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The handler sends the dog on the outrun to lift and fetch the stock. Once the stock have passed behind the handler's post, the handler leaves the post and then leads the stock and dog around the remainder of the course in a fetching manner. The handler may not enter the pen.

The exercises are:

- 1) Outrun
- 2) Lift
- 3) Fetch
- 4) Turn around the handler's post
- 5) Fetch through Gate #1 and Gate #2
- 6) Pen
- 7) Hold

## Description of Exercises

The timing of the entire run and the scoring for this exercise begins when the handler sends the dog and the dog leaves the handler's side to begin the outrun.

### The Outrun

From a position near the handler standing at the post (but not more than 50 percent of the dog behind the handler), the dog begins its outrun, either right or left, in a cast which is neither too straight nor too wide, arriving behind the livestock at a sufficient distance from them so as to not unduly disturb them. Should the livestock have moved, or be moving, the correct end to the outrun should be when the dog is at the head of the livestock and in a position to bring them on to the course line.

The outrun ends when the dog is in position behind the stock to start the lift.

### Lift

This exercise begins when the dog is in position to lift the livestock. The lift ends when the stock are put into motion.

### Fetch

The fetch begins as the stock move down the course. Once the livestock are on the move (lifted) they should be brought at a steady pace to pass behind the handler's post in a clockwise direction. The fetch ends when the stock are behind the handler's post.

**Drive (Intermediate)**

The drive begins as the stock come out from behind the handler's post in a clockwise direction. The handler will remain at the handler's post until the stock clears Gate #1. The handler may then leave the handler's post and walk to any appropriate position to meet the dog and stock and will fetch and/or drive the stock to and through Gate #2 and to the pen. All movement of the stock during the drive must be quiet, steady, controlled, on straight lines. There are no retries for missed gates. The drive ends when the stock enters the pen working area.

**Pen**

The penning exercise begins when the stock enters the working area in front of the pen. The livestock should move directly into the pen without leaving the working area in front of the pen gate. The handler may leave the post after the livestock have passed through the last gate, and may then proceed to the pen where he or she will take hold of the rope and may not drop the rope until all of the stock have entered the pen or the handler elects to move

**The Hold (Started and Intermediate)**

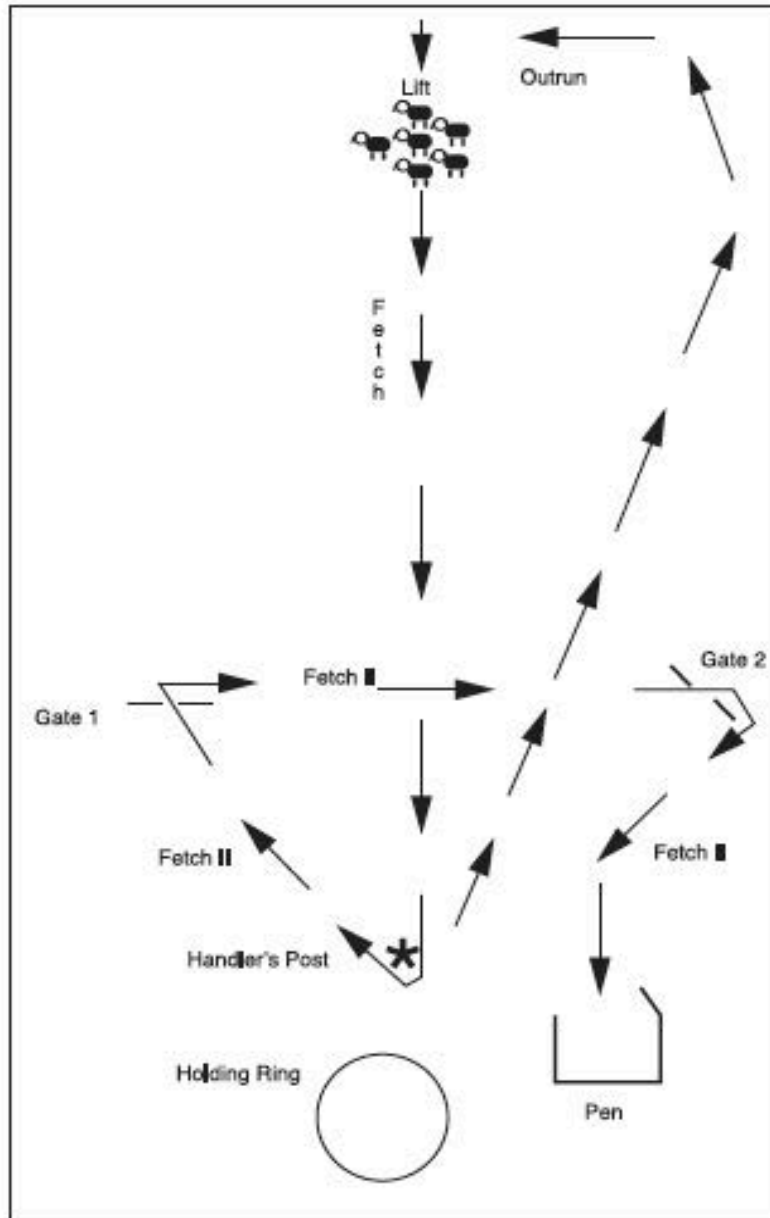
The hold exercise begins as the dog takes the stock from the pen to the shedding ring. The dog must hold the stock to the handler within the shedding ring until the Judge says, "That's a hold."

Time ends and the run is completed.

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Course size:	Sheep & Cattle	Minimum outrun	150 feet
		Maximum outrun	300 feet
	Ducks	Minimum outrun	60 feet
		Maximum outrun	100 feet

Each Fetch III leg shall be  $\frac{1}{3}$  the total length of the outrun with a minimum length of 100 feet for sheep and cattle or 50 feet for ducks



**OUTRUN**

The correct path of the outrun may be to either side of the course and may be outside the drive panels depending on the width of the course.

**GATES**

The gate openings shall be 21' for sheep and cattle, 8' for ducks.

**PEN**

The pen shall be from 6' x 6' up to 8' x 8' for sheep, 12' x 12' for cattle, or 4' x 4' for ducks.

**HOLDING RING**

The holding ring diameter shall be no smaller than 30 feet (Started & Intermediate) or 60 feet (for Advanced) for sheep and cattle, 20' for ducks.