

Entries OPEN July 15, 2026 at 8:00 AM CDT
Entries CLOSE September 2, 2026 AT 6:00 PM CDT

Premium List

2026 BCSA National Specialty Herding Tests & Trials



BCSA National Specialty 2026

Member of the American Kennel Club
<http://www.bordercolliesociety.com>

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Four Herding Trials / One Herding Test

Event #2026507004, 2026507005, 2026507006, 2026507007

Monday, September 28, 2026

Four Herding Trials / One Herding Test

Event #2026507008, 2026507009, 2026507010, 2026507011

Tuesday, September 30, 2026

One D Course Herding Trial Event #2026507027

Purina Farms Event Center - Herding Fields

300 Checkerboard Loop

Gray Summit, MO 63039

These trials/tests will be held outdoors regardless of weather.

Limited to Border Collies.

Certification



Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for holding this event under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary

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Event Committee

Trial Chair

Evan Maietta

25 Eber Taft Rd, Uxbridge MA 01569

Evanmaietta24@gmail.com

Committee Members

Diana Smith, Dan Flynn, Sandra Steed, Janice Swofford, Kelli Bausch
And any other club member in attendance.

Event Secretary

Lisa Pruks

10321 Harrison Rd, Rockton IL 61072

herdtrialsec@gmail.com

815-494-0384

www.czechmateborders.com/trialservices

Event Details

ENTRIES OPEN at 8:00am CDT on Thursday, July 15, 2026.

ENTRIES CLOSE at 6:00pm CDT on Friday, September 2, 2026. *After which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered or substituted. Entries received after limits have been met will be placed on Alternates List*

These events are open to Border Collies which have been registered with the American Kennel Club or have been granted a PAL/ILP number and are nine (9) months of age or older.

Judges

Laura Kincaid #95825..... Antioch IL
Barbara Lockard #36160 Leesburg FL
Debra Meinhardt Citronelle AL

Entry Fees

A and B sheep trials/tests.....	\$55.00
All duck trials	\$55.00
D Course sheep trial.....	\$60.00

Includes \$4.50 AKC Recording Fee for recordable classes.

Entry Fees in US funds payable to **BCSA**.

Mail entries and fees to: Lisa Pruka, 10321 Harrison Rd, Rockton IL 61072

You must waive the signature requirement on all deliveries.

Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on their entry forms, and the correct entry fee. Checks returned due to non-sufficient funds will be assessed a \$30 fee. All illegible or incomplete forms or those with insufficient entry fees will be returned.

Electronic entries will be accepted. Email your complete and signed entry form to the trial secretary at herdtrialsec@gmail.com. A Square invoice will be emailed to you (including a 3.3% plus \$.30 service fee) Once your payment has been received, your entry will be processed.

Confirmation of entry will be sent via email if an email address is included on the entry form.

Stock Type	Head per Run	Replacement Value per Head
Sheep – Katahdin/St. Croix/Dorper Cross	3-5	\$150
Duck – Call	5	\$75
D Course Sheep – Cross bred sheep	15	\$150

Replacement Fees: In the event of death or injury to any duck(s) or sheep, the exhibitor will be responsible for the replacement fees listed above.

Injury Definition: Any injury that caused the duck/sheep not to be able to continue to be used that day or the next day due to the injury.

B Course Outrun Lengths

Length (in feet)	Started	Intermediate	Advanced
B course sheep	150	300	350
B course ducks	60	75	100

Additional Obstacles for D Course: gates, chutes, panels

Show Veterinarian (On Call) Mon-Thurs 8 AM- 7 PM; Fri-Sat AM- 1PM

Washington Veterinary Clinic, Dr John Stoltz
5585 E Highway 100, Washington MO 63090
636-239-5445

Directions: Take I-44 to Exit 254 (Highway 100). Go west on Hwy 100 for 8.5 miles. At stop light (Target on left) turn right onto Brookview Dr and then an immediate right into gravel driveway. Clinic sign in driveway

24 HOUR Emergency Clinic 636-227-6100 (Please Call Ahead)

Veterinary Specialty Services
1021 Howard George Dr, Manchester MO 63021

Directions: Turn right onto Hwy MM, turn right on Manchester/Hwy 100, turn left to Hwy 44 East. Take Exit 272 north on Hwy 141. Turn right onto Howard George Dr/S Outer Rd

