

Working Australian Shepherd Club of

Upstate New York

proudly presents the 36th annual



July 25 & 26, 2020

Washington County Fairgrounds

392 Old Schuylerville Rd

Greenwich, NY 12834

4 ASCA Conformation Shows, 3 ASCA Rally Shows (Sat./Sun.), & 2 ASCA Obedience Shows (Sat./Sun.)

ASCA Sanction pending

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**COVID-19 GUIDELINES: This club will comply with all ASCA, WASCUNY and Fairgrounds guidelines and New York State law. Please see the end of this flyer for detailed guidelines. Please be sure you are aware of all guidelines in effect on the date of the shows. Exhibitors should provide their own PPE.**

**ASCA Conformation Shows**

**Conformation classes are only open to ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds.**

**Pre-entries open June 15, 2020 – must be postmarked by July 17, 2020 when pre-entries close.  
(Checks for entries made payable to WASCUNY, Inc.)**

**Mail conformation entries to: Pamela Gagnon, 3380 Berkshire Ctr. Rd, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450**

**ASCA Rally and Obedience Shows**

**Open to all breeds with an ASCA Tracking number or ASCA Registration number**

**(Go to ASCA website [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org) to obtain a tracking number)**

**Pre-entries open June 15, 2020 – must be postmarked by July 17, 2020 when pre-entries close.  
(Checks for entries made payable to WASCUNY, Inc.)**

**Mail Rally entries to: Robin Cooney, P.O. Box 25, Gansevoort, NY 12831**

**Mail Obedience entries to: Robin Cooney, P.O. Box 25, Gansevoort, NY 12831**



## Conformation Information: Saturday, July 25, 2020 & Sunday, July 26, 2020

Conformation classes offered are:

**Junior Showmanship, Non-Regular Puppies, Veterans, Altered, Intact**

- Intact and altered classes include 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18, Novice, Am. Bred, Bred-by Exhibitor, Open Blue Merle, Open Red Merle, Open Black, Open Red, Winners and Best of Breed.
- Junior Showmanship includes Pee-Wee (3-5), Sub Novice (6-7), Novice/Open (8-12), Novice/Open (13-17)
- Non-Reg. Puppies (2-4, 4-6 mo)
- Veterans (7-9, 9+)

**Saturday AM show: Andrea Blizard, ASCA Breeder Judge (NY,) all classes**

Entries taken 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM, show begins at 9 AM

**Saturday PM show: Sandra Walker, AKC Judge (NY,) all classes**

Entries taken 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM, show begins at 12 noon or ½ hr. after end of AM show

**Sunday AM show: Nioma Coen, AKC Judge (MA,) all classes**

Entries taken 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM, show begins at 9 AM

**Sunday PM show: Thomas Coen, AKC Judge (MA,) all classes**

Entries taken 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – show begins at 12 noon or ½ hr after end of AM show

### **Entry Fees:**

### **Pre-Entry**

### **Day of Show**

Regular Conformation

\$20

\$23

**Regular Conformation Package Price, PRE-ENTRY ONLY (same dog), ALL FOUR SHOWS - \$75.00**

Non-Regular Conformation

\$15

\$18

Juniors

\$5

\$5

Please use the current ASCA approved entry for conformation, which may be obtained from

<http://www.asca.org/formsandrulebooks>

Make checks payable to WASCUNY, Inc. and mail conformation entries to: Pamela Gagnon, 3380 Berkshire Center Rd., Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

### **Conformation Awards**

#### **Intact and Altered Classes:**

1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> – flat ribbons. Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite, and Best of Breed – rosettes.

#### **Non-Regular and Jr. Showmanship:**

1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> – flat ribbons. Best of Breed puppy, Best of Opposite puppy, Best of Breed veterans, Best Opposite Sex veterans, Reserve Jr., and Best Junior – rosettes.

## **Rally Information: Saturday, July 25, 2020 & Sunday, July 26, 2020**

**Limit (Obedience and Rally) 70 entries on Saturday / 50 entries on Sunday**

**Saturday PM trial #1:** Deb St. Jacques (NY) Trial starts ½ hour after end of morning Obedience trial.

**Saturday PM trial #2:** H. "Penny" Haynes (NY) Trial starts ½ hour after end of Trial #1 Rally trial.

**Sunday PM trial:** H. "Penny" Haynes (NY) Trial starts ½ hour after end of morning Obedience trial.

Rally classes order: Masters, Excellent, Advanced, then Novice B/A/C

## **Obedience Information: Sunday, July 25, 2020 & Sunday, July 26, 2020**

**Limit (Obedience and Rally) 70 entries on Saturday / 50 entries on Sunday**

**Saturday AM trial:** Sandra Walker (NY) Trial starts 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday AM trial:** Sandra Walker (NY) Trial starts 8:30 a.m.

