



CDHA NEWS

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE HERDING ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2017

WELCOME!

The CDHA Annual Meeting was held at the T Bar Inn in Wellington on March 19th. Committee chairs presented on upcoming the past year's events and what is planned for 2017. Let Molly McNamara know if you are interested in joining a committee (herding trial, ranch dog gymkhana, barn hunt and group show) to help guide events in the club!

The next major CDHA events are coming up in August: the

Ranch Dog Gymkhana at the Larimer County Fair in Loveland and a Barn Hunt trial in Berthoud (see Upcoming Events section). Volunteers and participants are needed for both events; contact Julie Campbell about the Ranch Dog Gymkhana and Mary Jean Pope (orangetorbies@gmail.com) about the Barn Hunt.

WELCOME NEW
MEMBER:
DENISE JERNBERG

ALL ABOUT B COURSE

Let's talk about AKC B course. This course is an open field, intending to demonstrate a dog's ability to control stock in a larger area. It can be run with all three types of stock. The outrun length varies by level with the shortest, of course, being for Started.

The course begins with an outrun, lift, and fetch.

Next the dog will turn the sheep clockwise behind the handler's post. In Started the handler will

then lead the stock through gate one (placed to the left of the handler's post), through the fetch to gate two (to the right of the handler's post), through gate two and to the pen, while the dog fetches the stock. In Intermediate and Advanced the dog will drive the stock to gate one with the handler staying at the post. For this example gate one will be to the left of the handler. In

DID YOU KNOW?

The newest AKC herding event is the Farm Dog Certified test. This non-competitive pass/fail test is designed to assess the overall conduct of a dog within a typical farm environment.

The dog must demonstrate self-control when exposed to livestock and other unique sights, sounds and scents. The dog should exhibit confidence and a willingness to comply with instruction when confronted with a variety of situations.

Dogs must successfully complete all twelve elements to pass the test. Check out the list of test elements and rules on the AKC website: [AKC Farm Dog Certified Program](#)

Intermediate, the handler may now leave the post and assist the dog. After gate one, the stock will then turn for the drive to gate two, which will be to the right of the handler, and then a fetch to the pen, where the handler will meet the dog and pen the sheep. There are no retries for the gates.

Once all sheep have been penned, the dog and handler will remove the sheep from the pen and go to the shedding ring. In Started and Intermediate, the handler must hold the sheep in the ring. In Advanced, the dog and handler will perform a shed, splitting a certain number of

sheep from the rest of the flock and holding them separate until the judge calls the shed. At this point, the course is finished.

In essence the course is a basic outrun, lift, and fetch, a turn

around the post followed by two drive legs, another fetch and then a pen and a hold or shed, depending on level.



MEMBER BRAGS

Congratulations to the following CDHA members for their success at the Buckhom Valley Kennel Club herding trial in April!

Pat Schneidmiller and...

CH Wynstone's Lone Ranger v Maplemor PT HSAd - for two Started A Course Ducks 1st places, including *High in Trial Sunday*, and two Started B Course Ducks 1st places, including *High in Trial Saturday*!

Maggie Buzzard and...

CH Triskle Spenser Diego CDX PT HSAs - for two Intermediate A Course Sheep 1st places and a new title!

CH Corral West's Miss Liza Rock - for two PT legs and a new title!

Julie Campbell and...

Kira IV HSAS HSBS HIAS HIBS HAAS - for an Advanced B Course Sheep 1st place!

Alice Baker Meuten and...

Tip - for two Advanced A Course Ducks 1st places, including *Reserve High in Trial Saturday*, and two Advanced A Course Sheep 1st places, including *Reserve High in Trial Sunday*!

Holman's Breeze - for two Advanced A Course Ducks 2nd places!

Debby Courtier and...

Ch Magic's In The Belt Of Orion - for two Started A Course Ducks 2nd places and a new title!

Ch Magic's Illusion of Maia PT BN RA - for a Started A Course Ducks 3rd place and a new title!

CDHA Dues are Due for 2017

It is time to renew your membership by paying dues for 2017. Individual memberships are \$20, household \$25, or associate \$15. You can renew online at www.cdhaherding.org

Val Manning and...

CH Terra Norte's Hark The Herald HSAs HSCs HICs - for two Advanced C Course 1st places and a new title!

Terra Norte's Round-up Time in Texas - for two PT legs and a new title!

Terra Norte's Somewhere In Time - for two PT Boundary legs and a new title!

Terra Norte's He's The Wizard - for two PT Boundary legs and a new title (handled by Chelsea Orth)!

Upcoming Local 2017 Events:

- **August 5, 2017 – CDHA Demo at the Dog and Pony Show, Larimer County Fair. 7pm.**
- **August 6, 2017 – CDHA Ranch Dog Gymkhana, Larimer County Fair. 9am.**
- Thursday, September 28, 2017 - RTN AHBA Ranch Trial. HRDs & HRDm (sheep & goats) all levels. Judges: TBA
- Friday, September 29, 2017 - RTN Fall AHBA Herding Trial & Tests. HTADs all levels course 5 with take pen & gate sort (sheep) shed (ducks), JHDg & HCT goats or sheep. Judge: TBD
- Saturday September 30, 2017 - Herding for The Cure benefit for Hope Lives. Events include Chili Cookoff and Sheep Herder's Olympics following the completion of the AKC trial.
- September 30 & October 1, 2017- BVKC Fall AKC Herding Tests & Trial, Course A, B, and C - all levels on sheep/ducks and sheep. HT & PT/PT Boundary tests on sheep or goats. Judges: TBD, trial both days & tests on Saturday. Tests on Sunday, TBD.
- **October 27, 2017 – CDHA Conformation Show, Island Grove Park, Greeley. Details to come!**
- **October 28-29, 2017 – CDHA Barn Hunt, Island Grove Park, Greeley**
- **December 9 & 10, 2017 – CDHA AKC Herding Trial & Tests, Ranchway Indoor Arena at The Ranch/Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland CO. Judge: TBA**

LOOKING FOR CDHA ONLINE?

Our website - www.cdhaherding.org

Facebook - @Continentaldivideherdingassociation

Yahoo members group page – cdha_membership@yahoo.com

Continental Divide Herding Association is an AKC Herding organization that is dedicated to the advancement of all herding breeds through the promotion of herding tests/trials and seminars along the Front Range of Colorado under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club.

In addition to hosting herding trials/tests in December annually, CDHA sponsors various herding instinct tests and demonstrations through-out the year. This organization of approximately 50 members actively promotes the sport of livestock herding.

Breed Showcase

The Swedish Vallhund, also known as the Västgötaspets and the Swedish cow dog, is an old breed, developed over 1,000 years ago. Legend has it that they descended from dogs raised by the Vikings, but actual records don't go back that far to prove or disprove the story. They were originally bred to herd cows and are native to Sweden.



Swedish Vallhunds are a small, compact dog with a thick undercoat and a tight topcoat. They are longer than they are tall, typically a foot or slightly less tall at the shoulder, and usually weigh about 22 to 35 pounds. Their coat color varies from gray, to brown, to grayish yellow and reddish brown.

The Swedish Vallhund is a highly intelligent dog, with a strong working drive and lots of energy and compete in many dog sports, along with their traditional job as herding dogs. They were bred to work on farms and ranches and originally herded cattle. Sweden has declared that this breed is a "Lantras". This designation includes the exhibition of qualities such as: long life, patience to hardship, and hardiness.

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News to report for the next newsletter? Suggests for the next issue?

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