Classes Offered and Judging Assignments

Stock	Course	Class	Judge	Limit
Sunday, Trial SA - #2026507006				
Sheep	A	Started	Laura Kincaid	40
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Sunday, Trial SB - #2026507005				
Sheep	—	Herding Test	Debra Meinhardt	12
		Pre-Trial Test		
Sheep	B	Started	Debra Meinhardt	50*
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Suday, Trial DB – #2026507007				
Ducks	B	Started	Barbara Lockard	40
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Sunday, Trial DA - #2026507007				
Ducks	A	Started	Barbara Lockard	40
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Monday, Trial SA - #2026507010				
Sheep	A	Started	Barbara Lockard	40
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Monday, Trial SB - #2026507009				
Sheep	—	Herding Test	Laura Kincaid	12
	—	Pre-Trial Test		
Sheep	B	Started	Laura Kincaid	50*
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Monday, Trial DB -#2026507011				
Ducks	B	Started	Debra Meinhardt	40
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Monday, Trial SB - #2026507011				
Ducks	A	Started	Debra Meinhardt	40
		Intermediate		
		Advanced		
Tuesday Trial SD - #2026507027				
Sheep	D		Laura Kincaid	18

*There is a limit of 50 total runs between B course sheep and test classes

HERDING INSTINCT TESTING (2 TESTS)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Entries OPEN July 15 at 8 AM EDT

Entries CLOSE September 2 at 6 PM EDT or when tests fill

LIMIT 20 runs per test

Secretary Diana Smith Dianabcsaboardvp@gmail.com

Enter in the BCSA Store at www.bordercolliesocietyofamerica.com

Select "Shop"

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering these trials, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the veterinarian, judge, or Trial Committee. Entry fees will not be refunded if the trials cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. Entries must be made on Official AKC Entry Forms or copies and must include the signed Agreement and Rules. Junior Handlers must complete the back of the entry form. Please include only AKC titles on your entries.

No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance. Entries will not be accepted without fees or signatures.

Post Dated and Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. There is a \$30 returned check fee.

Bitches in season will be permitted to run but will be placed at the end of the running order in Tests and in catalog order for Trial classes.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs at show site and all hotel/motel, and campgrounds where they are staying while competing in these trials.

Exhibitors are responsible for being at the ring gate when it is their turn to run. The judge need not wait for any dog holding up a class. BCSA has no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or steward for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the ring when required.

All dogs must be on lead or crated at all times except when in the arena. Dogs must wear a simple well-fitting buckle, snap lock, or slip collar (no tags) or may work without a collar at Trial levels.

Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may have made such errors. No entry will be refunded in the event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. Errors in entries made by the exhibitor cannot be corrected after the closing date other than move ups. No refunds for duplicate entries.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccination.

Border Collie Society of America, their Board, Members, and Nestle Purina Farms and its employees will not be liable for any loss or injury which may be sustained through disappearance, loss, theft, communicable disease parasites injury and/or death of dogs entered in this event.

BCSA does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC entry form for this event.

THERE WILL BE NO FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE TRIAL SITE.

Move Up Information

Dogs shall be moved up to a higher class at the request of the owner, as a result of qualifying for a herding title, provided that the request is made to the Event Secretary no later than one-half hour before the start of the trial and that there are open runs available in the class. Email notice is acceptable.

Refunds/Alternates

Entry Fees will be refunded to alternates who decline to be placed on the alternate list. Entry fees of alternates who do not participate in the test or trial will be refunded, Entry fees will not be refunded to a scheduled entrant who is absent on the day of the event unless an alternate is present and runs in the place of the absent dog.

Photography

All first place winners and major award winners should have a photograph taken by the official show photographer. Win photos become the property of BCSA who reserves the right to use any and all photographs when publishing show results or other official purposes.

Additional photographer information will be posted on the BCSA website at www.bordercolliesociety.com

Hotels

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn St Louis West at Six Flags
4901 Six Flags Rd, Eureka MO 63025 636-938-6661

Block Name Border Collie Society of America. Cut off date is 8/28/2025

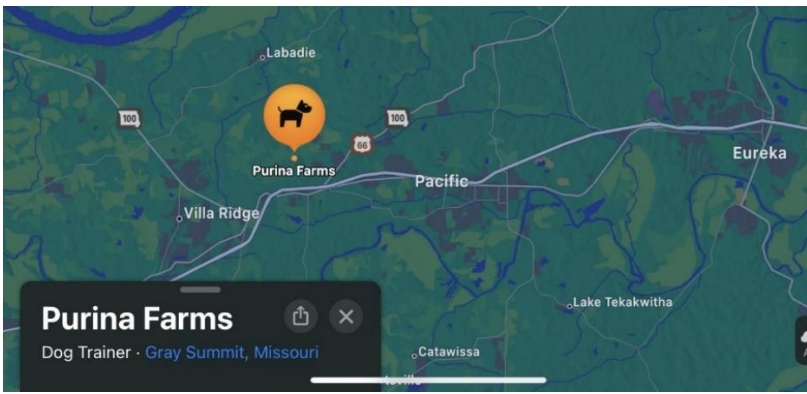
Room rate: \$132 + tax and \$35 pet fee. Limit 4 dogs per room