Obedience classes order, Utility B & A, Open CDX B/A, Open ODX B/A, Novice B/A, (optional titling) Beginner Novice B/A, Grad Novice B/A

**NOTE: Bitches in season will not be allowed at this trial.  
Novice Obedience Sit & Down Stays will be held BEFORE individual class exercises.**

**JUDGE SANDRA WALKER WILL REQUIRE EXHIBITORS TO WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES IN THE RING**

Veteran dogs will show in regular classes and allowed to jump 4" lower.

### **ENTRY INFORMATION:**

Entries open June 15, 2020 Pre-entries close July 17. **Entries will close when limits are reached.**  
**Day of trial entries will be accepted if entry limit is not reached.**

Entry Fees: \$20 each class pre-entry; \$17 for 2<sup>nd</sup> class (same trial/same dog)

**ODX entries by pre-entry only**

\$23 day of trial (7:30 – 8:15 AM each day)

**\$80 for all same dog in all 5 trials (3 rally and 2 obedience) Pre-entry only**

All dogs must have proof of registration and rabies certificate available at the trial.

**Make checks payable to WASCUNY, Inc., and mail completed OBEDIENCE entry form and a copy of your dog's ASCA registration to: Robin Cooney, P.O. Box 25, Gansevoort, NY 12831**

**Make checks payable to WASCUNY, Inc., and mail completed RALLY entry form and a copy of your dog's ASCA registration to: Robin Cooney, P.O. Box 25, Gansevoort, NY 12831**

To enter in obedience or rally, a dog must have an ASCA tracking number or ASCA registration number. Details on obtaining this can be found on the ASCA website ([www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org)) or at QTracker application: <https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/trackapp.pdf> For an official ASCA Rally or Obedience entry form go to [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org) or at <https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/obedentryform.pdf> "Day of" entries will be taken if entry limits are not reached by closing date. "Day of" entries must be presented to trial secretary at least 1/4 hour before start of the AM trial each day. All Obedience dogs must have an ASCA CD before entering Open and have an ASCA CDX before entering Utility. All Rally dogs must have an ASCA Novice title before entering Advanced, an ASCA Advanced title before entering Excellent and an ASCA Excellent title before entering Masters.

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> placement ribbons per class. Green qualifying ribbon for each qualifier. High in Trial will be awarded at each obedience and rally trial from the regular titling classes only. High Scoring Aussie, High Scoring Other Breed, High Combined and High in Trial Junior will be awarded at each trial.

## ASCA Rules

ASCA Sanctioned obedience trials and rally trials are open to all breeds and mixed breeds eligible for registry with another club (including AKC and AMBOR). Bitches in heat are not allowed to compete. Bitches that come into heat or dogs that become injured before the pre-entry closing date may have their entries refunded pending proof by veterinarian. This is an actual trial and dogs of all breeds are eligible for titles. Dogs with titles or legs in other registries must begin at the novice level in ASCA. Visit the ASCA site for more details. ([www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org)).

**FACILITY INFORMATION:** All conformation, obedience and rally classes will be held inside on packed dirt.

Show grounds will be open to exhibitors Saturday morning at 7 AM for set up. Please pick up after your dog.

Grooming space under open cover with electric outlets are available close to the show building; please bring *heavy-duty* extension cords to prevent loss of power.

## Camping

Camping is available on site, in close proximity to show building, \$10-electric only per night or \$15 –full hook-up per night, payable to the Washington County Fair, Inc.

**\*\*Show grounds will be available to exhibitors Friday afternoon for camping site set-up. Please be sure you have filled out a reservation slip (attached) and make check payable to Washington County Fairgrounds. \*\***

Please pick up after your dog, and police your grooming space and camping site for dog hair. All trash should be placed in trash barrels at various locations near camping and the show building.

## General Information for Conformation, Rally and Obedience Exhibitors

These shows and trials will be held under the current rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program: a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs, or a person not in good standing with ASCA. Entry fees will not be refunded in the case a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the show committee. No entry fee will be refunded if the show cannot be opened or completed by reasons of riots, civil disturbances, fires, acts of God or public emergency.

## Medical care:

Northway Animal Emergency Clinic, 35 Fawn Rd. , Gansevoort NY 12831, 518-692-2227, 24 Hr. care.

Capital District Veterinary Emergency Clinic, 222 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, NY 518-785-1094, 24 Hr. care.

