

PREMIUM LIST

AKC FARM DOG CERTIFICATION TEST



Entry Fee

\$35.00 per entry per dog per event

Closing date is Wednesday, May 1, 2024. No day of show entries will be permitted. Incomplete, unsigned, or conditional entries will not be accepted. Entries accepted only online at <https://www.sugarloafmountainracing.com> and no other methods of entry will be permitted. Online entries will have an additional \$.50 processing fee added per entry. **Mailed paper entries with checks will be rejected and destroyed.**

Condition of Entry

Entries will be limited to 25 dogs per event, 2 events on the day of event with different judges. There will be 8-10 dogs tested each hour starting at 8:00 AM. Individuals will need to pay and complete entry forms immediately so the Event Secretary can produce the test order for each day. Recommend that owners arrive 15-30 minutes before scheduled test time to check in and walk their dog(s). Dogs waiting to be tested cannot be in the area where testing is taking place. All refunds are subject to a \$3.00 administrative fee per entry. No refunds after closing date.

Event Location

**Blue Ridge K9 Training Center
2886 Waynesboro Pike
Fairfield, PA 17320**

Hosted by Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club



Saturday, May 11, 2024

Event #2024193707 and #2024193707

EACH EVENT IS LIMITED TO 25 ENTRIES PER EVENT. ENTRIES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 AT 6:00 PM OR WHEN ALL EVENTS ARE FULL.

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Evaluators

Event # 2024193706-Pat Sutton, Judge #113463, Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Event #2024193707-Randy Sutton, Judge # 102480, Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Eligibility

- **Dogs must be at least 9 months of age**
- **Dogs must have an AKC number. They must be Registered or Listed by having an AKC, PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing), or AKC Canine Partners number.**
- **Dogs with disabilities (including amputees) may participate in the FDC test provided in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the test.**
- **Prior to testing, all dogs will be examined for disqualifications. At inspection, unfit dogs will be excused with entry fee refunded**
- **Bitches in season are eligible to enter but will be evaluated at the end.**

Event Hours

Grounds will open at 7:00 AM. Check in for the first group to be tested will begin at 7:30 AM. Testing begins at 8:00 AM. Dogs will be scheduled every hour starting at 8:00 AM in groups of 8-10. Handlers should check in starting 30 minutes before scheduled testing time. Test 2 will run after Test 1 is complete and lunch by the judges.

What is the AKC Farm Dog Certified Test?

The AKC Farm Dog Certified (FDC) test provides for a series of 12 exercises that represent situations a dog may encounter in a farm environment. The basic test requirements are designed to demonstrate a dog's trainability, self-control, confidence, and trust when working in a partnership with its owner.

The test is non-competitive pass/fail evaluation designed to assess the overall conduct of a dog. The dog must exhibit self-control when exposed to livestock and other unique sights, sounds, and scents. The dog should exhibit confidence and a willingness to comply with instructions when confronted with a variety of situations within farm types surroundings.

One can think of the FDC test as a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test on a farm. There is no herding involved.

All dogs who pass the FDC test twice under 2 different approved FDC Judges may earn the FDC title.

Instructions Regarding Testing

- Clickers and toys are not permitted during the test.
- Dogs must wear a secure, well-fitting flat collar during the test. Martingales, prong collars, e-collars, head collars, and harnesses are not allowed.
- Leashes should be 4-6 ft long and should be made of fabric or leather. NO retractable leashes allowed.
- Handlers can use verbal cues, hand signals, and praise provided it is not excessive in the opinion of the judge.
- Dogs may attempt each test element no more than 2 times.
- A dog must pass all elements of test and overall assessment during the test to qualify.
- The Evaluator may discontinue testing if he/she determines the dog is too fearful or under stress to perform the required elements.
- The Evaluator may request the removal of any dog from the immediate test area at any time if he/she determines the presence of the dog presents a risk to livestock, other dogs, or persons on the farm.
- No food or “imaginary food” (pretending to hold food) can be used as a reward or lure while testing.
- This is a rain-or-shine event. Please plan accordingly.

TEST PROCEDURE

The test will be conducted outdoors. Dogs will be tested one at a time.

