

Sponsor Information Sheet

PURPOSE: The basic purpose of the non-competitive Herding Instinct Test is to assess the herding capabilities of the breed and individuals within the breed, and to encourage herding activities with Bearded Collies. The results obtained on test performance may assist breeders with the information about specific aspects of herding instinct.

MINIMUM AGE: 6 months (per SR SR 02/08-05).

SPONSORS: The Sponsor for a BCCA Herding Instinct Test should be a Club; it may also be an individual. In either case, the Sponsor **MUST** have Liability Insurance in force at the time of the Test, and proof of Liability Insurance should be requested by the sponsor to assure the insurance is up to date. A waiver of liability should be signed by each entrant in the event which is best returned with the dog's entry form and fee.

PUTTING ON AN INSTINCT TEST:

1. Select date, location and stock
2. Select and hire Judge(s)
3. Create flyer for event. Include on the flyer: Judge(s), Location, Date(s), Required paperwork, Stock, Supervised pre-exposure if available, and link to Introduction to Herding Instinct Presentation on BCCA Web site (http://www.beardedcolлиеclub.us/wp-content/uploads/herding/HIC_Slide_Presentation_August_2012.pdf)
4. Make application to the BCCA Herding Chair at least 30 days in advance of the event by email and include the proposed flyer. Current chair (2020) (Elsa Sell – tillyrusty7@gmail.com).
5. Prepare and complete all necessary paperwork well in advance of the event. Block print or type all information required. Take sufficient extra test forms to cover additional entries and replacements if needed.
6. The BCCA Herding Instinct Test form can be downloaded from the BCCA Website. Forms should be made up in triplicate (Office Max, Staples); the completed forms are to be distributed as follows - original to the BCCA Herding Instinct Statistician, one copy to be held by the Sponsor for 6 months and the last copy to the entrant. Statistician/HIC secretary: Tish Pollock, 3822 NW 130th Ave, Ocala, FL, 34482. 503-550-9346. runningmtnranch1@gmail.com
7. Pre-Exposure: it is encouraged but not required that sponsors of Herding Instinct Tests arrange to have **EXPERTLY SUPERVISED** prior exposure to stock available on the day(s) of the Test(s) for those entrants who have **NO** experience.
8. The Sponsor is to supply the Judge(s) with the BCCA Judge's Information Sheet in advance of the Test(s), and have the Judge(s) read, sign, and date a copy of the JJIS which should be sent to the HIC secretary.
9. The Sponsor should complete all required paperwork and forward it to BCCA Herding Instinct Secretary within 2 weeks following the Test(s). This includes the original copy of the judge's form (for both passing and not passing dogs).

Training Availability: Sponsors should have a list of trainers and training locations available to entrants in the Test. A sentence must be on such a list as follows: "The BCCA and Sponsor(s) of this Herding Instinct Test have supplied this list as a courtesy and do not specifically recommend, nor guarantee quality in any way, any of those on this list."

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. VENUE: A round or oval arena (preferred), or a square or rectangular field with corners rounded with sturdy fencing or panels, of approximately 50' to 75' diameter, fenced to prevent escapes by, or injury to, dog or stock.
2. STOCK: 3 to 5 head of well dog-broke sheep. Other stock may be used by special permission of the BCCA Herding Committee.
3. JUDGES: Any person that is approved to judge AKC, AHBA or CKC Tests / Trials is automatically approved. Other persons may apply to the BCCA Herding Committee for approval by supplying proof of experience in herding with upright dogs. The Judge of any Test offered by a Sanctioning body other than BCCA must be notified in advance of the use of the BCCA form. A copy of the BCCA Herding Instinct Test form and a copy of the Judge's Information Sheet must be supplied to every Judge by the Sponsor or Entrant prior to start of the test.
4. APPLICATION TO HOLD TEST(S): Notification of test(s) to be sanctioned by AKC and AHBA should be send by email to the BCCA Herding Committee Chair. Tests to be sanctioned only by BCCA will require submission of information pertaining to items 1, 2 & 3 above.
5. TEST FORM: The BCCA Approved Herding Instinct Test form. If the Test will be held in conjunction with AKC or AHBA Instinct Tests, the BCCA form is to be supplied by the Entrant or Sponsor and completed and signed by the Judge in addition to the primary sponsor.
6. Only 1 (one) passing test is required for the BCCA honorary title of HIC
7. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Send a copy of each completed and signed Judge's Test form, a photocopy of the face of the dog's AKC, CKC or Other Registration paper and a signed and dated copy of the Judge's Information Sheet to the BCCA Herding Committee within 2 weeks following the event. Note: only Registered or PAL (or the equivalent) dogs may be formally acknowledged with the HIC if passing.
 - a. The purpose of the registration paper copy is to give proper credit toward ROMI awards to the dog's sire and dam.

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