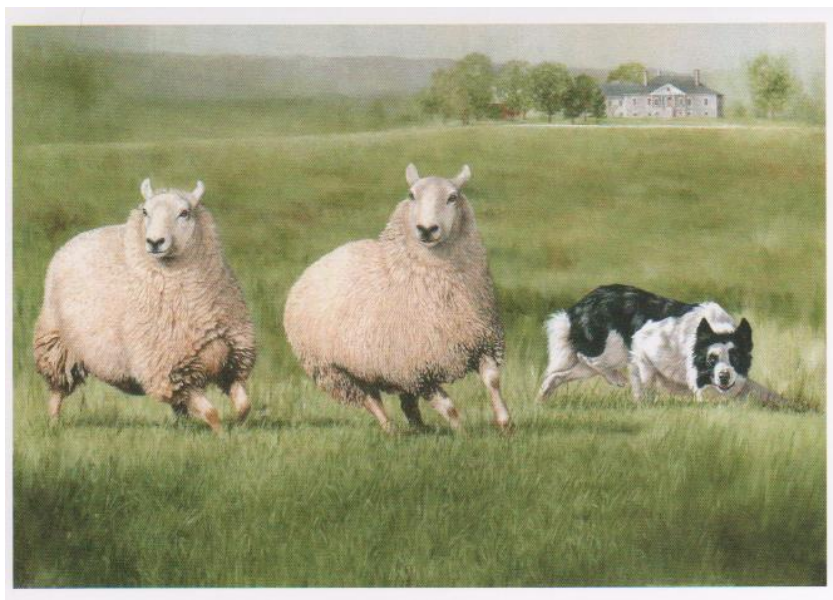


# The 2010 National Finals Sheepdog Trials

## September 18-26, 2010



### The wisest dogs in the world compete for the 2010 North American Championship!

**Belle Grove Plantation**

**DATE:** September 18-26, 2010

**TIME:** Competitions daily, beginning around 8 a.m.

**LOCATION:** 336 Belle Grove Road, Middletown, VA 22645

**MORE:** Call Belle Grove for tickets (540)869-2028

*Enjoy the competitions and a cold brew!*

In 1797, when Major Isaac Hite needed advice about his 2000 sheep, likely he turned to his friend, the noted agricultural improver Thomas Jefferson. Perhaps Jefferson provided Hite's sheepdogs.

From September 18 to 26, the 2010 National Finals Sheepdog Trials will be held at Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown Virginia - on the same land Isaac Hite worked.

The National Finals is the Sheepdog Superbowl, where one hundred fifty of the best dogs in the United States and Canada compete for the annual North American championship.

A beautiful, difficult, gentle sport, sheepdog trialing is fascinating to watch. Spectators remark, "I didn't know dogs could do that!"

The kids can enjoy working dog demos; shearing and spinning. They and their parents can tour the Belle Grove mansion, whose recently restored rooms prove that what we thought we knew about eighteen century taste is wrong.

The first weekend, September 18th and 19th, nursery dogs (under 3 years old) will compete. Then Tuesday through Friday, qualifications will be held for the Saturday, September 25 semi-finals. Sunday, September 26, the top seventeen dogs will compete in the Double Lift - the most difficult test of man dog communication ever devised.

It's a gentle, beautiful, animal-friendly day in the country. Admission: \$12 for adults Children 6-12: \$6. Adult Season Tickets: \$60 and Children Season Tickets: \$30