



Herding Training:
Introduction to Sheep
followed by Instinct Tests
Sunday 18 March 2018
960 Mt Lyall Rd, Nyora

Join us for a morning where you can introduce your dog/s to sheep in a friendly and fun atmosphere! The Introduction session will be facilitated by experienced herding instructors, competitors and current judges. You will be able to expose your dog/s to sheep and get some handy hints for your herding future; following this you can enter your dog/s in the late morning Herding Instinct Test. Completion of this session will fulfil the requirement of dogs to have had some training with sheep prior to attempting the Herding Instinct Test.

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Time: 10am

Cost: \$25 per dog (BCCV members); \$30 per dog (non-members)

Spaces are limited, please book a space for your dog. Places will be allocated in order of receiving bookings.

All enquiries and to book a place in the morning session please email Claire Stipic (cstipic@gmail.com).

Herding Tests

Please see the published schedule for details regarding the Herding Tests. We will have entry forms available on the day for those participating in the Herding Training session if they wish to enter the Instinct Test (please bring your dogs registration details). All other entries must be sent to the Trial Secretary as per the schedule.

For those who haven't trialled before below is a brief description of the Tests.

Instinct Test – a short test where the dog is required to demonstrate interest in the stock. The dog will enter on a long line, and may remain on this for the entire test. While in the arena with the handler and the stock the dog must respond to the handler and stop when asked and return to the handler when asked. During the time in the arena the dog should show that it is interested in the stock. This test is a pre-requisite to be able to enter any further tests and trials.

Herding Test – the handler and dog will have up to 10 minutes to demonstrate that they are able to work together to move the stock. The dog will work off lead, and will wait at the start to be released by the handler to the stock. The dog should be able to move the sheep around the arena, and when asked by the handler will stop and come to the handler. During the test the dog must change the direction of movement of the sheep twice, near a pylon at each end of the arena.

Pre-Trial Test – the handler and dog will have up to 10 minutes to demonstrate controlled movement of stock around a predetermined course. During the test the dog must wait to be released to the sheep by the handler, control the movement of the sheep through 4 gates, change the direction the sheep are moving, stop on the course and pen the sheep. This test is a pre-requisite to herding trials.