## LODGING

Motel Cambridge, 51 South Park Street, Cambridge NY 12816 (518)677-2453, all new (11 Mi/19 Min)  
[www.motelcambridge.com](http://www.motelcambridge.com)

Holiday Inn, 232 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs NY 12866 (518)584-4550 (16 Mil/27 min) [www.holiday.com](http://www.holiday.com)

Best Western Plus, 3291 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518)584-2350 (18 Mi/28 Min)  
[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

Super 8, 191 Corinth Rd, I-87 Exit 18, Queensbury NY, 1-800-382-0484

Quality Inn, (Exit 19) 547 Aviation Rd., Queensbury NY 12804, (518)793-3800 (26mi/35min) [www.qualityinn.com](http://www.qualityinn.com)

Old Saratoga Motor Inn, 177 Broad St, Schuylerville NY 12871, 518-695-9997/800-990-9940

Please confirm their dog-friendly policy when you call, please be courteous and pick up after your dogs.

## FOOD

Subway, Chinese, Dunkin Donuts, Pizza and a Grocery Store (Hannaford) are nearby.

## **Show Committee:**

**Conformation Show, Rally Trial and Obedience Trial Chair/Coordinator – Pamela Gagnon ([pamme@maivt.com](mailto:pamme@maivt.com)) 802-933-5710**

**Conformation Show Secretary – Pamela Gagnon ([pamme@maivt.com](mailto:pamme@maivt.com)) 802-933-5710**

**Obedience Trial Secretary – Deb St. Jacques ([beauwdbear@gmail.com](mailto:beauwdbear@gmail.com)) 518-636-8392**

**Rally Trial Secretary – Robin Cooney ([robincooney33@gmail.com](mailto:robincooney33@gmail.com)) 518-361-6164**

**Ribbon Chair – Pamme Gagnon ([pamme@maivt.com](mailto:pamme@maivt.com)) 802-933-5710**

## **Directions to Trial Site:**

**From North and South – Take I-87 (Adirondack Northway) to Exit 14. Follow signs for Schuylerville and Route 29 East. Take Route 29 East through Schuylerville, across the Hudson River and up the hill. Fairgrounds is on the left.**

**From Western NY – Take I-90 East (NYS Thruway) to Exit 24 (Albany). Take I-87 North (Adirondack Northway) to Exit 14. Follow signs for Schuylerville and Route 29 East. Take Route 29 East through Schuylerville, across the Hudson River and up the hill. Fairgrounds is on the left.**

**From East - Take the MASS Turnpike to NYS Thruway. Take NYS Thruway to Exit B1 (Albany). Follow I-90 to exit 7 (I-787 North). Follow I-787 North to exit 7. Follow Route 7 West to intersection of I-87 North (Adirondack Northway) to Exit 14. Follow signs for Schuylerville and Route 29 East. Take Route 29 East through Schuylerville, across the Hudson River and up the hill. Fairgrounds is on the left.**



# WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR CAMPING PERMIT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_

- \* **No dumping gray water or sewage on ground.**
- \* **Hot showers and restrooms available.**
- \* **Dump station available after show.**
- \* **Permit must be visible at all times.**
- \* **No open fires.**

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Nights: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Special Event Camping

The Washington County Fair will handle *camping* for all events.

Please make check or money order payable to the: Washington County Fair

Name of Special Event: \_\_\_\_\_

### Camping Fees:

# of nights:

\_\_\_\_\_

\* Tent, Van, Camper or Motorhome- \$10.00 per night

(With or without 15 amp electric – your choice)

\* Camper or Motorhome- \$15.00 per night

(With water, 30 amp/110v power, a/c hookup, & gray water drain)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**For questions contact:**

**The Washington County Fair @ 518-692-2464 or staciwashfair@gmail.com**

**Mailing Address:**

**Washington County Fair, 392 Old Schuylerville Rd., Greenwich, NY 12834**

# WASCUNY COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

(NEW YORK STATE COVID-19 REOPENING SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE)

Each business or entity, including those that have been designated as essential under Empire State Development's Essential Business Guidance, must develop a written Safety Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out this template to fulfill the requirement, or may develop its own Safety Plan. **This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval** but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Business owners should refer to the State's industry-specific guidance for more information on how to safely operate. For a list of regions and sectors that are authorized to re-open, as well as detailed guidance for each sector, please visit: [forward.ny.gov](https://www.forward.ny.gov). If your industry is not included in the posted guidance but your business has been operating as essential, please refer to ESD's [Essential Business Guidance](#) and adhere to the guidelines within this Safety Plan. Please continue to regularly check the New York Forward site for guidance that is applicable to your business or certain parts of your business functions, and consult the state and federal resources listed below.

## COVID-19 Reopening Safety Plan

### Name of Business:

Working Australian Shepherd Club of Upstate New York

### Industry:

Arts / Entertainment / Recreation

### Address:

3380 Berkshire Center Rd., Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

### Contact Information:

Pamela Gagnon, Show Chair

### Owner/Manager of Business:

Pamela Gagnon, Show Chair

### Human Resources Representative and Contact Information, if applicable:

N/A

## I. PEOPLE

**A. Physical Distancing.** To ensure employees comply with physical distancing requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Ensure 6 ft. distance between personnel, unless safety or core function of the work activity requires a shorter distance. Any time personnel are less than 6 ft. apart from one another, personnel must wear acceptable face coverings.
- Tightly confined spaces will be occupied by only one individual at a time, unless all occupants are wearing face coverings. If occupied by more than one person, will keep occupancy under 50% of maximum capacity.

