

# American Kennel Club Farm Dog Certification Test



SUNDAY, April 27, 2025 EVENT #2025735064 Judge: Melissa LaMere-Dragovich

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LOCATION: Whispering Echos Farm, 17169 40<sup>th</sup> St SW, Cokato, MN 55321

**These tests will run consecutively starting at 2:00 PM, second trial not to begin before 2:30 PM:**

**ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 DOGS EACH TEST. IN ORDER TO EARN THE FARM DOG CERTIFICATION (FDC) TITLE, EACH DOG MUST TAKE THE TEST TWICE UNDER TWO DIFFERENT JUDGES. HOWEVER, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ENTER BOTH TESTS.**

**Pre-ENTRIES CLOSE at 6:00 p.m. CST, on Wednesday, April 23, 2025,** at the Secretary's address. Day of Show entries will be accepted. All entries received after numerical limits are reached will be placed on an alternate's list in the order received. Drawing for run order will be held at 6 p.m. April 23, 2025 at Secretary's residence.

**Please waive signature requirements on all forms of delivery. Mail requiring signatures will be returned to sender.**

## TEST SECRETARY

**Brea LaMere** ([whisperingechosfarm@gmail.com](mailto:whisperingechosfarm@gmail.com))

**Mailing Address for Entries: 17169 40<sup>th</sup> St SW, Cokato, MN 55321 (763) 742-9001**

## JUDGES

**Melissa LaMere-Dragovich** (105881) 17169 40<sup>th</sup> St SW, Cokato, MN 55321 (763) 742-9001  
Farm Dog Certification Test One

**Kathryn Horski** (107864) 3536 Moore Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302 (952) 237-3912  
Farm Dog Certification Test Two

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Trial Chairperson:** Tim Aalto, 17169 40<sup>th</sup> St SW, Cokato, MN 55321 (763) 742-9001  
[whisperingechosfarm@gmail.com](mailto:whisperingechosfarm@gmail.com)

Amy Klein, Brea LaMere, Tim Aalto, Catherine Baumann, Alex Baumann



CERTIFICATION Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these events under The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. Gina DiNardo, Secretary

**DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER** The Farm Dog Certification Test (FDC) is open to all dogs at least nine (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. Females in season may NOT enter. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to enter provided, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the test.

#### **ENTRY FEES**

**\$40 per dog per individual test or \$70 per dog for both tests**  
(Fees include \$3.50 AKC recording fee for each entry.)  
*Entries received without correct fees will be returned.*

WHISPERING ECHOS FARM WILL NOT REFUND ANY OVERPAYMENT IF THE OVERPAYMENT IS \$10.00 OR LESS.

#### **ONLINE ENTRIES (no additional fees!)**

**<https://atlasgds.com/dogevents/wef/>**

**Make checks payable to Whispering Echos Farm** (returned check fee is \$35). All entries must be submitted on official AKC entry forms, one dog per entry form. Photocopies of entries without the AKC agreement attached are NOT acceptable. Unsigned, incomplete, or illegible entries are NOT acceptable and cannot be entered in the trial. (AKC Rule CH 14, Sec 4) Faxed entries and/or credit cards cannot be accepted.

**PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. CST**

#### **MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES PAYABLE TO:**

**Whispering Echos Farm, 17169 40<sup>th</sup> St SW, Cokato, MN 55321**

*Please Note: By providing your e-mail address, you will receive your entry confirmation and judging schedule via email.*

#### **RIBBONS & ROSETTES**

Qualifying: Dark Green Ribbon  
New Title: Dark Green & Grey Rosette

#### **MOTELS/CAMPING**

Please make sure that you pick up after your dogs, so that these motels and camping sites will continue to accept dogs. Some restrictions may apply. Double check with motels and parks regarding rates & dog policy when making your reservations.

Go to [www.explorehutchinson.com](http://www.explorehutchinson.com) for lodging options in Hutchinson, MN (19 miles from the show site)

Go to [www.buffalochamber.org](http://www.buffalochamber.org) for lodging options in Buffalo, MN (24 miles from show site)

Go to <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/622/Camping-in-Wright-County-Parks> for camping options in Wright County Parks

Go to <https://www.co.meeker.mn.us/188/Parks> for camping options in Meeker County Parks

Go to [https://www.co.mcleod.mn.us/doing\\_business/parks/index.php](https://www.co.mcleod.mn.us/doing_business/parks/index.php) for camping options in McLeod County Parks

**All owners/exhibitors should be aware that the entire motel/RV site and grounds are considered within the trial limits. You will be responsible for all damage to your motel room and may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the rules of the AKC. Any abuse of the motel/adjoining grounds will be brought to the attention of the show giving club and its Trial Committee. Any exhibitor's entries may be refused for previous misuse of the motel/RV facilities. This is an AKC supported measure.**

## **NOTICES TO EXHIBITORS**

The Trial Site will be available to exhibitors at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27, 2025.

These tests will be held outdoors.

A cool-off tub will be provided if weather deems it necessary.

The safety of the dogs is our primary concern.

By entering these tests, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this event, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all requirements safely.