Other pet friendly hotels in the area can be found on the Purina website at
[Purina Farms Local Dog Friendly Lodging List | Purina](#)

RV Reservations

RV reservations must be made through Purina. The form may be found on the BCSA website at [RV Information — BCSA \(bordercolliesocietyofamerica.com\)](#)

Directions to Purina Farms



From North/East/South: Take I-44 to Gray Summit/Hwy 100 Exit 253. Turn east on Hwy 100. After approximately ½ mile, turn left on MM at gas station. The herding fields are approximately ½ mile on left, just before the barn and entrance to Purina Farms.
From West: Take I-70 to Hwy 47, Exit 193. Take Hwy 47 south to Hwy 100. Continue on 100 to I-44 east. Take I-44 east one exit to Gray Summit. Follow directions above.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Rosette Prizes

High in Trial.....	Blue, Red and Yellow Rosette
Reserve High in Trial.....	Red, Yellow and White Rosette
1st Place.....	Blue Rosette
2nd Place.....	Red Rosette
3rd Place.....	Yellow Rosette
4th Place.....	White Rosette
5th Place.....	Pink Rosette
Qualifying Score (Trial).....	Dark Green Rosette
Qualifying Score (Test).....	Green & White Rosette
High Scoring GCH.....	Blue, Gold and Black Rosette
High Scoring Veteran.....	Dark Green, Gold and Black Rosette
High Scoring Amateur-Owner-Handler.....	Maroon, Gold and Black Rosette
High Scoring Young Dog on B Course.....	Rose, Gold and Black Rosette
High Combined Score on Ducks.....	Green, Blue and Black Rosette
High Combined Score on Sheep.....	Green, Blue and Black Rosette
High Combined Score on A Course.....	Dark Green, Blue and Gold Rosette
High Combined Score on B Course.....	Dark Green, Blue and Gold Rosette

BCSA Offers a Rosette for any dog finishing the Herding Championship at these trials

Trophy Prizes

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

High in Trial (4 trials).....	Large Painted Bucket
Reserve High in Trial (4 trials).....	Small Painted Bucket

Sunday

1 ST Place.....	Lunch Cooler
Placements 2 nd – 5 th	Tech Travel Bag

Monday

1 ST Place.....	Shoulder Bag
Placements 2 nd – 5 th	Tote Bag

Tuesday

1 st Place.....	Stainless Stemless Wine Glass
Placements 2 nd – 5 th	Tumblers
Qualifying Scores.....	Variety of BCSA Logo Prizes

A qualifying score is required for all awards.

BCSA reserves the right to make prize substitutions of equal or greater value.

Trophy Prizes offered by Purina

High In Trial (Monday & Tuesday).....	Purina Pro Plan Barrel Bag and Grooming Towel
Reserve High In Trial (Monday & Tuesday).....	Purina Pro Plan Large Thermal Tote

All Purina prizes, if not awarded in the ring, must be picked up during the event at the Pro Plan booth. Presentation of the winning ribbon is required. Purina reserves the right to make prize substitutions of equal or greater value in the event a specific listed prize is not available.



Your Pet, Our Passion.®

Cumulative Trophies (Over Multiple Days)

Please complete the form to indicate eligibility for these awards

High Scoring Champion of Record (CH) on B Course (sheep) Award

..... Belt buckle
..... Started
..... Intermediate
..... Advanced

Award based on the highest, single, qualifying score over the 2 day competition in each class. Eligible dogs must be an AKC Champion of Record prior to Day 1 of herding at the national specialty. Dogs who have completed an AKC Started B or Intermediate B title within 60 days prior to day 1 of the specialty must move up to a higher class to be eligible for the award.

High Scoring GCH on any A or B course

..... Engraved Slate Plate (Diana Smith – Black Rock Border Collies)

Award based on the highest, single, qualifying score over the 2 day competition.

Eligible dogs must be an AKC Grand Champion of Record prior to Day 1 of herding at the national specialty

High Scoring Amateur Owner Handler (A or B course)

..... Engraved Slate Plate (Sarah Hand – Wynversa Border Collies)

Highest score of the trials (any stock, any class) from an amateur handler who owns the dog they are running.

Amateur: Any handler that has not made money of ANY KIND in the sport of herding. Herding judges, instructors, trainers, handlers (past and present) are not eligible.

High Scoring Veteran (Over 10) on any (A or B) course

..... Engraved Slate Plate (Carla Hu – In loving memory of Gus)

Award based on the highest, single, qualifying score over the 2 day competition.

Eligible dogs must be over 10 on the day of the trial.

