

2020 ABC Herding Tests and Trials In The Books!

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Region 2, once again, put on a very successful ABC Herding Test and Trials in Berryville, Virginia. I believe we had eight Beaucerons present, with several new titles earned by the breed. The FDC and ATT were huge hits, and although the judges were worn out, those titles were very profitable.



Attendees of the 2020 ABC Herding Event: (l-r) Jon Hicks with Arya and Nytro, Allison Davis (standing), Jasmine Sanders and Lily, Justine Bradley with Recon and Mango, Courtney Goddard and Kenai (standing), Debbie Baker and Hartza, Sarah Saucier and Reine, Sara Reid and Pride, Alicia Wells and Giselle.

Sara Reid and Pride D Matcho du Chateau Rocher (Pride) completed their HT and the FDC. Jon Hicks and GCH CH Nostradamus Des Gardiens D'Apollinaire (Nytro), HSAsM FDC, competed on Saturday and Sunday, earning three more Qs in Started A Course Sheep, and placing in all three trials (first, second, and third!). With these qualifying runs,

Nytro has earned his Herding Started Course A Sheep Master title.



Sara Reid's Pride and his loot from the trial

The 2019 trial made \$2,100 for the ABC. I am beyond happy to report that the net profit from the 2020 trial is \$5,435.16. It is only because of the members in Regions 1 and 2 that we can sustain these numbers. Our Maryland and Virginia members were the primary volunteers, but we even had members from Ohio and Pennsylvania who drove through terrible weather to be at the trial on Saturday.

I cannot thank those who helped to make this trial such a success enough. I am already looking forward to next year's trial, and many more in the years to come.

Regards,

Jon Hicks, Region 2 Director and 2020 Herding Trial Chair