Dogs may not be left in closed vehicles without proper ventilation. If dogs are found in distress, Whispering Echos Farm will take appropriate action.

All dogs present must be held on leash or otherwise restricted.

Under NO circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting stock or interfere outside the arena during another dog's test. (See Chapter 1, Section 20 of the AKC herding regulations.)

Entry fees will not be refunded if a dog is absent, unless the dog replaced by an alternate from the alternates' list; disqualified; excused; or barred from competition by action of the Judge or Trial Committee.

No entry fees will be refunded if the tests cannot open or be completed because of riots, civil disturbance, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. Whispering Echos Farm reserves the right to cancel these trials in the event of extreme weather conditions and no entry fee refunds will be made in such case.

Owners are responsible for errors on completed entry forms, whoever may make such errors, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date.

Changes, additions, or corrections to entry forms must be received in writing, by telegram or e-mail prior to the close of entries. Those received by telephone are not acceptable.

Telephone, e-mail, and unsigned entries cannot be accepted. Entries not on an Official AKC Entry Form and photocopies of entry forms without the Agreement and Rules of the Official AKC Form are Not acceptable.

Post-dated and returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. A collection fee of \$35.00 will be added to the amount of each returned check.

No refund for duplicate entries. Care will be taken to find duplicates, however, if an entry has been processed, no refund will be made.

No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

No alcoholic beverages allowed on the test site.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dog and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. There will be no refunds of entry fees, if a person is asked to leave the trial site.

Absolutely no dogs under 6 months of age are permitted on the trial grounds.

Exhibitors alone are responsible for being at the test area when it is their turn to run. Judges are not required to wait for any dog.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations. Proof of rabies vaccination should be available if requested.

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and are able to perform all searches safely. 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 an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case no refund of any fees paid will be made.

Management is not responsible for the loss of, damage to, or death of any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any participant, whether the result of accident or any other cause. It is expressly understood that every dog at the show is in the care and custody and control of its owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises.

Whispering Echos Farm, the trial secretary, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by spectators, exhibitors, handlers, their employees, or children, etc., or to any of their dogs or property. Entrants and spectators to this test site do so entirely at their own risk. No one shall have any recourse or claim against Whispering Echos Farm or any official thereof.

Whispering Echos Farm does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for these events.

This test is governed by the American Kennel Club. Exhibitors should read the AKC agreement on the entry blank attached to the Premium List. The Regulations for Herding Trials are available from the AKC at 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390 or [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). All AKC Rules of Conduct will be strictly enforced.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO TEST SITE**

From East: Take 394/Hwy 12 west to the city of Cokato. Continue through town and an additional 3 miles. Turn right at the High School onto CR 100/Reardon Ave. Follow this for 1 mile, the road makes a 90 degree turn to the left, go to the second driveway on the left (through the red gates).


From the South/North: Take Hwy 15 to Hwy 12 and go east for approximately 3.5 miles. Take a left at the High School onto CR 100/Reardon Ave. Follow this for 1 mile, the road makes a 90 degree turn to the left, go to the second driveway on the left (through the red gates).

From the West: Take Hwy 12 and go approximately 3.5 miles east of Dassel. Take a left at the High School onto CR 100/Reardon Ave. Follow this for 1 mile, the road makes a 90 degree turn to the left, go to the second driveway on the left (through the red gates).

#### **EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICE**

Blue Pearl Pet Hospital, 7717 Flying Cloud Dr, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 (952) 942-8272

## Official American Kennel Club Farm Dog Certification Entry Form

<b>Club:</b> Whispering Echos Farm		<b>Dates:</b> Sunday, April 27, 2025 Sunday, April 27, 2025		<b>Event #:</b> Test One: 2025735064 Test Two: 2025735065	
<b>Location:</b> Whispering Echos Farm, 17169 40 <sup>th</sup> St SW, Cokato, MN 55321				<b>Total Entry Fee Enclose:</b> \$	
<b>Tests:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Both Tests: Sunday Test One and Test Two, 4.27.25, Fee \$70 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Test One 4.27.25, Fee \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Test Two 4.27.25, Fee \$40					
<b>Full Name of Dog:</b>				<b>Call Name:</b>	
<b>Breed:</b>			<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC No. <input type="checkbox"/> AKC Litter No. <input type="checkbox"/> ILP/PAL No. <input type="checkbox"/> FSS No.				<b>Foreign No and List Country:</b>	
<b>Sire:</b>					
<b>Dam:</b>					
<b>Name of Breeder:</b>					
<b>Actual Owner:</b>					
<b>Owner's Address:</b>					
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>					
<b>Name of Owners Agent/Handler:</b>			<b>Agent/Handler's Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="margin-right: 20px;">  </div> <div> <p>AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies, and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: <a href="http://www.akc.org">www.akc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGREEMENT</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 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 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 the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) will pay for any injuries or the replacement value in the 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). 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 PURSU- ANT 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</p> </div> </div>					
<b>Signature of Owner or his Agent duly authorized to make this entry:</b>					
<b>Telephone:</b>			<b>Email:</b>		