High Scoring Young Dog (Under 3) on B Course Sheep

..... Engraved Slate Plate (Robyn Powley – Darkwind Border Collies)

Award based on the highest, single, qualifying score over the 2 day competition.

Eligible dogs must be under 3 on the day of the trial.

High Scoring Bred By Exhibitor (A or B course)

..... Breed Related Item (Lisa Pruka & Megan Harrison)

Highest, single qualifying score of the trials (any stock, any class) from a dog handled by the breeder of record

High Combined Overall (Sunday and Monday)

Highest cumulative overall scores for all A and B courses both days.

..... Belt Buckle (Robyn Powley – Darkwind Border Collies)

High Combined Scores on Ducks (A and B course)

Highest cumulative score based on A and B duck courses both days.

..... Engraved Slate Plate

High Combined Scores on Sheep (A and B course)

Highest cumulative score based on A and B sheep courses both days

..... Engraved Slate Plate

High Combined Scores on B Course (sheep and ducks)

Highest cumulative score based on B sheep and duck courses both days

..... Engraved Slate Plate (Cindy Deak – NorAust Border Collies)

High Combined Scores on A Course (sheep and ducks)

Highest cumulative score based on A sheep and duck courses both days

..... Engraved Slate Plate (Cindy Deak – NorAust Border Collies)

ALL Ties are broken first by the highest score on the B course, best outrun (B course) or best outrun/lift/fetch (A course)

OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB HERDING TRIAL ENTRY FORM

Club:		Border Collie Society of America				Date(s):		September 27-29, 2026				
Location:		Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO				I enclose entry fees		in the amount of: \$				
Tests	Sun	Mon	Trial Classes	Course A Sheep		Course B Sheep		Course A Ducks		Course B Ducks		D Course
			Started	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
HT	☐	☐	Intermediate.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT	☐	☐	Advanced.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Full Name of Dog:								AKC® No:				
Call Name:				breed:				Sex:		Date of Birth:		
				Border Collie								
☐ AKC No.				☐ PAL/ILP No.				☐ Foreign & List Country:				
Sire:												
Dam:												
Name of Breeder:												
Actual Owner(s):												
Owner's Address:				City:				State:				Zip:
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler:												
Handler's Address:				City:				State:				Zip:
AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org												
AGREEMENT												
I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) will pay for any injuries or the replacement value in the event of serious injury to the livestock caused by my (our) dog. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.												
SIGNATURE of owner or agent												
duly authorized to make this entry:												
Phone:				Email:								

JANET LARSON VERSATILITY AWARD

The Janet Larson Award recognizes the dog that exemplifies true versatility by successfully competing in herding and performance competitions. Dogs must qualify in herding (at the Started level or above) and two other performance venues (agility, rally/obedience, scent work, UpDog). The highest scoring day from each venue will be the only day that counts for scoring. Herding is still the foundation with the most points available overall, and a score in herding is required to continue in the competition throughout the week. Conformation points can also be earned by entering either Performance Titled Sweepstakes or the National show.

Competition is open to BCSA MEMBERS ONLY and you MUST be pre-registered to participate.

We will offer placements for FIRST thru FIFTH .

NEW perpetual trophy for HIGH SCORING GCH in the competition "The Hef Award"

ENTRY FEE: \$35 (includes personalized rosette) OR \$15 (NO personalized rosette)

Registration closes September 2, 2026.

Email your questions to Lisa Pruksa at herdtrialsec@gmail.com

SPECIALTY TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE

If you and your dog are a multi-tasking team, set your sights on the **SPECIALTY TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE**, a special award given to EACH Border Collie/handler team that earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three (3) or more performance/companion venues during the National Specialty. The eligible events are: Herding, Agility, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt, Scent Work, UpDog, FASTCat and Dock Diving. Only one score or performance in each venue will count towards this award, and the performance must be at the titling level, although the dog/handler team may already have earned the relevant title. If your dog can herd, heel, sniff, run, or jump, just pick your venues and go for the challenge!

This is a non-competitive event to encourage you to try out a new activity (or three!). You must be a BCSA member and teams must register by Friday, September 2 to participate. Proof of the qualifying leg or passing score needs to be submitted before the qualifying period ends after Saturday's obedience trial and qualifying teams will be recognized with a rosette. There are some new rules this year so be sure to check out the details on the website!

More information about both awards can be found on the BCSA website

Please return with your entry if your dog is eligible for any of the following:

Dog Name: _____

High scoring CH (conformation) on B course sheep _____

High Scoring GCH on any course _____

Amateur Owner Handler _____

High Scoring Young Dog (under 3) on B course sheep _____

High Scoring Veteran Dog (over 10 years) _____

Bred By Exhibitor _____