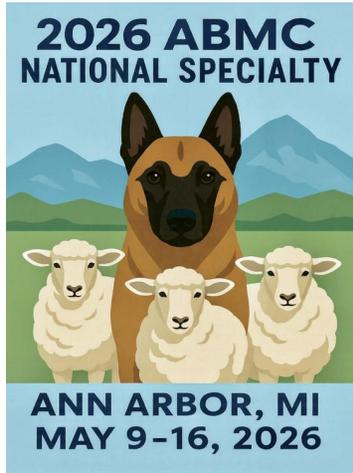


**Entries OPEN at 9:00 (Eastern) March 1, 2026**

Entries CLOSE at 6:00 PM (Eastern), **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** at Show Secretary's address after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows.



## PREMIUM LIST



(Member of the American Kennel Club)

## Herding Trials & Tests

### **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 8-10, 2026**

Course C Sheep

Event #2026418207 (Fri.), 2026418208 (Sat.)

Both trials are All Breed, Malinois Preferred

### **Sunday, May 10, 2026**

A Course Sheep, B Course Sheep, HT, PT Sheep

Event #2026418209 (Sun Trial 2) All Breed, Malinois Preferred

A Course Cattle & Ducks, B Course Ducks, HT, PT Sheep

Event #2026418210 (Sun Trial 1) All Breed, Malinois Preferred

SheepSmith Farm, 6465 Hinchey Rd, Pinckney, MI

### **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION**

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under AKC

Rules and Regulations.

*Gina DiNardo, Secretary*

## American Belgian Malinois Club

[www.malinoisclub.com](http://www.malinoisclub.com)

### Officers

President.....Paige Johnson  
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### **2026 National Specialty Show**

Please visit the 2026 National Specialty website for updated show information.

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Moran, JoAnne McLellan, Patty Terrio

**Herding Trial Secretary**.....Connie Sutter

723 S Hooper St, Caro, MI 48723

989-286-6548: [tc\\_sutter\\_cm@yahoo.com](mailto:tc_sutter_cm@yahoo.com)

# Judges & Assignments

Deborah Pollard ..... Vacaville, CA

All Classes – Friday, Saturday & Sunday

## Friday & Saturday

*All-Breed, Malinois Preferred*

Started, Intermediate, Advanced                      Course C                      Sheep

## Sunday

*Trial 1/2 All Breed, Belgian Malinois Preferred,*

*Trials will be run consecutively*

Started, Intermediate, Advanced                      Course A                      Sheep

Started, Intermediate, Advanced                      Course A                      Cattle

Started, Intermediate, Advanced                      Course A                      Ducks

Started, Intermediate, Advanced                      Course B                      Ducks

Pre-Trial Test (Boundary and non-Boundary)                      Sheep

Herding Test                      Sheep

### **Veterinarians – On Call**

MSU Small Animal Clinic College of Veterinary Medicine 24 Hours/ 517-353-5420 Call First

# Limited Entry

Entries are taken in the order received. No priority is given to any one type of entry over another.

- Judges limited to 50 runs per day
- Course C - Limited to 12 runs per day (minimum 20 sheep per run)
- Course A Sheep – limited to 40 runs per day
- HT/PT - Limited to 12 runs per day (3 to 12 sheep per run)
- Course A & Course B Ducks - Limited to 15 runs per day
- Course A Cattle – limited to 12 runs per day

# Livestock

Provided by SheepSmith farm

Sheep (Dorper/Barbados crosses).....*Value of sheep: \$350 each*

Ducks (crosses).....*Value of ducks: \$50 each*

Cattle (crosses).....*Market Value*

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

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

## Eligibility of Dogs

Trial levels, HT and PT are open to all herding breeds nine (9) months of age or older that are registered with The American Kennel Club or have been granted an ILP\PAL and are eligible to compete in herding trials and tests under Chapter 1, Section 3 of the AKC Herding Regulations.

- Alternates should be on the grounds on the day of the trials. If you are not willing to be an alternate after closing, please indicate this on page two of the entry form and your wait list entry will be removed at closing. Entry fee will be refunded to the alternates whose dogs do not have an opportunity to run. Alternates who have the opportunity to run and are absent may not receive a refund.
- Entrants on the alternates list must check in with the Herding Secretary on the grounds no later than 30 minutes before the commencement of their class.

## Specialty Preference

**For Course C Trials, and Sunday Trials, entries will be accepted for Belgian Malinois only through March 31**, then entries from all other breeds will be accepted until the entry limit specified is reached (in the order they are received). All entries may be sent to arrive on March 1.

## Move-ups

A dog may be moved up to the next level in a test or trial in which it is entered and for which entries have closed when, according to the owner's records, the dog has met the title requirements for the level in which it is entered.

A dog may be moved up in the next test or trial, provided that the next level is available (i.e.: offered in the premium list) and that a Judge is available, and, provided further, that the level is not filled. The dog cannot be moved up at the event on which it completes its qualifications for a title, or if the move-up would enter a dog twice under the same Judge.

