



# HERDING INSTINCT TESTING

Sunday, April 17, 2011

A fundraiser for the 2011 Canadian All Breed Herding Championship Showcase



**When:** Sunday, April 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Downriver Farm, 58428 McKay Road, Laidlaw (near Hope), British Columbia. (15 km. west of Hope)

**Directions: Heading west on Hwy #1:** Take **exit #160** "Laidlaw, Hunter Creek, Rest Area", go under the freeway and turn right at the first road (there's a stop sign at the exit, don't turn there or you'll go onto the freeway the wrong way! Go to the next stop sign and turn right).

You are now running parallel with the freeway heading towards Chilliwack. Go about 4 km, and turn Left at McKay Road. Downriver Farm is the first driveway on the right. It is a long driveway with a blue house, blue barns, blue garage, blue heelers — but happy people!

**Heading east on Hwy #1:** Take the **exit #153** "Jones Lake, Laidlaw". The exit veers to the right—you are now running parallel with the freeway, still heading towards Hope. Drive for approximately 2 km and turn right on McKay Road. Downriver Farm is the first driveway on the right—long driveway and blue buildings! Downriver Farm is the only farm that has sheep.

**Using GPS:** Input "58428 McKay Road". Tell the GPS to search all cities in BC. If it offers you Fraser Valley - choose that.

**Cost:** \$50. (Canadian funds) per dog (paid pre-registration required)

**Testers:** Lynn Leach and Nancy Barker.

**Equipment:** This is an outdoor venue. Dress for the weather and bring water and water bucket for your dog. Footing may be muddy so boots are recommended. Don't forget your camera!

**What is herding instinct testing?** Although a herding instinct test (HIC) is not an official title in Canada, it is a good way to find out if your dog has herding instinct. The tester does all the "work". The owner stays outside the pen and gets to take lots of photos—and beam with pride! The tester brings the dog into a pen on leash and will watch how the dog and sheep react to each other. Among other things, the tester will look for a non-aggressive dog that watches the stock and controls or tries to control their movement. Also whether the dog is "gathering" the sheep or trying to "drive" them, if the dog likes to work wide or close, how responsive the dog is to the tester, if the dog is willing to work with the tester and if the dog has natural 'balance' on the sheep. A written critique is provided and an HIC certificate is issued if your dog is successful.

We encourage you to register early. Space is **LIMITED** and this event is expected to fill quickly. **Only paid pre-registration will reserve your place. Pre-registrations close on Monday, April 11, 2011.** If there is space available, entries 'on the day' will be considered. For more information, contact Louise Watson at tazra@shaw.ca or 604.589.8171

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**Make cheques/money orders payable to Downriver Farm and send with completed and signed registration/release form to: Louise Watson, 9435 — 158 Street, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada V4N 3B7**

**Dog's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on the certificate)

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Call Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle your preferred time: 9am-10am 10am-11am 11am-12pm 1pm-2pm 2pm-3pm 3pm-4pm 4pm-5pm**

*Approximately 4 dogs will be scheduled with each tester in each one hour time slot. You will be contacted with your assigned time. We will attempt to accommodate preferred times but can make no guarantees.*

**Release:** I release Lynn Leach, Nancy Barker, Downriver Farm and the 2011 Canadian All Breed Herding Championship Showcase Committee ("2011 Committee") from all responsibility, liability for any injury or claimed damage/loss to me or my dog(s) that I have brought onto this farm. I further agree that in consideration for participation or training my dog(s) or competing with my dog(s) and/or instinct testing of my dog(s), I agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near this training/competition, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog(s) I have entered in or brought to train. I further agree that I will not hold Lynn Leach, Nancy Barker, Downriver Farm and their families, the trial or clinic committee, other students and their family(ies) and the 2011 Committee harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claimed damage or loss, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, caused at or near this training/competition whether directly or indirectly, by or to me or any dog(s) I have brought for training. I also agree to pay for any damages to the stock (injury or death) caused by my dog whether it be accidental or intentional. Cost per sheep: \$125.00. Downriver Farm, the trial or clinic committee, Lynn Leach, Nancy Barker, and their family(ies) and the 2011 Committee do not have and do not exercise control of the conduct of those present for herding training or events. I certify and represent that the dog(s) I have entered in or brought to this place is (are) not a hazard to other dogs, other animals or to people.

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Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

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Date

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Printed Name of Owner or Authorized Agent: