

AKC A COURSE

From Gate to Gate

Keepstone Farm's Susan Rhoades is offering a one day handling clinic centered around handling the AKC A Course. The focus is to understand what elements make up the course, how to handle each element, and what skills are needed. Space is unlimited. We will try to get AKC Rulebooks for everyone.

SATURDAY MORNING

Part One - Overview

- Obstacles & Lines, a general description.
- Understanding Basic Scoring, review and description of points deductions.
- Retiring. Recognizing "lack of progress".

Part Two - Started A Sheep - walking the course

- Before the Outrun. When to enter, when to send your dog.
- Outrun strategies.
- Lines - Y-Chute, Z-Chute, Runway Panel
- Cross-Drive & Pen.
- Recovering from mistakes.

Part Three - Intermediate/Advanced A Sheep - walking the course

- Intermediate handling lines/strategies (i.e. thinking ahead to Advanced)
- Y-Chute. Driving, handling, necessary skills.
- Hold/Exam Pen. Pressure. How many ways can sheep come out? What constitutes an escape?
- Cross-drive. Making the 4.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Part Four - Started A Ducks (same as sheep above)

Part Five - Intermediate/Advanced A Ducks (same as sheep above)

** If time allows, some dogs may be able to work on Saturday. Those runs will be used as examples, either good or bad.

SUNDAY - ALL DAY - MOCK TRIAL

Mock trial situation. A limited number (15) of working slots will be available to work twice on Sunday in a simulated trial situation. Both Sheep and Ducks will be available. Conditions will be made as close to trial day as possible, including the use of a set-out dog and handler in the sheep arena. Runs will be critiqued as they are run for the other attendees.

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Saturday & Sunday :: May 27 & 28, 2017
Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA

☐ Saturday Clinic \$ 80

☐ Sunday Mock Trial \$ 80

(Working slot - must also be signed up for Saturday)

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Primary Breed: _____

Herding Experience: _____

Mock Trial

Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed: _____

Level: _____ Stock: Sheep / Ducks

In consideration that I/we will be participating in clinic to be held at Keepstone Farm (property owned by Susan Rhoades and Lisa Jett), I agree to hold blameless the aforementioned owners of Keepstone Farm and the Keepstone Farm staff from liability in the event of harm to myself, my dog, family, and/or any spectators I have in my company while on the property before, during, and after the event.

In addition, I/We will agree to pay for any damages to livestock or said property that is caused by me, my dog(s) and/or family/spectators I bring to the trial. I hereby agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless and blameless and to defend them from any loss, claim, suit or damage that may occur as a result of this event.

Signature: _____

Return this form with payment by Saturday, May 20 to:

*Rachael Toren, 2023 Wells Manor Avenue, Gwynn Oak, MD 21207
Make checks payable to Susan Rhoades*