



## ***Premium List AKC Farm Dog Certification Test***

**Two days/Four Trials for  
Farm Dog Certified Test (Limit to 25 dogs per trial)  
DAY OF ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN IF EACH EVENT DOESN'T FILL  
Two qualifying runs with two different judges to title!**

*Saturday, November 5, 2022 Trial 1 – AKC Event #2022169838*

**Judge: Gene Sheninger #101431**

*Saturday, November 5, 2022 Trial 2 – AKC Event #2022169839*

**Judge: Patricia Ann Murphy #101229**

*Sunday, November 6, 2022 Trial 1 – AKC Event #2022169840*

**Judge: Kathy Birnie #101471**

*Sunday, November 6, 2022 Trial 2 – AKC Event #2022169841*

**Judge: Patricia Ann Murphy #101229**

**Event Site: Almost Home Kennels**

**176 Pudding Street, Putnam Valley, NY 10579**

**Event Hours: Trial #1 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Trial #2 1:00 pm till concluded Tests will run concurrent  
(This event will be held rain or shine.)**

The FDC test is open to all dogs at least 9 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

### ***LIMITED ENTRIES:***

**Limited to 25 runs per event; total of 50 dogs for the day  
Day of Entries will be accepted if each event doesn't fill**

### ***Entries Open:***

***Pre-Entries Close: October 19, 2022 6:00 p.m.*** at Secretary's office after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or substituted. When numerical limit is reached, additional entries will be placed on an alternate list. ***Drawing for running order: October 20, 2022.*** at Secretary's office.

***Event Secretary: Sally Slotoroff, 879A Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589*** Phone: (917) 567-8844 or E-mail: slots.sally@gmail.com



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION** *Permission has been granted by the American  
Kennel Club for holding of these events under American Kennel Club  
Gina DiNardo, Secretary*

**Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.  
Officers and Directors**

President .....**Brian Visokay**  
Vice President ..... **Megan Woods**  
Treasurer ..... **Patricia Murphy**  
Secretary ..... **Jeanne Gurnis**

**Event Committee**

Trial Chair .....**Patricia Murphy**

**Other Committee Members:**

Debbie Cuiffo, Marsha Mueller  
(and/or any Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc. members present)

**Event Secretary Sally Slotoff, 879A Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589**  
Phone: (917) 567-8844 or E-mail: slots.sally@gmail.com

**Entry Fees**

**\$35.00 per dog/per run**  
**\$40 per dog/per run on Same Day Entries**

*All fees are payable to Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc. and includes \$3.50 AKC fees*

**Judges**

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**Event Info**

**Saturday, November 5, 2022 and Sunday, November 6, 2022**

**Testing will be held at Almost Home Kennel, Inc.**

**RIBBONS**

Test Qualifying Score .....**Dark Green**  
New Title .....**Rosette**

## **FARM DOG CERTIFICATION TEST**

Test Elements Test elements may be arranged in any order with the exception of the first and last element (#1 & #12)

1) GREET JUDGE – INITIAL DOG APPRAISAL • The handler approaches the Judge with the dog at side on a loose lead. • The dog may stand, sit or down at the handler’s side on a loose lead while the Judge performs introduction. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to demonstrate patience and self-control while meeting a friendly stranger. • The dog shall not pass if the dog jumps on Judge, shows any aggressiveness, excessive shyness, or is restrained by a tight lead.

2) PERFORM A WALKING PATTERN AROUND FARM ENVIRONMENT / PASSIVE STRANGER • The handler walks the dog on a loose lead through a prescribed pattern (minimum of 200 feet) around a number of objects. As the facility permits – the marked path should guide the handler and the dog safely around farm equipment, through barn aisles, by stacks of feed, etc. • A passive stranger should be sitting quietly approximately 20 feet away from the path of the dog. • Livestock and gates should be avoided at this stage. The dog must remain on a loose lead, and willingly follow the handler throughout the pattern. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to demonstrate self-control, responsiveness to the handler, and ability to adapt to an unfamiliar environment. • The dog shall not pass if the dog is repeatedly on a tight lead, balks or refuses to follow the handler, or shows fear or aggression to the passive stranger or unfamiliar objects.