- Post social distancing markers using tape or signs that denote 6 ft. of spacing in commonly used and other applicable areas on the site (e.g. clock in/out stations, health screening stations)
- Limit in-person gatherings as much as possible and use tele- or video-conferencing whenever possible. Essential in-person gatherings (e.g. meetings) should be held in open, well-ventilated spaces with appropriate social distancing among participants.
- Establish designated areas for pick-ups and deliveries, limiting contact to the extent possible.

*List common situations that may not allow for 6 ft. of distance between individuals. What measures will you implement to ensure the safety of your employees in such situations?*

SITUATIONS: Exhibitors hold dogs while judges examine or evaluate the dogs. Volunteers help to set up exhibition areas and courses. Exhibitors fill in entry information at entry desk. Judges fill in judges books with volunteer assistance. Volunteers call exhibitors into exhibition areas. Judges will hand out ribbons to exhibitors.  
MEASURES: Masks may be worn by both exhibitors and judges when judges are examining dogs. Hand sanitizing may take place after each examination. Volunteers can maintain 6 ft distances when setting up areas or wear masks if 6 ft distances are not possible. Hand sanitizing after handling equipment will be possible. A separate area can be set

*How you will manage engagement with customers and visitors on these requirements (as applicable)?*

Any spectators will be required to maintain 6 ft distances when watching any exhibition. Spectators will be limited to volunteers, judges and such exhibitors who are not in the exhibition area. Anyone who is not a volunteer, exhibitor or judge will be required to provide contact information for contact tracing purposes, but such spectators will be limited and discouraged.

*How you will manage industry-specific physical social distancing (e.g., shift changes, lunch breaks) (as applicable)?*

We typically set up a buffet lunch area in a covered outdoor area. We will either forgo the buffet altogether and bring in individual pre-packaged for volunteers and judges OR we will have two socially distanced, masked, gloved volunteers serving the buffet food onto individual disposable plates for people to pick up at a designated area 6 feet away from others.

## II. PLACES

**A. Protective Equipment. To ensure employees comply with protective equipment requirements, you agree that you will do the following:**

- Employers must provide employees with an acceptable face covering at no-cost to the employee and have an adequate supply of coverings in case of replacement.



*What quantity of face coverings – and any other PPE – will you need to procure to ensure that you always have a sufficient supply on hand for employees and visitors?  
How will you procure these supplies?*



It is recommended that all people involved in our events bring their own masks and any other PPE they would like to use such as gloves and hand sanitizer. The club will provide disposable masks and hand sanitizer for all volunteers, judges and exhibitors who do not have their own.

Face coverings must be cleaned or replaced after use or when damaged or soiled, may not be shared, and should be properly stored or discarded.

*What policy will you implement to ensure that PPE is appropriately cleaned, stored, and/or discarded?*

This is a dog club that holds specific events. Most events are one or two day events. People will respect proper disposal in facility provided trash cans lined with plastic trash bags. All people in attendance are recommended to bring their own PPE, but the club will provide disposable masks and hand sanitizer to all volunteers, exhibitors and judges who do not have their own.



Limit the sharing of objects and discourage touching of shared surfaces; or, when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched areas, wear gloves (trade-appropriate or medical); or, sanitize or wash hands before and after contact.

*List common objects that are likely to be shared between employees. What measures will you implement to ensure the safety of your employees when using*

See MEASURES in the section labeled "1. PEOPLE" above. Additionally, any exhibitor turning a ribbon or prize back to the club will have a specific bin in which to deposit the ribbon or prize. The items turned back over to the club will be isolated in said bin for 14 days. Any common surfaces such as tables, pens, clipboards, documents will be either limited to use only by one person, or will be disinfected at the end of each event and the end of each day.

**B. Hygiene and Cleaning. To ensure employees comply with hygiene and cleaning requirements, you agree that you will do the following:**



Adhere to hygiene and sanitation requirements from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and [Department of Health](#) (DOH) and maintain cleaning logs on site that document date, time, and scope of cleaning.

*Who will be responsible for maintaining a cleaning log? Where will the log be kept?*

This is a dog club that holds specific events. Most events are one or two day events. Surfaces and items used by volunteers, exhibitors and judges (tables, storage bins, ribbons, prizes, entry documents and tools, judges books) will be disinfected with an anti-viral solution at the end of each event and each day and tools and small equipment will be limited to use by only one person in as many situations as possible (ring equipment, pens, ribbons, documents, etc.)

