy 100, Washington, MO 63090	
Comfort Inn	636-257-4600
1320 Thornton St, I-44 Exit 257, Pacific, MO 63069	
Quality Inn	636-257-8400
1400 West Osage St., Pacific, MO 63069	
Drury Inn & Suites Southwest	636-861-8300 or 800-267-6355
I-44 & Hwy 141, 5 Lambert Drury Place, Valley Park, MO 63088	

#### **Campgrounds**

Jellystone Park Campground	636-938-5925
5300 Fox Creek Rd., Eureka, MO 63069	
St Louis West/Historic Route 66 KOA Campground	636-257-3018
18475 Old US Hwy 66	
Pin Oak Creek	636-451-5656
1392 Highway AT, Villa Ridge, MO 63089	
Robertsville State Park	636-257-3788
900 State Park Dr., Robertsville MO	

#### **Local RV and Trailer Rental**

Please contact the companies below for rental information:

Byerly RV - Eureka, MO	636-938-2000
M.B. Thomas RV - St. Louis, MO	800-392-5655

All exhibitors should be aware that the entire motel grounds and RV sites are considered within the trial grounds. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs on the motel, RV and trial grounds. Motels require that dogs be crated when unattended. Any damages to motels, RV sites or the trial site or abuse of the grounds can result in disciplinary action by the Event Committee. Any exhibitor's entries may be refused for previous misuse of the motel or RV facilities. This is an AKC supported measure.