3) JUMP ON HAY/STRAW BALE • The handler approaches a hay/straw bale or a safe pile of sacks of grain/feed with the dog on a loose lead and instructs the dog to jump up on the bale of hay. The dog may stand, sit or down until the Judge instructs the handler to allow the dog to jump off of the hay bale. • The Judge shall determine length of stay (minimum of 10 seconds) until satisfied that the dog is comfortable with the exercise. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to exhibit obedience to the handler, traverse varying terrain on farms, and athletic ability to be positioned as needed. • The dog shall not pass if the dog fails, after two attempts, to jump on the bale independently, with no assistance from the handler. Or if the dog does not stay on the bale/pile for the minimum of 10 seconds.

4) WALK BY FARM ANIMALS • The handler walks the dog on a loose lead in view of penned farm animal(s) approximately 30 feet away from the fence line housing the farm animals. The dog is not expected or encouraged to engage with livestock and should pay no undue attention to the animal(s) at this distance. • Any animal routinely found on a farm is suitable, cow, pig, sheep, horse, chickens, ducks etc. All livestock must be penned or fenced in a manner to ensure safety from any uncontrolled dogs. • Allows for the Judge to evaluate the dog’s initial response to livestock. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to demonstrate self-control, responsiveness to the handler, and ability to not disturb livestock. • The dog shall not pass if the dog is repeatedly on a tight lead, refuses to follow the handler, or shows fear or aggression towards the livestock.

5) WALK OVER OR THROUGH UNUSUAL SURFACES • The handler walks the dog over or through three different unusual surfaces. • One surface shall be a piece of plastic that is a minimum of 8 feet long and 4 feet wide, such as a polyethylene tarp or clear plastic in good condition. • A second surface shall be a wood surface that is a minimum of 8 feet long and 4 feet wide, such as a sheet of plywood or wood flooring that is lying flat on the ground. • A third option shall represent typical rural terrain and can include such examples as safe metal or wire grating lying flat on the ground, mud, water, or jump over a series of three logs that are a minimum 4” diameter which are placed 3 feet apart. If mud or water is used, the dog, at a minimum, must place all four feet in the mud/water. Surfaces should not present any risk of injury to the dog or handler. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Demonstrates that the dog is fit to walk on different surfaces and to willingly accompany the handler on a loose lead to any places necessary to perform chores on a farm. • The dog shall not pass if the dog refuses to calmly walk over a new surface after two attempts, is excessively fearful, requires a tight lead, or demonstrates avoidance.

6) SUPERVISED SEPARATION • The handler places the dog in a free standing kennel or dog crate, removes the leash and walks out of sight for a minimum of 1 minute. • The dog may move around within the space allotted

but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or exhibit any behavior greater than mild agitation or nervousness. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Demonstrates that the dog can be confined temporarily as needed, and will maintain training and good manners out of sight of the handler. • The dog shall not pass if the dog appears frantic or anxious or exhibits excessive barking.

7) PASS THROUGH A GATE • The handler approaches a designated gate with the dog on a lead. The handler instructs the dog to stay in position while the handler opens the gate (the dog may stand, sit or down). The handler opens the gate away from the dog, passes through and calls the dog through the gateway. The handler then instructs the dog to stay as the gate is closed. • At no time should the dog impede the handler in opening and closing the gate. • The gate should function properly, be simple to operate, and present no safety hazard to the dog or the handler. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to demonstrate self-control and basic obedience to not interfere with necessary task of the handler. • The dog shall not pass if the dog does not hold a stay after two attempts, will not pass through the gate when instructed, or interferes with the handler operating the gate.

8) HANDLER FEEDS LIVESTOCK • The handler performs a farm chore of feeding farm animals. At no time will the handler or the dog enter an enclosure or have direct contact with the animal(s). All feeding of livestock shall be over or through a fence or enclosure. • The handler approaches the animal enclosure with the dog at side on a loose lead. Approximately 30 feet from the enclosure, the handler ties/stakes the dog in a designated area. The dog must be wearing a secure, flat collar. The handler instructs the dog to stay and proceeds to complete the chore of feeding the animals before returning to the dog. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to be tied and remain calm while the handler performs the task of interacting with livestock. Establishes foundation for the dog to be trusted around livestock. • The dog shall not pass if the dog is frantic or anxious while tied, barks repeatedly, pulls excessively on lead or demonstrates aggression toward the livestock.