- Provide and maintain hand hygiene stations for personnel, including handwashing with soap, water, and paper towels, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing 60% or more alcohol for areas where handwashing is not feasible.

*Where on the work location will you provide employees with access to the appropriate hand hygiene and/or sanitizing products and how will you promote good hand hygiene?*

Rest rooms have facilities to wash hands with soap and water and paper towels. The club will provide hand sanitizer at entry areas, and at each exhibition area at both entrance and exit.

- Conduct regular cleaning and disinfection at least after every shift, daily, or more frequently as needed, and frequent cleaning and disinfection of shared objects (e.g. tools, machinery) and surfaces, as well as high transit areas, such as restrooms and common areas, must be completed.

*What policies will you implement to ensure regular cleaning and disinfection of your worksite and any shared objects or materials, using [products](#) identified as effective against COVID-19?*

See B above.

**C. Communication. To ensure the business and its employees comply with communication requirements, you agree that you will do the following:**

- Post signage throughout the site to remind personnel to adhere to proper hygiene, social distancing rules, appropriate use of PPE, and cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
- Establish a communication plan for employees, visitors, and customers with a consistent means to provide updated information.
- Maintain a continuous log of every person, including workers and visitors, who may have close contact with other individuals at the work site or area; excluding deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means; excluding customers, who may be encouraged to provide contact information to be logged but are not mandated to do so.

*Which employee(s) will be in charge of maintaining a log of each person that enters the site (excluding customers and deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means), and where will the log be kept?*

The Show Chair will be in charge of maintaining a log of each person present. For exhibitors and judges, we have entry documents and contracts that will tell us who was present. Volunteers for the club is a small group of people who will be identified. The log of entry documents for exhibitors and contracts for judges will be kept at the entry area desk. The log recording others (such as volunteers) will also be kept at the entry area desk. Anyone not already signed in with an entry form, judge contract or volunteer roster will be asked to provide contact information to the Show Chair. The number of people who are simply there as spectators will be limited and discouraged.



If a worker tests positive for COVID-19, employer must immediately notify state and local health departments and cooperate with contact tracing efforts, including notification of potential contacts, such as workers or visitors who had close contact with the individual, while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.

*If a worker tests positive for COVID-19, which employee(s) will be responsible for notifying state and local health departments?*

The Show Chair will be responsible for notifying state and local health departments.

### III. PROCESS

**A. Screening. To ensure the business and its employees comply with protective equipment requirements, you agree that you will do the following:**



Implement mandatory health screening assessment (e.g. questionnaire, temperature check) before employees begin work each day and for essential visitors, asking about (1) COVID-19 [symptoms](#) in past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in past 14 days, and/or (3) close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in past 14 days. Assessment responses must be reviewed every day and such review must be documented.

*What type(s) of daily health and screening practices will you implement? Will the screening be done before employee gets to work or on site? Who will be responsible for performing them, and how will those individuals be trained?*

All volunteers, exhibitors and judges will complete a questionnaire at the beginning of each day, on site.

*If screening onsite, how much PPE will be required for the responsible parties carrying out the screening practices? How will you supply this PPE?*

**B. Contact tracing and disinfection of contaminated areas. To ensure the business and its employees comply with contact tracing and disinfection requirements, you agree that you will do the following:**



Have a plan for cleaning, disinfection, and contact tracing in the event of a positive case.

*In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, how will you clean the applicable contaminated areas? What products identified as effective against COVID-19 will you need and how will you acquire them?*

This is a dog club holding specific events at a fairground or public facility. Most events are one or two day events. At the end of each event, tools, surfaces and equipment will be disinfected with an anti-viral solution. Additionally, hand sanitizer will be readily available at all exhibition areas. All contact information will be managed by the Show Chair.

*In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, how will you trace close contacts in the workplace? How will you inform close contacts that they may have*

We will follow instructions of state or local health departments. The Show Chair will have contact information for all exhibitors, volunteers and judges if contact information is necessary. Additionally, any spectators will be required to provide contact information to the Show Chair.

*been exposed to COVID-19?*

# COVID-19 Related Guidelines for ASCA

## Sanctioned Events

Fellow ASCA Members,

The coronavirus outbreak is still a serious situation and ASCA recognizes the potential for spreading the virus in the environment of dog shows and trials. The safety of all our members and competitors is of utmost importance to ASCA, and the Board continues to monitor the situation closely. The Business Office has resumed regular operations and, as states open or loosen restrictions, many affiliates may choose to have events. The committees have worked on some changes to some of the protocols and exercises conducted in their sport. Those changes are included below and in this [COVID-19 Guidelines from ASCA](#) document.

