



Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of Southern California

## HERDING INSTINCT TEST Saturday, March 20, 2021



### What is a Herding Instinct Test?

The herding instinct test will introduce your Corgi to 3 head of dog broke sheep to see if the Corgi can herd. Instinct cannot be taught and prior experience on stock is not required. Kathleen Smith, a herding trainer knowledgeable in herding instinct, will take your Corgi into the arena for the test and conduct the evaluation for instinct.

### Is My Corgi Eligible?

All purebred Corgis, Pembroke or Cardigan, 9 months of age or older may enter the test. You need not be a member of a national club, the PWCCSC or CWCCSC. Your Corgi does not need to be AKC registered or have an ILP or PAL number to test for instinct. We welcome all Corgis to join us for this fun day on sheep. First-timers will have priority over those who have passed the test in prior years but want another opportunity for their Corgi to herd sheep.

### Where will the test be held?

The herding instinct test will be held at: Diamond K9 Event Center, 3349 Riverside Drive Chino, CA, 91710

### What do I need to bring?

You will need to bring shade, water, chairs for yourselves, and any other necessary comfort items for you or your dog. The testing process takes a while so be prepared to be on site for an hour or more.

All who attend this event are expected to maintain the trial site in a clean and tidy condition. Please **no smoking** at the venue.

### How do I enter the instinct test?

Fill out the Herding Test Entry Form available at this website. Mail the form with the \$40.00 entry fee for each dog, payable to PWCCSC to:

AJ Listman  
516 East Avenue J12  
Lancaster, CA 93535



### Who should I contact if I have questions?

First please read the FAQs on page 2. If you still have questions, you may contact:

AJ Listman: [copperjester@gmail.com](mailto:copperjester@gmail.com)

## FAQs

Q: Does my dog have to be registered?

A: Corgis do not have to be registered to be eligible to participate, but they do need to be purebred Pembroke or Cardigans

Q: My corgi is only part corgi or is half Pembroke and half Cardigan, can I still enter?

A: Sorry, the instinct test is for purebred Pembroke & Cardigans only.

Q: How old does my corgi have to be?

A: To be eligible for testing, corgis must be a minimum of 9 months old

Q: Can I enter & pay online?

A: Sorry, the only way to enter and pay is to fill out the entry form and mail it with either a check or a money order made out to PWCCSC in accordance with the instructions at the bottom of the form. The club has no means for accepting electronic payment. It is not legal nor advisable to cash through the mail.

Q: Can I reserve a place via email?

A: You may give a heads up via email, however some people don't use the internet so to be fair, a received, paid entry is the only true place holder. The postmark on the entry determines the order in which dogs are entered, when 35 entries have been recorded, a waiting list will be started.

Q: How will I know if my corgi has a place reserved?

A: When your entry and check have been received and recorded in the master spreadsheet, you will be notified via email. If you don't receive an email confirmation within 2 weeks of mailing it, you may email to check on it, entries have been lost in the mail for as much as 6 weeks; only happened twice, but it can happen.

Q: How often do people on the waiting list get to participate?

A: People do drop out at the last minute as stuff happens, so it is possible to get in up to the last minute. And it has happened almost every year, sometimes as many as 5 people on the wait list are able to participate.

Q: How do I get on the waiting list?

A: Again, only a received paid entry is the only true place holder, and the postmark determines the order of the waiting list. Once the 35 participant number has been reached, any other received entries will be contacted to determine if they wish to be on the waiting list. Those who wish to be on the waiting list will be placed there, those who don't will have their entry forms and checks shredded.

Q: What about gathering restrictions due to Covid?

A: With the Covid gathering restrictions, we ask that no more than 2 people accompany a dog and once you have checked in, please keep your distance from others and please remember to wear your mask! Your dog will be called by name when his turn is coming up. We will start testing at 9, we ask that people arrive a few minutes early to check in, dogs will be tested in the order of check in. A full test of 35 dogs will take about 4-5 hours, if you wish to test earlier, plan to arrive by 10 AM, all dogs must be checked in by 11:30. In the event that we do not have 35 dogs entered, the final time to check in will be revised and all entered dogs will be notified via email.