

## **GUIDELINES FOR BCCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST SPONSOR INFORMATION**

**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. In addition, the results obtained by collecting general statistics will aid the BCCA and breeders to enhance and improve the herding abilities of the bearded collie by offering an awareness of the status of the breed overall in its herding instincts.

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

**SPONSORS:** The sponsor for a BCCA Herding Instinct Test should be a club, but 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 must be supplied to the BCCA Herding Committee by any applicant wishing to sponsor such tests. A waiver of liability should be signed by each entrant in the event; this waiver may be included in the entry form or may be a separate form.

### **PUTTING ON AN INSTINCT TEST:**

1. Select date, location and stock
2. Select and hire Judge(s)
3. Make application to the BCCA Herding Chair with Fee at least 30 days in advance of the event
4. Create and distribute flyers for the event. Judge(s), Location, Date(s), Required paperwork, Supervised pre-exposure if available and Fees should all be on the flyer.
5. Send a copy of the flyer to the BCCA Herding Chair: Elsa Sell, 764 Liberty Rd., Milner, GA 30257. [beaconbb@bellsouth.net](mailto:beaconbb@bellsouth.net)
6. 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.
7. BCCA Herding Instinct Test forms may be downloaded from the BCCA Website or, if necessary, obtained from the BCCA Herding Chair. Forms should be done in triplicate for each entrant; 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: Marilyn Snook, 916 11th Ave. S. Clinton, IA 52732
8. Pre-Exposure: it is strongly recommended 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.
9. 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) sign and date a copy of the JJIS to be then supplied to the BCCA. The Sponsor should complete all required paperwork and forward it to BCCA Herding Instinct Statistician with appropriate fees payable to BCCA within 2 weeks following the Test(s). The fee is \$3 per passing dog, and an original copy of every marked form (passing and not passing) is to be sent in to the BCCA.
10. 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. (Note: it is recommended that the choice of Judge(s) be from those who are well versed in the unique qualities of the Bearded Collie). 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):** Test(s) sanctioned by AKC and AHBA do not require any additional fee, but do require a 30 day advance notice to, and approval from, the BCCA Herding Committee. Tests to be sanctioned only by BCCA will require submission of information pertaining to items 1, 2 & 3 above with a \$15 fee (U.S. Funds payable to BCCA) at least 30 days in advance of the event(s).
5. **TEST FORM:** Only the BCCA Approved Herding Instinct Test form is to be used. 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. Only 1 (one) passing test is required for the BCCA honorary title of HIC

6. **JUDGE'S INFORMATION SHEET:** A signed and dated copy of the Judge's Information Sheet is to be collected and sent in to the BCCA along with all other required paperwork.
7. **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Send a copy of each completed and signed Test form, a photocopy of the face of the dog's AKC, CKC or Other Registration paper, a signed and dated copy of the Judge's Information Sheet, and a fee of \$3 (U.S. Funds payable to BCCA) per passing dog to the BCCA Herding Committee within 2 weeks following the event. A three (3) generation pedigree for a foreign-born dog should be supplied. Note: only Registered or ILP or the equivalent dogs may be formally acknowledged with the HIC if passing.