**The following are general ASCA guidelines that will remain in effect until further notice:**

1. ASCA is still leaving the decision on whether to conduct events or not to the affiliates. However, affiliates must follow state and local rules and orders. Disobeying local/state orders reflects negatively on the affiliate and ASCA.
2. ASCA will provide affiliates that decide to cancel events already sanctioned with refunds for the sanctioning fees if they cancel events due local/state orders, the closing of sites due to the present situation, etc. If affiliates decide to postpone sanctioned events rather than cancel, the Business Office will work with show coordinators to make those changes as smoothly as possible. Affiliates should immediately establish a refund policy and communicate with competitors who have already entered.
3. Until further notice, ASCA affiliates should add to the premium any restrictions that the show site has imposed, if the site requires that competitors sign a waiver, if judges will be wearing masks, etc. It is important that competitors have this information before they send their entries and travel to the site.
4. A revised entry form will become effective on June 1st, 2020. All affiliates having events after this date should only accept the new entry form.
5. ASCA recommends that shows and trials be conducted outdoor whenever possible. Exposure can increase when a large group gathers indoors with recirculating ventilation and it is often more difficult to maintain social distancing. If indoor events are held, then further measures to prevent exposure may have to be taken in order to protect everyone (i.e. requiring masks in the building, prohibiting the use of blow dryers, maintaining social distance and appropriate distance in crating areas, limiting the number of people inside at one time, etc.).
6. Competitors showing any symptoms or with relatives showing symptoms must stay home and not participate in events. People who test positive or have relatives who test positive for coronavirus should follow state and local quarantine rules.
7. When different events take place in the same indoor facility, affiliates should establish the same guidelines/protocols for all.
8. While masks are not required, ASCA encourages their use, particularly in indoor events. This is to prevent/decrease the possibility of anyone spreading the disease, even when asymptomatic.
9. ASCA recommends the following hygiene practices at events:
10. When hiring judges, affiliates should inquire from them if they are planning to wear a mask and of any specific procedures that they would like the affiliate to implement.
11. Affiliates should disinfect surfaces such as, but not limited to, tables at the rings, tables for taking entries, timers, and pens.
12. ASCA recognizes that day-of entries are an important source of income. Affiliates should establish protocols to minimize exposure while taking entries (i.e. checks only, electronic payments when possible, requesting that the competitor fills the entry away from the table, etc.).
13. Social distancing should be observed at the show/trial tables, line-ups, people sitting ring side, between timers and stockdog judges, etc. This means observing the 6 feet distance from all tables.
14. Paperwork, ribbons, and prizes should be handled only by the judge, steward, and show coordinator/course director.
15. Affiliates should have hand sanitizer available for stewards, entry clerks, and judges.
16. Affiliates should have a plastic container available where competitors can return flat ribbons and rosettes if they so desire. Do not reuse ribbons for at least 14 days.
17. Wash hands often and keep hands away from the face.
18. ASCA highly recommends training dogs to accept that people and judges may wear masks.

19. Handlers should wash and sanitize equipment such as gloves, dumbbells, obedience articles, etc. as often as possible.
20. Avoid hugging, shaking hands, high fives, etc.
21. Avoid sharing equipment and chairs.
22. ASCA strongly suggests that affiliates refrain from having potlucks and communal beverage dispensing, such as coffee pots. The best thing to do in providing meals for workers and judges is to purchase prepared meals.

### **Conformation Specific Guidelines**

1. Exhibitors and others should wear a mask they personally provide. It is too much of a hardship to require a club to provide masks.
2. The affiliate should provide masks to the show committee and judges if they personally do not bring their own. But the judges and show committee should bring their own.
3. Gloves – it would be impossible for a judge to wear gloves to examine the dogs. But the show committee is recommended to wear gloves when handling books, pens, ribbons, etc.
4. Restrict number of people at the shows to only the exhibitors, show committee, and judges. All other family members should stay home!
5. Keep social distancing between dogs while in the ring and while waiting to enter the ring. If a class is large, split the class.
6. The ring shall have an entrance and an exit to provide additional social distancing.
7. The exhibitors will show the bite to the judge.
8. The show committee has the right to ask anyone not exhibiting a dog to leave the grounds.
9. The show committee should provide hand sanitizer for the judge and show committee. Exhibitors should bring their own.
10. Ultimately it is up to the judge to accept any assignments if they feel uncomfortable with travel and judging. If a judge has an underlying condition, they should not accept assignments. Maybe recommend that clubs use as many local judges as possible.
11. Each state and even counties in those states have their own guidelines they have mandated. And each club must follow those guidelines for the time of the event.
12. Recommended that each club include in the premium that each exhibitor must bring their own PPE.

### **Obedience Specific Guidelines**

These temporary measures were developed to enact procedures for safely holding ASCA obedience trials during the Covid-19 pandemic. Regulations differ across the many jurisdictions where ASCA trials are held, and it is the host club's responsibility to know the laws affecting the trial site. Judges and stewards are the most at risk of exposure (handlers are only in the ring for a short time). These measures are in effect immediately, until further notice.

