

SHEEPHOUSE FUN TRIAL

Entries are open now. Enter by email no later than 72 hours before the start of the trial. Give your name, dogs' names and class and best email address for contacting you.

You will be notified by email no later than 48 hours before the trial if you are in the trial or wait listed. Do not attend the trial unless you receive email conformation that you are in. In the event of oversubscription I will hold a draw. Those who run in the first trial will be not be eligible to run in the second and subsequent trials unless the trials do not fill with new entrants, so that hopefully everyone who wants to run will get a chance to. Please be considerate of others and if you need to scratch try to do so by email no later than 72 hours before the trial start.

Pay at the trial site: \$45 for 2 runs: 1 dog runs twice or 2 dogs run once each. There will be a box at the picnic table to put fees in, cash (exact change) or check made out to Virginia Prince.

Location is 301 Lang Rd. GPS works to get there. Email if you need directions.

COVID practices: Handlers must follow requirements for preventing spread of the coronavirus. Please stay home if you do not feel well! Masks are required when using the outhouse and when in the vicinity of the picnic table where entries and running orders are processed, as well as any time handlers must approach others. Handlers should keep 6 foot or greater physical distancing whenever possible. The outhouse will have hand sanitizer on a stand outside the outhouse as well as inside. Guests are asked to use the sanitizer before entering the outhouse and inside after using the facility. Bring your own shade/rain shelters, such as an umbrella.

On arrival, sign in at the registration table: Choose what course you want to run (NN, PN or ranch/open) and sign another person up to judge your run. The order of running will be the order you sign up in. I can run 20 dogs.
Handlers meeting is at 9 am.

At the start of your run tell the course steward (whoever has the radio) what course you are going to run.

You may leave the post AT ANY TIME to help your dog and still complete the run. This includes walking out from the post to get closer to the set out, wearing around the course etc. I encourage you to leave the post and help your dog at the first sign of need or if you anticipate trouble. The sheep are hardheaded North Country cheviot crosses and good at reading indecision in a dog. Moreover see below: the field is not fenced and I don't want to lose any sheep.

The trial manager will have a horn. One honk of the horn means GO HELP YOUR DOG. More than one honk of the horn means GET CONTROL OF YOUR DOG IMMEDIATELY AND LEAVE THE FIELD. Failure to do so means banishment from this and future Sheephouse trials.

There are no prizes, only honor, glory and a good time to be had.

The field is unfenced with a low traffic dirt road on one side and 100's of acres of woods on the other sides. Loss of a sheep in the woods or due to injury will cost you \$500. Email of entry constitutes your acceptance of the following waiver: *In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree not to hold the organizers and sponsors of this trial or the owners of Langwood or Sheephouse farm responsible for any injury or*

damage to myself, my property or my dog. I also agree to be responsible for my actions and those of my dog, on and off the trial field. In case of injury to any stock by the dog I will assume the financial responsibility for damages and veterinary care or the replacement value of the stock (\$500/ewe). I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk of being exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending this trial.

There is a hydrant with non-potable water and an elegant outhouse. There will be cooling water for dogs but please bring your own drinking water and supplies.

There are likely to be spectators. Please say hello and share your knowledge of what is going on with them when you can do so and maintain appropriate distance.