

Herding Tests & Trials - Judges' Eligibility Requirements

*For all Judges Information please review
Chapter II Section 1. Judges of the [AKC Herding Regulations](#)*

Prior to any Judging for Herding:

Minimum Age:	21
Seminar:	Yes –must attend seminar within the past 18 months
Written Test:	Yes –must pass the Herding General exam found online in Canine College in past 18 months.
Sport Experience:	Five years of herding experience including work with dogs and stock.
Handling Experience:	Must have trained and handled 2 dogs which have earned a AKC Herding Excellent (HX) title

Prior to Judging a Herding Test:

There are three levels in Herding Tests –

- Herding Instinct (Certificate)
- Herding Tested (HT)
- Pre-Trial Tested (PT)

Apprenticeship:	Must apprentice judge or serve as a judge's scribe at each test level to be judged at least three times.
Written Test:	Yes – must pass online test called Herding Tests-HT/PT

Prior to Judging a Herding Trial:

There are four course types in Herding trials –

- Course A
- Course B
- Course C
- Course D

Apprenticeship:	Must apprentice judge or serve as a judge's scribe on each course to be judged at least three times.
Written Test:	Yes – must pass online test for the specific course

To Maintain Ability to Judge:

Seminars:	Must attend a seminar every 4 years
Written Test:	Yes – must pass applicable exam(s) online
Frequency of Judging:	No requirements