### **Ring Conditions:**

1. The judge will ensure that a 6' distance is maintained between themselves and the handler, including when welcoming a team into the ring, and between all handlers in the ring at the same time.
  2. A chair will be placed inside the ring. Handlers will place their own dumbbells, directed retrieve gloves, and article bags on this chair; leashes will be placed by the handler either on the chair or at another designated location. Stewards and judges are not required to handle leashes and dumbbells and may use tongs or wear gloves to handle directed retrieve gloves and scent articles. Handlers will be allowed to enter the ring (with or without their leashed dog) to lay their dumbbell, articles and/or gloves on the specified chair or table, then exit the ring to prepare to enter with their dog for judging.
  3. For all classes not concluding with the Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, Stand Stay – Get Your Leash, or Beginner Novice Recall, after performing the last individual exercise, the handler will pick up the leash and attach it to their dog's collar. After leashing their dog, the handler will gather all personal belongings from the chair before exiting the ring.
  4. Stewards should each carry a slip lead at all times in the event that a dog is out of control.
  5. Stewards should maintain their distance while setting jump heights, bringing jumps in and out of ring etc. Host clubs should consider arranging armband order by jump height, to minimize jump changes.
  6. Stewards may prefer to have only one person touch a piece of equipment (Beginner Novice signs and holders; ODX cone etc.), and/or to wear gloves when touching equipment.
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7. Judges may announce scores from inside the ring, with class entrants remaining outside the ring, spaced 6' apart. If handlers enter the ring for awards, they should remain 6' apart. Awards may be self-serve after scores are announced.
8. Judges may choose to disallow win photos to be taken inside the ring.

### **Beginner Novice:**

1. Walkthrough: only 2 handlers are allowed in the ring at a time, maintaining a 6' distance at all times; judges may limit the number of times each handler gets to walk the course, especially for large classes. Host clubs should consider the additional time needed for walkthroughs when determining entry limits.
2. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Beginner Novice classes and left in the ring until the end of the Beginner Novice classes.
3. Sit for Exam: The judge is to ensure that the handler walks the full 6' away from the dog. The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear a glove to examine the dog.

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1. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Novice classes and left in the ring until the end of the Novice classes.
2. After the Figure 8 and the judge's order "Exercise finished," the judge will direct the handler to place their leash at the specified location before setting up for the Stand for Exam.
3. Stand for Exam: The judge is to ensure that handler walks the full 6' away from the dog. The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear a glove to examine the dog.
4. Group exercises: handlers should maintain 6' spacing at all times, including when lining up to enter the ring, and when exiting the ring.

### **Open:**

1. Figure 8: Tall cones (minimum 18" height) should be used as posts, instead of stewards. Cones will be set out prior to the Open classes and left in the ring until the end of the Open classes.
2. The ODX ring should be designed so that the dog does not confuse the Figure 8 posts with the Directed Open Exercises (DOE) cone. An alternate ODX ring set-up is to use one of the two Figure 8 cones as the DOE exercise cone, and to remove and replace the other Figure 8 cone during the DOE exercise; if this option is chosen, then the placement of the cone to be removed should be marked on the ground. If this option is used, then an 18" or taller cone is to be used in the DOE exercise.
3. Handlers are to pick up their own dumbbell from the chair by the ring gate and place it on the chair after the retrieve exercises. Preferred orders for Open B classes are those in which the two retrieve exercises are consecutive (Orders I, II, and IV).
4. Only one steward should set each jump height. Only one steward should place and remove the ODX cone.

### **Utility:**

1. Scent Discrimination: stewards may wear gloves and/or use tongs to set out and pick up scent articles and to handle the article container, and/or may use hand sanitizer after handling each set of articles.
  2. Directed Retrieve: stewards may use gloves and/or tongs to set out and pick up gloves, and/or may use hand sanitizer after handling each set of gloves.
  3. Moving stand and Examination: The judge will approach the dog from an angle between the dog's side and its front, maintaining 6' from handler at all times but allowing the dog to see the judge approaching. The judge may wear gloves to examine the dog. Should the dog travel forward toward the handler such that the judge cannot maintain a 6' distance from the handler when approaching the dog, then the judge should give the order "Call your dog to heel" without approaching and examining the dog, and a non-qualifying score will be given for the exercise.
  4. Only one steward should set each jump height.
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## Rally Specific Guidelines

These guidelines were developed with the most stringent requirements, to account for regulatory differences between different jurisdictions where ASCA trials are held.

