



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold Herding Events**

Subject: **New Course D added to Herding Regulations**

This communication is to inform your club of a recent change to the *AKC Herding Regulations*.

A new course called Course D (ranch or stock dog course) has been included into the Herding Program. This course is a unique course which provides for trials consistent with tasks required of a working dog on a ranch, farm or stockyard. Course D work scores a dog's ability to perform practical ranch tasks such as sorting, trailer loading/unloading, moving the herd along alleyways or through mock footbaths, etc. These simulated tasks using sheep or goats as livestock on a customizable course are applicable to real situations showcasing the teamwork involved between dog and handler.

Herding applications with requests to hold Course D will be accepted starting April 2, 2018 for events held on or after July 2, 2018. Clubs will be able to hold this course at all three levels each with their own title; Started (HSDS), Intermediate (HIDS) and Advanced (HXDS). The Master level title will also be available for this course via the usual [title application](#). All current Herding Trial judges will automatically be grandfathered to judge Course D.

The specific change is:

A new chapter will appear starting on page 71 called, Chapter VIII Course D.

This change will be reflected in the next reprinting of the *AKC Herding Regulations*.

All regulations for Course D are available on the Herding Regulation Resource page:

<http://www.akc.org/herding-regulation-resources/>

This e-mail is being sent to the President and Secretary of all clubs licensed to hold Herding Events as well as currently approved Herding Trial Judges. This announcement will be posted on the AKC Herding website found at: <http://www.akc.org/events/herding/>

Comments, questions or applications can be e-mailed to the AKC at: herding@akc.org