**Requests for move-up** must be given to the Herding Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the event. Verbal move ups will not be accepted. Please include basic (legible) information: Owner's name, dog's registered name and call name, registration number, class change information.

## Closing of Entries, Alternates

(AKC Herding Rules & Regulations, Section 13)

- When trial entry limits have been reached, all additional entries received prior to the closing date will be added to a wait list. Until closing, any withdrawn entries will be replaced by wait list entries in the order received, considering judge and stock limits. After closing, any runs left on the wait list will be placed as alternates within their respective classes.

# Prizes and Awards

**Qualifying Score required for all prizes.** The club reserves the right to substitute any trophy for one of equal or higher value in the event a specific listed prize is unavailable. All trophies must be picked up the day of the show. None will be mailed.

All ties will be broken pursuant to AKC Herding Regulations, Chapter IV, Section 9. All ties, within the same level and the same course shall, if possible, be decided by (in order):

- Course A: Best score on cross-drive; then best time
- Course B: Best score on outrun; then best time
- Course C: Best score on grazes, then best time

Ties between levels (to decide High-in-Trial, Reserve High-in-Trial, or for championship points, or to award special trophies) shall, if possible, be broken by (in order) highest level class, then by best percentage of score on the cross-drive or grazes.

<b>High In Trial</b> .....	<b>Blue, Red &amp; Yellow Rosette</b>
<b>Reserve High in Trial</b> .....	<b>Red, Yellow &amp; White Rosette</b>
First Prize.....	Blue Rosette
Second Prize.....	Red Rosette
Third Prize .....	Yellow Rosette
Fourth Prize.....	White Rosette
Fifth Prize .....	Pink Rosette

Qualifying Score (Trial classes) .....	Green Rosette
Qualifying Score (Test classes).....	Green & White Rosette

High in Trial.....	Malinois Themed Item
Reserve High in Trial.....	Malinois Themed Item
High Scoring Malinois.....	Malinois Themed Item
Class Placement.....	Plush Toy

### Friday/Saturday C Course Trials

<b>High Scoring Belgian Malinois</b> .....	Logo Item
<b>Reserve High Scoring Belgian Malinois</b> .....	Logo Item

### Sunday, A and B Course Trials 1 and 2

<b>High in Trial</b> .....	Logo Item
<b>Reserve High in Trial</b> .....	Logo Item

**High Combined Malinois in C Course**.....Malinois Themed Item  
The highest combined score from each C Course trial Friday & Saturday (Tiebreak rules as above)

**High Combined Malinois in A Course, Sunday Trial 1 and 2**.....Malinois Themed Item  
The highest combined score from A Course Ducks and A Course Sheep on Sunday, Trial 1 and Trial 2. (Tiebreak rules as above)

# Event Secretary Information

Send entries to:

**Connie Sutter**  
**723 S Hooper St, Caro, MI 48723**  
**General email: [sutter\\_cm@yahoo.com](mailto:sutter_cm@yahoo.com)**  
**Entry email: [tc\\_sutter\\_cm@yahoo.com](mailto:tc_sutter_cm@yahoo.com)**

Entries close at **6:00 PM (Eastern), Wednesday, April 15, 2026** at Show Secretary's address after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

**\*\*Do not\*\* send entries requiring a signature upon delivery. The secretary is not responsible for an entry received after the show closes due to a signature requirement.**

# Herding Entry Fee Information

Course C Sheep	\$80
Course A/B Sheep/Ducks, HT, PT	\$55
Course A Cattle	\$75

## **"Online" Entry Information**

**Step 1:** Submit your entry form. Scan/email both sides of the entry form to "[tc\\_sutter\\_cm@yahoo.com](mailto:tc_sutter_cm@yahoo.com)" or mail to Connie Sutter, 723 S Hooper St, Caro, MI 48723.

Entries sent to another email address are not considered received.

**Step 2:** Processing fee (non-refundable) per entry using PayPal method Note: send payment to [Treasurer@malinoisclub.com](mailto:Treasurer@malinoisclub.com)

**Step 3:** Include the AKC number of the dog being paid for so that we can match payment to entry forms.

**Entries are not complete until both payment and entry form are received**

<b>C Course</b>	<b>\$84 (\$80 entry + \$4 PayPal Fee)</b>
<b>A Course, B Course Sheep/Ducks, HT, PT</b>	<b>\$59 (\$55 entry + \$4 PayPal Fee)</b>
<b>A Course Cattle</b>	<b>\$79 (\$75 entry + \$4 PayPal Fee)</b>

**All communication will be via e-mail.**

**Ensure all spam-filters are set to accept email from [tc\\_sutter\\_cm@yahoo.com](mailto:tc_sutter_cm@yahoo.com)**

## Notice To Exhibitors

All communication will be via email. Exhibitors providing email addresses will receive all communication, including initial acknowledgement, final confirmation and judging schedule through email. Please include legible e-mail address on your entry form.

Telegraph, telephone and unsigned entries cannot be accepted. Entries not on an official AKC entry form and photocopies of entry forms without agreement and rules on the reverse side of the official AKC entry form are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Entries received without fees will not be accepted.