9) REACTION TO ANOTHER DOG • The handler is positioned in a designated area with the dog at side on a loose lead. The dog may stand, down or sit. Another dog is walked by twice on lead approximately 10 feet away. The first time the distraction dog is walked by on the side of its handler that is away from the dog being tested. The distraction dog and handler will then reverse direction and pass with the distraction dog on the side toward the dog being tested. • While acceptable to notice the other dog, the tested dog should be accepting of the other dog and not appear to be unduly distracted. • The tested dog must remain on a loose lead and show no fear or aggression toward the passing dog. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to exhibit self-control and acceptance of other, non-threatening, dogs working on the farm property. • The dog shall not pass if the dog incessantly barks, pulls on lead or tries to make contact with the other dog, demonstrates fearfulness or aggression toward the other dog.

10) REACTION TO NOISE DISTRACTION • The handler may stand or quietly walk in a designated area with the dog at side on a loose lead. The assistant creates two background noises typical to a working farm environment. • Noise distractions can consist of any common farm sound, such as hammering nails, sawing wood, leaf blower, farm machine starting up, lawn mower, chain saw, air compressors, etc. • The tested dog must remain on a loose lead, and exhibit no excessive fear or sensitivity to the background noise. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to demonstrate normal sensitivity to typical noises of everyday life on a farm. • The dog shall not pass if the dog appears excessively fearful or demonstrates strong avoidance.

11) DOG APPROACHES LIVESTOCK • The handler, with the dog at side on a loose lead, enters a fenced area that contains livestock within a separate inside enclosure. The handler and the dog approach penned livestock, close enough so that the dog can clearly observe the stock. The dog can move ahead of the handler but cannot lunge or be held on a tight lead. • The dog must remain responsive and under control while approaching livestock and/or if the dog's presence causes the livestock to move within their enclosure. It is acceptable and anticipated that the dog may show interest and liveliness towards the livestock, but at no time should the dog exhibit fearfulness or aggressiveness. • When instructed by the Judge, the handler will go to the end of the lead and recall the dog to the handler. The dog must comply and willingly return to the handler without tugging within two attempts. The dog must return attention to the handler and willingly exit the fenced area with the handler. •

All enclosure fencing must be in good condition, safe, and of a type that would not permit any passage by a dog, small or large. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Demonstrates that the dog can exhibit self-control when asked to approach, and possibly move livestock, while on lead. Demonstrates the dog's ability to be called away from livestock when instructed by the handler. • The dog shall not pass if the dog appears excessively fearful or aggressive towards the livestock, is excessively pulling on lead, demonstrates strong avoidance or refuses to obediently leave the livestock or the outer enclosure when instructed.

12) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION • The handler examines the dog for any plant material, debris or objects that the dog may have collected while working on the farm. • The handler may place the dog on a hay bale, table, or on the ground, and briefly examine the dog's ears, eyes, mouth, coat and toes to ensure the dog is free of any foreign material such as grass, hay, burrs, etc. • The dog must willingly accept the examination by the handler. SKILLS DEMONSTRATED • Ability of the dog to exhibit patience, obedience, and trust in the handler while being touched and examined. • The dog shall not pass if the dog fails to accept any part of the examination, exhibits annoyance, fear, or aggression towards the handler or will not stay in place during the exam.

### **Entry Information**

**Entries close at Secretary's office on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or substituted. Changes, additions, corrections or cancellations of entries must be received in writing prior to close of entries. If each event does not fill DAY OF ENTRIES will be accepted for an additional fee.**

**Entry Forms must be signed. Please check entry form before mailing to make sure it is legible and that all of the dog's titles are listed.**

**All Pre-Entries are to be mailed with fees made payable to:**

**Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc. c/o  
Sally Slotoroff, 879A Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589  
Phone: (917) 567-8844 or E-mail: slots.sally@gmail.com**

**Entries sent via Fed ex, UPS or Express mail must have the signature waived.**

## **Disaster and Emergency Plans for People and Dogs at this Event**

**Fire:** Dial 911. All dogs should be crated or leashed securely. Owners, Handlers and Spectators must keep the main driveway clear so Emergency vehicles will have suitable access to the property.

**Thunderstorms and Lightning:** Should lightning be observed, all personnel and animals should move or be moved to the safety of their vehicles or covered buildings until the danger has passed.

**Mass Disaster Plan – Tornado:** In the event of a tornado, dogs should be leashed and all people and their dogs should proceed to the lowest point on the property until the danger has passed.