### General:

1. All maps should be available outside in the crating area. When also posted, each should be 6 ft apart, only 1 handler at a time may review or take a picture of the map.
2. Judges are encouraged to provide sufficient maps so that there is no sharing needed.
3. Ring armband order should be strictly observed at all times.
4. In the case of indoor trials, the affiliate should determine the maximum number of handlers, with their dogs, that may be in the building at one time, according to the size of the building and the need to maintain the six feet social distance. Handlers may remain in the building only until their score is announced or posted. On exiting the building, the handler should notify the next handler that they may enter the building.
5. Separate entry and exit gates are required for all classes, with a minimum of 40 ft between. Judge will not greet handler upon entering the ring, they should only ask "are you ready?"
6. If the building is large enough to accommodate crating, there should be 6' between set-ups, and handlers should maintain physical distancing at all times.
7. Social distancing should be maintained outside the building, and in parking area.
8. When establishing entry limits, extra time for multiple walk-throughs should be allowed. 10 minutes per group of 3 or 4 should be observed. An area for waiting to walk should be designated, but sufficient to allow proper social distancing.
9. Judges, stewards, and competitors should wear masks within 10' of the ring and the judge/steward table; club should provide judge and stewards with masks; handlers should bring their own masks and gloves. Judges and stewards are the most at risk of exposure (handlers are only in the ring for a short time).
10. Only one person should fill out the judge's books. To save time, the table steward should complete the judge's books.
11. Calculators, pens, and pencils should only be used by one person, and should be sterilized after use by one person.
12. The steward table should be set perpendicular to the ring to maximize distance between judge & table steward.
13. All judges score sheets should be given to the judge at the beginning of each class, including A, B & C scoresheets. Score sheets should be given to the judge in run order & only the completed scoresheet at the end of each run will be passed to the table steward. Only one clip board will be used and only handled by the judge. The table steward should wait until the judge moves away from the table to retrieve each score sheet.
14. Scores should be given verbally to the handler by the table steward at the end of the run and should be called out to the person writing scores on the board.
15. Clubs should limit the supplies at the table to only those required. Extra items should be kept in a separate location to avoid contamination.
16. Judges books for A, B & C classes should be kept by the trial secretary until all runs are completed before returning to the judge to announce. The judge will announce winners, then leave the sheets in the middle of the table to be picked up by the table steward.
17. The timer should remain 6 ft from the table steward, times shall be called out orally.
18. If more than 1 timer is used during the trial, the stopwatch should be thoroughly disinfected.
19. Powder-free nitrile gloves should be provided for judges and stewards.
20. Hand sanitizer, soap, spray disinfectant and disinfectant wipes should be provided each day.
21. Judges should plan their ring to minimize jump changes.
22. Only one steward can touch a piece of equipment (signs, cones, etc.). Gloves should be worn.
23. Only 1 person may pull and change signs.
24. Gloves worn by stewards should be changed if the steward leaves, then returns to the ring area, or as often as the steward feels necessary.
25. Judges should nest all courses to eliminate the need to move numbers between classes.
26. All equipment should be sanitized at the beginning and end of each trial on each day by one designated club member.
27. Judge will announce scores at the end of each class. The class will be called back into the building for the announcements. Exhibitors will remain outside the ring, spaced 6 ft apart, and should wear masks.
28. Ribbons and awards are to be placed on a separate table at least 6' from the judge/steward's table; awards are self-serve after scores are announced.



29. Score sheets will not be available for review at trials where these rules are be utilized.
30. A chair, leash holder, or designated location on the ring gating is required for leashes. Handlers should place their own leash at the designated location, while maintaining control of their dog, either in a stay, or at their side. Stewards and judges are not to handle leashes items.
31. Judges are encouraged to design courses that eliminate the need for a leash runner for all classes.
32. A stay exercise is encouraged.
33. A club member/volunteer should disinfect all surfaces using an EPA approved disinfectant in the immediate ring area, or inside a building, on a regular basis.
34. Non-aerosol disinfectants should be used to eliminate the possibility of particles spreading into the ring where dogs are working.

#### **Judges Books:**

1. Clubs are encouraged to group dogs by jump height on the judge's books. This will minimize the number of jump changes required.
2. If entries in A, B and C, consideration might be given to doing all of one height, then the other to further reduce the number of jump heights. Be sure the run order posted for the handlers reflects this change to avoid confusion & delays.
3. If the Table Steward did not take entries, all paperwork should remain untouched in a binder, box, or envelope five (5) days before giving to the Steward. The same waiting period is needed if the final paperwork will be completed by other than the Table Steward. Per sources, the virus lives only a few minutes on most paper, but could last up to 5 days on a few types of paper.

#### **Walkthroughs:**

1. Only one steward, wearing gloves, is to touch signs. If the judge wants a sign moved, the steward should make the change.
2. Only 3 – 4 handlers in the ring at a time. 6 ft distance is required at all times. If handlers request a sign be moved to accommodate a larger dog, the steward should return to make the actual change to the sign. The judge, steward and any exhibitors should maintain a 6 ft distance at all times.

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