Postdated checks, returned checks or declined credit cards do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Trial Secretary will add a \$30 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, or excused by the Judge or Veterinarian, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the show giving club, it is impossible to open or complete the show, no refunds will be made.

Owners are responsible for errors in entry forms, regardless of who may make such errors. (AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 6.) No entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

Event Service Fees on tracking and herding events will be \$4.50 per entry (included in entry fee, this notice required by AKC)

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800.656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

## Host Hotel Reservations

**Host Hotel – Candlewood Suites 151 Library Drive, Brighton, MI (approximately 17 minutes north of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club event site) (810) 220-1200**

The club's block is available May 10-16, 2026 (the rate will be honored for earlier arrivals, although you'll need to call the hotel directly for those).

To book a room, please either call them directly at (810) 220-1200. A small block of rooms have been reserved for ABMC, and more can be added as necessary. The cut-off date to book rooms at these rates is March 26, 2026. Rates:

Single Queen Studio: \$119 + 11% tax

Single King Studio: \$129 + 11% tax

Double Queen Studio: \$144 + 11% tax

A non-refundable pet fee of \$75 will be charged for stay of 6 nights or less. For stays of 7 nights or more the non-refundable fee is \$150. Dog limit is 4/room.

### Other local hotels

[Days Inn by Wyndham- Whitmore Lake](#)

9897 Main St., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

734-550-0105

[Days Inn by Wyndham Ann Arbor](#)

2380 Carpenter Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

734-585-2475

[Residence Inn by Marriott](#)

3535 Green Court, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

734-327-0011

[Red Roof Inn](#)

3621 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105

734-996-5800

**Be sure to check with the hotel/motel of your choice to confirm they still accept dogs and the associated fees.**

Any damages to hotels/motels by exhibitors can result in disciplinary action by a Show Committee. Be a responsible guest!

### CAMPING

[Sun Outdoors Kensington Valley](#) 25800 Haas Road, New Hudson, MI 248-437-0900

(Approx 30 minutes NE of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club event site and 45 minutes E of SheepSmith Farm herding site)

[Hell Creek Ranch Campground](#) 10866 Cedar Lake Road, Pinkney, MI 48169 734-878-3632

(Approx 10 minutes S of the SheepSmith Farm herding site and 30 minutes NW of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club event site)

NO CAMPING ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS. VERY LIMITED PARKING OF A SMALL CAMPER OR RV MAY BE ALLOWED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE TRIAL WITH PRIOR APPROVAL. INQUIRIES SHOULD BE EMAILED TO TRIAL CHAIR.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Detroit Metro Airport - approximately 40 minutes from show sit



## OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM

### American Belgian Malinois Club HERDING TRIAL ENTRY

**Closing Date:** Entries close 6:00 PM, **April 15, 2026** at the address of the trial secretary.

**Mail Entries with Fees to:** Connie Sutter, 723 S Hooper St, Caro MI 48723

Make checks payable in US funds to: **American Belgian Malinois Club**

BREED	VARIETY	SEX
FULL NAME		CALL NAME
__AKC REG NO.      Enter number here __PAL/ILP NO. __FOREIGN REG. NO & COUNTRY	Date of birth:  Place of birth (list country)	
BREEDER		
SIRE		
DAM		
ACTUAL OWNERS		
OWNERS ADDRESS		
NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT (IF ANY) AT THE SHOW		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INSTRUCTIONS</b></p> <p>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 by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the forgoing representation and agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.</p> <p>A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time the entries for a show closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of the acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to A.K.C. (For complete rule refer to Chapter 11, Section 3).</p> <p>AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, <a href="http://www.akc.org">www.akc.org</a>.</p> <p>SIGNATURE of owner or their agent duly authorized to make this entry</p> <p>TELEPHONE # _____</p> <p>E-MAIL Address (An acknowledgment or receipt of entry may be sent to this e-mail address):</p>		

**Please use the class chart on the following page to indicate your class choices.**

<p><u>      </u> I do not wish this entry to be on the alternate list after closing.</p> <p><b>CIRCLE YOUR TRIAL LEVEL</b></p>	<p>Friday C Course  (all-breed)</p>	<p>Saturday C Course  (all-breed)</p>	<p>Sunday Trial 1  (all-breed)</p>	<p>Sunday Trial 2  (all-breed)</p>
Started / Intermediate / Advanced <b>C Sheep</b>				
Started / Intermediate / Advanced <b>A Sheep</b>				
Started / Intermediate / Advanced <b>B Sheep</b>				
Started / Intermediate / Advanced <b>A Ducks</b>				
Started / Intermediate / Advanced <b>B Ducks</b>				
Started / Intermediate / Advanced <b>A Cattle</b>				
<b>Herding Test</b>				
<b>Pre-Trial Test</b>				
<b>Pre-trial test Boundary style</b>				

**AGREEMENT**

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse 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.

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 negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or 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, INTREPRETATION 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.**