Handlers will proceed to the stations in order marked.

If the dog passes, the Evaluator will give the handler the Test Evaluation Score Sheet and a flat ribbon signifying the dog passed. If it is the second time the dog has passed the test, the Evaluator will also provide the handler with the FDC Title Application form and a rosette signifying the dog has earned the new FDC title. **The PVSSC will offer a flat dark green ribbon for passing the FDC test. The PVSSC will offer a dark green and white rosette for any dog earning the FDC title.** To apply for the suffix to be added to a dog's name, the owner may apply by submitting an FDC Title Application form and a processing fee of \$25.00 to the AKC. This form will be available the day of the test for participants. Once verified, the FDC title will be applied to the dog's record and will appear on the dog's AKC pedigree.

If the dog is scheduled for 2 FDC tests on the same day, the handler after completing the first test will leave the testing area and wait in turn for the second test under a different evaluator.

TEST ELEMENTS

1. **Greet Evaluator- Initial Dog Appraisal.** Handler approaches Evaluator, dog stops at handler's side on a loose lead while the Evaluator performs introduction.
2. **Perform a Walk Pattern around Farm Environment and a Passive Stranger.** The handler walks the dog on a loose lead in a prescribed pattern through farm objects. A passive stranger sits quietly on course.
3. **Jump on Hay/Straw Bale.** The handler instructs the dog to jump up on the bale of hay and stay on the bale for a minimum of 10 seconds maintaining a loose lead.
4. **Walk by Farm Animal(s).** The handler walks the dog on a loose lead in view of the penned farm animal(s) approximately 30 ft away from the fence line housing farm animal(s).
5. **Walk Over or Through Unusual Surfaces.** The handler walks the dog on a loose lead over or through 3 different unusual surfaces, including a plastic tarp, safe wooded surface, and another typical farm environment surface.
6. **Supervised Separation.** The handler places the dog in a freestanding kennel or dog crate and walks out of sight for a minimum of 1 minute.
7. **Pass Through a Gate.** The handler and dog navigate through a gate on a loose lead, the dog must wait calmly as the handler opens the gate, calls the dog through the gate opening and closes gate.
8. **Handler Feeds Livestock.** The handler performs a farm chore of feeding farm animals while the dog is secured a minimum of 30 ft away from the animal enclosure.
9. **Reaction to Another Dog.** The handler is positioned in a designated area with the dog on a loose lead. The dog may stand, down, or sit. Another dog is walked by on lead approximately 10 ft away.
10. **Reaction to a Noise or Distraction.** The handler may stand or quietly walk in a designated area with the dog at side on loose lead. The assistant creates 2 background noises typical to a working farm environment.
11. **Dog Approaches Livestock.** The handler, with the dog on a loose lead, enters a fenced area that contains livestock within a separate enclosure. The dog is introduced to livestock and encouraged to approach the pen, the dog is then called back to the handler and returns readily when called.
12. **Physical Examination.** The handler physically examines the dog for any plant material, debris, or objects that the dog may have collected while working the farm. Must examine 4 paws/feet, mouth/face, ears and any other area prone to collecting debris.

OVERALL TEST ASSESSMENT. Was the dog consistently responsive to the handler and successfully exhibited self-control while exposed to a farm environment?

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Livestock used will be any combination of 1 donkey, goats, and sheep.**
- **Please pick up after your dogs. Any owner not cleaning up after their dog will be asked to leave. No refund will be given.**
- **All AKC rules regarding sportsmanship and conduct apply.**
- **Dogs must be on leash or crated unless being tested. If you have more than 1 dog being tested, recommend you provide creates, solar screen, or canopy to block the sun, battery operated fans, cooling mats, and plenty of water for dogs waiting to be tested. There is limited shade at the site.**
- **No entry fees will be refunded if the event cannot be started or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, extremes or dangerous weather conditions, an act of God, public emergency, act of public enemy strikes, or any other cause beyond the control of the club.**
- **PVSSC and its agents, members, representatives, volunteers, etc., assume no liability or responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children or spectators before, during, or after the event.**

FOOD:

There will no food provided at site but pizza will be available at a nearby location of the show site