

PREMIUM LIST
AKC Farm Dog Certification Test

Dog Owners' Training Club of MD

Sunday, September 28, 2025
Event #2025132520 and #2025132521

EACH EVENT LIMITED TO 20 ENTRIES. TO BE HELD OUTDOORS.
DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED IF NOT FILLED
PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Entry Fee

\$30.00 per entry per dog per event

Entries open now. The closing date is Friday, September 19, 2025 at 9PM.
LATE entries will be \$35.00 per entry.

Please mail entries and checks made payable to DOTC to:

Bev Feig
3 Five Oaks Court
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Incomplete, unsigned, or conditional entries will not be accepted. No refunds after the closing date.

Conditions of Entry:

Entries will be limited to 20 dogs per event, with a different judge for each event. There will be 5-6 dogs tested each hour starting at 9:00 AM. Please complete entry forms as soon as possible 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.

Event Location

CH Ranch
505 South Bend Court
Westminster, MD 21157

This is an actual working farm. Please be respectful of this property. Please park in designated areas, and potty dogs in designated areas. Please do not let your dogs pee on any of the equipment or buildings.

Event Judges

Barb Awtrey, Judge # 105109, Lewes, DL
Dot Decker, Judge # 107444, Littlestown, PA
Sheila Curry, Judge # 109086, Westminster, MD

Event Chair

Sheila Curry
505 South Bend Court, Westminster, MD 21157
410-963-0446
cleocurry@msn.com

Event Secretary

Bev Feig
3 Five Oaks Court, Owings Mills, MD 21117
410-236-4903
bevfeig@gmail.com

Event Committee

Sheila Curry, Gail Phillips, Tina Stamidis, Bev Feig, Colleen Renehen

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 the inspection, unfit dogs will be excused with the entry fee refunded.
- Bitches in season are eligible to enter but will be evaluated at the end of the event.

Event Hours

The grounds will open at 8:00 AM. Check in for the first group to be tested will begin at 8:30 AM. Testing begins at 9:00 AM. Dogs will be scheduled every hour starting at 9:00 AM in groups of 5-6. Handlers should check in starting 30 minutes before scheduled testing time. Test 2 will run concurrently with Test 1.

Event Site Directions

From Baltimore and East: Take I-70 West to MD-32 North. Follow for ?? miles. Turn right onto Deer Park Road. Go ¼ mile and turn left on Don Avenue. Go ½ mile and turn left onto South Bend Court. Farm is at the end of the road on left.

From Gettysburg and North: From 140 take 97 South. Follow to MD-32, and turn left. Go 1 mile and turn left onto Deer Park Road. Go ¼ mile and turn left on Don Avenue. Go ½ mile and turn left onto South Bend Court. Farm is at the end of the road on left.

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 partnership with its owner.

The test is a 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 type surroundings. 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, slip/choke collars, e-collars, head collars, and harnesses are not allowed.
- Leashes should be 4 to 6 ft long and should be made of fabric or leather. NO retractable leashes are 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 the 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 always tested one-on-one with an evaluator. Handlers will proceed to the stations in the order marked. 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.

Each evaluator will give the handler the test form to return to the secretary table, and will receive the form for the second test (if applicable). If the dog has passed two tests, the Secretary will provide the handler with the FDC title application form and a rosette signifying the dog has earned the new FDC title. DOTC will offer a flat dark green ribbon for each passing test. To apply for the suffix to be added to a dog's name, the owner may apply by submitting the FDC title application form and a processing fee of \$30.00

to AKC. Once verified, the FDC title will be applied to the dog's record and will appear on the dog's AKC pedigree.

TEST ELEMENTS

1. Greet Evaluator – Initial Dog Appraisal. Handler approaches Evaluator, dog stops at handler's side on a loose lead while Evaluator performs introduction.
 2. Perform a Walk Pattern around Farm Environment and by 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 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 wooden 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 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 walking by on lead approximately 10 ft away.
 10. Reaction to Noise 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 on 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 cows, chickens, and horses.
- Please pick up after your dogs, so we can continue to use this property. Any owner

caught 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 crates, a 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, extreme or dangerous weather conditions, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strikes or any other cause beyond the control of the club.
- DOTC, 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 and after the event.

DOTC Entry Form Farm Dog Test

DATE: Sunday, September 28, 2025

LOCATION: 505 South Bend Court, Westminster, MD 21157

MAIL ENTRIES & CHECKS TO:

Bev Feig, 3 Five Oaks Court, Owings Mills, MD 21117

ENTRY FEES: \$30 / \$35 late entry

ENTRIES CLOSE: Sept. 19, 2025 @ 9PM

Select Test: Test 1 (2025132520) _____ Test 2 (2025132521) _____

Tests 1 & 2 will run concurrently.

I enclose entry fees in the amount of: _____

Full Name of Dog _____

Call Name _____ Breed _____

AKC NO. _____ PAL/ILP No. _____ Canine Partner No. _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Name of Breeder _____

Actual Owner _____

Owners Address _____

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. 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 of 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) 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 his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE

X: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

BOTH pages of this entry form must be submitted.