

# **CDCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST**



**Monday, July 20, 2026**

**Maple Grove Farm**

**1886 Bescher Chapel Road, Denton, NC 27239**

**Evaluator: Vivian Kay Delk (AHBA Licensed Judge)**

**\*\*\*\*\* Test to Start At 9:00 AM (Eastern Time) & Limited To 25 Runs \*\*\*\*\***

**COST: \$25 first run, \$15 each additional dog/run, same owner**

**Pre-Entry Deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

**\*\*\*\* Pre-Entries Will Be Tested Before Any Day-Of-Test Entries \*\*\*\***

**No Canaan Dogs Younger Than 6 Months of Age Will Be Tested**

**Bitches In Season May Participate, But Will Be Tested Last**

**If Time & Entry Numbers Permit, Dogs with HCX Titles May Enter Day of Test  
For Exhibition Only (FEO) Practice & Will Run Last**

**All Dogs MUST Be Kept On Leash Or Crated At All Times On The Farm!!**

**All Canaan Dogs Without Prior Livestock Herding Experience Entered  
In The Test Will Be Eligible For The Best Rookie Herding Award**

**Canaan Dogs With Prior Livestock Herding Experience Entered  
In The Test Will Be Eligible For The Best Experienced Herding Award**

**Make checks/money orders (in US funds) payable to CDCA and mail with form to:  
Denise Gordon, Herding Chair, 2614 Gracewood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239-7240**

**For further information, phone (513) 470-0507 or email: [desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com](mailto:desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com)**

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## **CDCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST PRE-ENTRY FORM**

**Registered Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Include all current titles)**

**Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (on day of test): \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dog's Prior Experience With Livestock & Type: (Including any herding training/testing; use reverse side of form if needed): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Is this a CDCA-Herding Certified (HC) or CDCA-Herding Certified Excellent (HCX) qualify attempt?  
(CIRCLE ONE – HC or HCX)**

**If this is for CDCA-HCX, which "leg" will this attempt be? 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> (for title): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Owner's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Street/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

## ***NOTICE TO ALL HERDING TEST PARTICIPANTS***

- All participants must sign the farm waiver before the test starts; this includes spectators as well as exhibitors.
- Bring water and shade for yourself and your dog(s); all dogs must always be crated or on leash while on the property (exception: test pen).
- There will be a handler's briefing prior to the first run; please be sure to arrive with plenty of time to set up your area, potty your dog(s), and be at the briefing (it will not be repeated for latecomers).
- Bring a chair to watch the action but please be seated far enough away from the test pen to not disturb/distract the dog in the pen. Keep dogs on leash away from the outside pen fence (same reason).
- There will be breakfast items (pastries, coffee, tea) and lunch will be served after the test; bottled water will be available all day.
- Please clean up after your dogs, we don't want to be regarded as an irresponsible club or you as an irresponsible owner.
- There will be a Run Order whiteboard with the names of the dogs listed; it is subject to change so check it often!
- There will be a Porta-Potty available, but it is not near the test pen area, so plan accordingly!
- The test will be held rain or shine; if a thunderstorm is predicted, the test will be adjusted to run as many dogs as possible before its arrival and/or a delay will be declared until the storm passes.
- The test is limited to 25 runs, but if all dogs run and there are remaining available runs for those wishing to try for an additional qualifying leg towards the HCX title, owners may enter day of test for those runs, first come, first serve (forms will be available); payment (\$15) must be made at time of entry, cash or check only. Second runs are not eligible for Best Rookie/Best Experienced awards but will earn qualifying ribbons if they pass.

The farm is ~ 45-60 minutes (depending on traffic) from the show site. There are no nearby hotels, however, the farm has a bunkhouse that can be used for the test and has 8-9 beds and a bathroom plus it's air conditioned! – cost is \$45/person/nite. **First come, first served.**  
**Contact Denise for reservations by July 1, 2026 via [desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com](mailto:desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com).**

There are RV spaces on the farm with electric and water – cost is \$45/nite. There is no dump station on site. **Contact Denise for reservations by July 1, 2026 via above email.**

**Come and join the fun on July 20<sup>th</sup> with your dogs!**