**Personal Injury or Health Problems:** Dial 911 for the Emergency Response Team/Ambulance, or see above. A First Aid Kit for minor injuries will be at the event site.

**Dog Injuries:** VETERINARIAN (OFF SITE) see below:

**Taconic Veterinary Center** 3655 Crompond Rd, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 · (914) 737-2437

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

## **Notice to Exhibitors**

- A separate entry blank must be completed for **each dog entered**. Please use care in clearly indicating which date(s) of entry.
- Bitches in season will be permitted to run, but will be moved to the end of the running order. Please notify the Event Secretary if your bitch is in season.
- Entry fees will be refunded to alternates who decline to be placed on the alternate list. Also, entry fees of alternates who do not participate in the test 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.
- The THKC Treasurer will mail any and all refund checks after the event.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee.
- 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 Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- Owners or their Agents are solely responsible for the presence of their dog(s) at the Test arena. Judges are not required to wait for dogs.
- Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.
- No entry fee will be refunded if the event cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, extreme weather conditions, or any other cause beyond the control of the event committee.
- No entry fee will be refunded in the case of duplicate entries or any other cause beyond the control of the club after the closing of entries.
- Please bring your own chairs, water for yourself and your dog. ➤ All dogs must be on leash at all times except when in the ring.
- No telephone, fax, online entries or credit card payments will be accepted. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Taconic Hills Kennel Club Treasurer will add a \$20.00 collection to the amount of each returned check.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the event site.
- **Please respect the grounds and clean up after yourself and your dogs to maintain the premises in a clean and tidy condition!**

\*\*\*\*\*Please use one form per dog\*\*\*\*\*

OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB HERDING ENTRY FORM  
AKC LICENSED FARM DOG CERTIFICATION  
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.  
Test Classes (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, November 5, 2022 Trial 1	Event # 2022169838
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, November 5, 2022 Trial 2	Event # 2022169839

Trial 1 and Trial 2 will run concurrently

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday, November 6, 2022 Trial 1	Event # 2022169840
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday, November 6, 2022 Trial 2	Event # 2022169841

Trial 1 and Trial 2 will run concurrently

Almost Home Kennels 176 Pudding Street, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Entry fees: \$35/40 per dog/per run which includes \$3.50 AKC recording fee

**Farm Dog Certification Testing**

**Pre-Entries close Wednesday at 6:00 PM, October 19, 2022**

Mail entries with fees payable to:

**Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc. c/o**

**Sally Slotoroff, 879A Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589**

You must **WAIVE SIGNATURE** on express entries.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees.

**IMPORTANT - Read Reverse Side before completing.**

Full name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Variety: Sex: M F Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC AKC LITTER NO. ILP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FSS NO. FOREIGN NO. \_\_\_\_\_

List Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner's Agent/Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent/Handlers Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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 for this event and entry form any further agree be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent at the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. The entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement.

Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## AGREEMENT

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I, (we) acknowledge that the “rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows” and the “rules for Herding Tests & Trials” have been made available to me (us) and that I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. 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. I (we) will pay for any injuries or the replacement value in this 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). 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 persons.

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 ITS 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.

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

### Routes To The Show

#### **From the South**

Follow the Bronx River Parkway, Sprain Brook or Saw Mill Parkway North to the Taconic Parkway

Follow the Taconic Pkwy North to Mile Marker 28.2 and exit RIGHT onto Pudding St. (Pudding St. crosses the Taconic – DO NOT exit left by crossing the oncoming traffic)

Go to the first stop sign and proceed straight. At the next intersection/fork – bear right to stay on Pudding St. (there is a sign indicating you should bear right to get to Almost Home).

Proceed straight at the next stop sign and proceed 3/4 of a mile. Almost Home Kennels will be on your left.

#### **From the North**

Follow the Taconic Pkwy South to Mile Marker 28.2 and exit LEFT onto Pudding St. (Pudding St. crosses the Taconic – EXIT by Bearing Left onto the esplanade and cross the oncoming traffic)

Go to the first stop sign and proceed straight. At the next intersection/fork – bear right to stay on Pudding St. (there is a sign indicating you should bear right to get to Almost Home).

Proceed straight at the next stop sign and proceed 3/4 of a mile. Almost Home Kennels will be on your left.