

2026 TOP DOG HERDING AWARDS

The points for the ARC Top Dog Herding Awards are based on class placements and wins at AKC licensed trials from January 1st through December 31st, as reported in the AKC Rottweiler Award Reports. There are 3 levels of awards: Started, Intermediate; Advanced. Courses & Stock are combined for each level. The points are calculated as follows:

PLACEMENT	The dog must place in a class, then 1 point is counted for each dog defeated in the class, i.e. if a dog was 1st in a Herding Started A Sheep class that had 7 entries, the dog would earn 6 points (7 total class entries minus 1 (dog itself).
HIGH IN TRIAL	A HIT win is calculated as minus 1 point from the show's total entry as listed in the AKC Rottweiler Awards Reports.
RESERVE HIT	Reserve High In Trial would be calculated as minus 2 points.

Dog must have a minimum of 5 points to be in the Final Top Dog Awards.

Prior to 2018, there was only 1 award level, with all Herding Classes being combined.

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1st Quarter

There were no Rottweilers who placed at any Herding Trials held during the 1st Quarter 2026.