



RURAL HILL NEWS RELEASE

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Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials and Dog Festival November 7 & 8

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HUNTERSVILLE, NC: Now in its 19th year – no other dog festival in the area can offer more fun or variety! The **RURAL HILL SHEEPDOG TRIALS AND DOG FESTIVAL** will be held November 7 & 8 at Historic Rural Hill. The fun filled event features the United States Border Collie Handlers' Association, Carolina Dock Dogs, the Greater Charlotte Shetland Sheepdog Club, and more! Pets are welcome at the event and need to remain leashed and under their owner's control. Gates open at 10 AM each day. Admission is \$11 per person ages 13+, \$7.50 for children ages 5-12, and children 4 and under are admitted free. Admission includes sales tax. For advance tickets and complete event details, visit www.ruralhill.net.



What better way to wrap up the fall season than with your canine pal and several hundred of their new best friends? Bring your family, friends, and dog (or dogs) to the Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials and Dog Festival. National Border Collie Shepherding Championships will be held over the two day event, as will as Carolina Dock Dogs and Dog Sports demonstrations featuring the Greater Charlotte Shetland Sheepdog Club and others! Also on hand will be North Carolina beer and wine, heritage breed livestock, hay rides, historic craft and cooking demos, food vendors, shopping, open trails, antique tractors, living history demonstrations in the 1760's cabin, pumpkin chunkin', corn launchin', kid's activities, and much more!

Sheepdog Trials

Sanctioned by the United States Border Collies Handlers Association, the Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials are open to any herding breeds, but the majority of entries are Border Collies. The Trials are based on tasks that a working dog is asked to do on the farm. The ultimate goal of a trial is for the handler to use his dog to herd the sheep through a series of gates and into a pen, using only voice and whistle commands to communicate. Points are awarded based on how well the dog and their handler complete several separate phases of competition. The team with the most points wins!

Carolina Dock Dogs

Dock Dogs is open to dogs of all sizes, breeds, and the only age requirement is dogs must be 6 months old. The sport is comprised of three disciplines; Big Air, Extreme Vertical, and Speed Retrieve. There is also the Iron Dog division that competes in all three disciplines.

Advance ticket purchasing and complete event information is available at www.ruralhill.net.

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Celebrating more than 250 years in history...Rural Hill is located at 4431 Neck Road (off Beatties Ford Road) in Huntersville, 28078. The former homestead of Major John and Violet Davidson, the 265 acre site is maintained and promoted by Rural Hill and features annual events such as the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, the Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze and the Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials. Rural Hill Inc. is a non-profit organization supported through membership and donations, and with proceeds from its events utilized for the preservation of historic Rural Hill and its education efforts. For more information on events or for financial support accepted securely online, please visit www.ruralhill.net.

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