

SUNDOWNER STOCKDOG ASSOCIATION

September 2008

Welcome back from the break. Hope everyone had a great summer. We started off this fall with "Ike" trying to rain out the fun. Saturday was a dreary, rainy day, BUT, with an arena like Crossfire with so much covered area, the fun was not spoiled. Saturday we had 33 dogs and Sunday we had 28 dogs. I do think the bad weather kept a few people away. Our next trial will be held on **October 11-12** and will be the last regular season trial of the 2008 year. November 7, 8, & 9 will be the Futurity and Challenge trial.

Futurity Information November 7, 8, 9, @ Crossfire Arena, Calera Ok. Door prizes, big money, lots of dogs, and lots of fun! At the Crossfire arena, Friday after the trial, there will be a membership meeting and awards dinner. All members, sponsors, and Futurity participants are welcome. Futurity dogs cannot be 2 yrs. old before Sept. 1, 2008. You may enter a dog that has only participated in "puppy" futurities. Dogs cannot have competed in any SSA trial. Entrants are guaranteed 2 rounds with top ten going back to short go. You may enter, and/or handle, as many dogs as you want. Entry fee is \$300. A copy of registration papers **MUST** accompany entry form. Please add any information you would like to be printed in the program, such as, "for sale", ready for stud service, etc. **Entry deadline is Sept. 30.** (Starts @ 9:00 a.m. daily)
Mail entries to: Janet McBride, 621 W. Hardesty Rd. Caney, Ok 74533.
Phone: 580-889-1512

SUNDOWNER CROSSFIRE SPRING FUTURITY

Nov. 7, 8, 9, 2008

ENTRY FORM

Date_____

Handler Name_____

Owner name_____

Dog Name_____ Dog Date of Birth_____

Entry Fee Paid_____

Contact Phone No._____

ENTRY FEE AND PROOF OF DOG'S AGE, MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM.
(registration papers or breeder verification)

There will also be a Crossfire Challenge. Two classes, open and non-open, \$60 entry fee, with an added \$200 for each dog you want to try for the finals. So, if you want to have a shot at the finals it will cost \$320 per dog. The number of dogs called back for the finals will be determined by the number of entries. Day money will be paid, with a larger sum in the final round. Enter the Challenge the day of the trial. Buckles and jackets will be awarded

Classes Our Beginners class continues to grow. This means the word is getting out about our organization and how enjoyable cattle dog trialing can be. These guys and girls went to OKC and put on a great show. I am very proud of our new people. Remember, we were all new to this once so please continue to encourage and cheer them on. For the rest of us “old ones” check and see if you need to move into a different class starting in January. The only way this organization will continue to improve is if we are all accountable and honest.

Oklahoma State Fair, held Sept.16 SSA members represented the cattle dog sport of trialing very well. The day went well and ran smoothly. The cattle were a “little” sticky but I guess that is all part of the game, the luck of the draw. Thanks to all who helped put up and tear down. Thanks to everyone who participated what with the price of fuel and everything else, it took money and effort to attend. Darrell Cook and his big 32’ trailer reminded me of that old song, “Give me 40 acres and I will turn this rig around”. He didn’t need near that much room. I guess he has had plenty of practice driving such a rig. Plans are already being thought about to improve the situation next year. The directors just finish one trial and start working on the next one to make it even better. We hope everyone had a good time!