

**Wanting to Enjoy Some Quality Time with Your Dog?
Looking to Earn a Performance Title?
Hoping to Start a New Hobby?**

Get a great start by spending three exciting days doing what your dog was bred to do...



**Tending Sheep!
June 25, 26 and 27
Join us in Spencer, MA**

You and your dog will be working with sheep developing the skill foundation to achieve success.

- Each dog/handler team will be working on sheep at least twice a day
- Learn other exercises away from stock that will make your time on stock more productive.
- Unlock the mystery of “reading” sheep
- Develop strategies to effectively communicate with your dog including using a crook
- Understand the elements of the AKC PT title

After three solid days of effective instruction, you will be able to earn your dog’s PT with some additional practice time this year.

The chief instructor is Susan Sullivan, a highly sought after trainer with over 25 years of experience in working tending dogs. Susan has been showing her German Shepherd Dogs since 1981 in conformation and obedience as well as herding. Her and her students’ dogs have earned titles at the highest level of the sport. She is also an AKC judge licensed in all phases of AKC herding. Other instructors are members of the Blackstone Valley Herding Group Association who have earned many titles including herding championships. Several of our members are also AKC herding judges.

This event is strictly limited to only six dog/handler teams. Dogs must be at least 15 months old, and must be a German Shepherd Dog, Briard, Beauceron, Berger Picard, or any of the four Belgian Shepherds. This clinic is for dogs with minimal exposure to tending. Passing an instinct evaluation is not required. Dogs that have been training previously for gather/fetch (AKC A course, B course, AHBA, ASCA) are also candidates as this is an entirely different type of work.

The cost is \$350.00 for the three days, \$275 for two days or \$200 for one day. Handlers that sign up for all three days will have priority. Spectators are welcome, the cost to audit the clinic is \$25 per day.

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