“Cut and Dry Duck Trial”: Sunday May 11, 2025

Step 1: Remove the 5 ducks from Pen #4 and close the gate. 5pts (pen work)

Step 2: Move the 5 ducks to the pool and thru it. All 5 ducks must pass thru the water and then be moved to Pen #2 and close the gate. 15 pts (specific)

Step 3: Gather the next set of ducks by opening the paddock gates and taking the dog to the designated cone. When ready, the handler should signal the basket holder to lift the basket and release the ducks at which time the handler can send the dog to bring the ducks into the paddock and load them into Pen #1. 20pts (Gather)

\*Advanced handlers must stay at the cone when sending the dog, but can move once the dog has left. The Open handlers can position themselves between the cone and halfway to the basket of ducks prior to sending the dog. All dogs start from the cone.

Step 4: Remove the 5 ducks from Pen #2 into the paddock and close the gate. 5pts (pen)

Step5: Move the 5 ducks into the chute which cannot be closed. 5 pts (specific)

Step 6: Open the crate while all 5 ducks are in the chute and load them into the crate. 20 pts (Chute)

Step 7: Place the dog in a stay near the cone and then move the crate of ducks outside the paddock gates with the assistance of the duck wrangler. 5 pts (specific)

\*Note: The handler should have a hand on the duck crate while it is being moved.

Step 8: Remove the 5 ducks from Pen #1 into the paddock. 5 pts (pen)

Step 9: Move these 5 ducks to the hold area and hold at least 3 in the hula hoop to the judge’s approval. 10 pts (specific)

Step 10: Move the 5 ducks to the opening of Pen#3 and gate sort the 3 marked ducks into pen #3, then add the remaining 2 ducks. 25pts (gate sort)

Step 11: Remove the 5 ducks from Pen #3 and close the gate. 10pts (pen)

Step 12: Drive or Fetch the 5 ducks to Pen #4 and load them into it so they are ready for the next competitor. 10pts (specific)

\*Note: This pen cannot be opened prior to the completion of Step 11.

Tie Breaker #1: Step 3 Gather -20pts Tie Breaker #2: Step#2 Pool and Pen-15pts

Times: Advanced have 14 minutes, Open have 17 minutes. 3 minute warnings for both. Course time starts when Pen 4 gate opens. No pen gates can be opened or preset prior to start time.

Contained distractions may be on the course ie: rabbit, Pot-Bellied Pig, llama, Geese, rooster