

JUDGING PROGRAM

(UNBENCHED/INDOORS)

4 AKITA SPECIALTIES AT ONE LOCATION MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

2 Regional Specialty Shows with AKC National Owner-Handled Series
SHOW I IS LIMITED TO 100 ENTRIES EVENT # 2018194722
SHOW II IS LIMITED TO 100 ENTRIES EVENT # 2018194723

&
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

11th Annual Pre-National Specialty Show

with AKC National Owner-Handled Series & Obedience Trial EVENT # 2018194719
& 10th Annual Pre-National Specialty Rally Trial EVENT # 2018194713

&
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

33rd National Specialty Show with Futurity, Maturity, Sweepstakes,
Veteran Sweepstakes, Breeders Cup Sweepstakes, AKC National Owner-Handled Series,
Obedience Trial & Junior Showmanship

EVENT #s 2018194707, 2018194720 & 2018194721 & 2018194710
& 14th National Specialty Rally Trial EVENT # 2018194714
& Four-To-Six Month Beginner Puppy EVENT # 2018194712



(Member of the American Kennel Club)

Held at **STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL AND CONFERENCE
CENTER, 366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566**
www.sturbridgehosthotel.com 508-347-7393

**THE 2018 SHOWS ARE DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF
JOHN NEWLAND & CAROL HARRIS**

SHOW HOURS EACH DAY 6:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. EDT

Dogs are not required to be at the show until scheduled time of judging. All dogs not needed for further judging will be excused.
SHOW LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EXHIBITORS ON SUN., OCT. 7, 2018, after Noon
Dogs must be removed from the Show Site immediately following Best of Breed judging. For more complete information and updates, see the ACA website at www.akitaclub.org

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS..... at all 4 AKITA SPECIALTIES
BEST PUPPY BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR BEST VETERAN

AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES held at the 2 Regional Specialty Shows,
the Pre-National Specialty Show & the National Specialty Show.

Full details on pages 14. **DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE OWNER-HANDLED
BOX ON THE ENTRY FORM IF ENTERING THIS COMPETITION.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 - FOUR-TO-SIX MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY

SHOW SECRETARIES

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1937 Abernathy Creek Rd, Longview, WA 98632
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Judges are not required to wait for dogs. They will adhere as closely as possible to the judging schedule printed in this program. The owner or handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when its class is to be judged. The show-giving Club and Superintendent have no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required. Being an unbench show, you need to be at show only in time for your judging and may leave any time after judging. Numbers before each Breed represent the number of dogs entered in (1) the regular dog classes; (2) regular bitch classes; (3) Specials Only, Best of Breed or Best of Variety Competition; and in (4) Non-Regular classes.

For your convenience, the following class divisions have been carefully tabulated; however, neither the Club nor the Superintendent assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

Regional Specialty Show

SHOW I

There are 80 Dogs entered in this show with a total of 80 entries

RING 1

JUDGE: Mrs. Lisa Warren
—80 DOGS

8:00AM

- 1 6-9 MOS PUPPY DOG
- 5 9-12 MOS PUPPY DOGS
- 4 12-18 MOS DOGS
- 4 BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS
- 1 AMERICAN BRED DOG
- 3 OPEN DOGS

WINNERS DOG

- 2 9-11 YRS VETERAN DOGS
- 3 6-9 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
- 4 9-12 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
- 1 12-18 MOS BITCH
- 7 BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES
- 1 AMERICAN BRED BITCH
- 13 OPEN BITCHES

WINNERS BITCH

- 4 7-9 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
- 3 9-11 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
- 24 BEST OF BREED 17D,7B

Regional Specialty Show

SHOW II

There are 77 Dogs entered in this show with a total of 77 entries.

RING 1

JUDGE: Mrs. Helen Mary Burke
—77 DOGS

1:00PM

- 1 6-9 MOS PUPPY DOG
- 3 9-12 MOS PUPPY DOGS
- 4 12-18 MOS DOGS
- 4 BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS
- 1 AMERICAN BRED DOG
- 3 OPEN DOGS

WINNERS DOG

- 3 9-11 YRS VETERAN DOGS
- 3 6-9 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
- 4 9-12 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
- 1 12-18 MOS BITCH
- 7 BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES
- 1 AMERICAN BRED BITCH
- 13 OPEN BITCHES

WINNERS BITCH

- 4 7-9 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
- 3 9-11 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
- 22 BEST OF BREED 16D,6B

Pre-National Specialty Show

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

There are 92 Dogs entered in this show with a total of 97 entries.
There are 10 Dogs entered in Rally with a total of 10 entries.

RING 1

JUDGE: Mrs. Nancy D. Simmons
—87 DOGS

9:30AM

- 1 6-9 MOS PUPPY DOG
- 5 9-12 MOS PUPPY DOGS
- 4 12-18 MOS DOGS
- 4 BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS
- 1 AMERICAN BRED DOG
- 3 OPEN DOGS

WINNERS DOG

- 3 9-11 YRS VETERAN DOGS
- 3 6-9 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
- 5 9-12 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
- 1 12-18 MOS BITCH
- 7 BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES
- 1 AMERICAN BRED BITCH
- 13 OPEN BITCHES

WINNERS BITCH

- 4 7-9 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
- 4 9-11 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
- 28 BEST OF BREED 19D,9B

RING 2

JUDGE: Ms. Elizabeth Chase
—10 OBEDIENCE & 10 RALLY ENTRIES

8:00AM

- 1 OPEN A (13)
- 1 NOV. A (11)
- 1 NOV. B (12)

PREFERRED NOVICE WALK THRU

- 3 PRFD NOVICE (18-20)

BEGINNER NOVICE A & B WALK THRU

- 1 BGNR NOVICE B (17)
- 3 BGNR NOVICE A (14-16)

9:30AM

Rally Intermediate Set-up & Walk Thru

- 4 RALLY INTERMEDIATE (17-20)

Rally Novice A & B Set-up & Walk Thru

- 1 RALLY NOVICE B (16)
- 5 RALLY NOVICE A (11-15)

National Specialty Show
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

There are 93 Dogs entered in this show with a total of 172 entries.

There are 8 Dogs entered in Obedience with a total of 11 entries.

There are 13 Dogs entered in Rally with a total of 13 entries.

There are 3 Dogs entered in Beginner Puppy with a total of 3 entries.

RING 1

JUDGE: Ms. Kathy Webster

—17 ENTRIES

9:30AM

- 2 6-9 MOS FUTURITY DOGS
- 1 9-12 MOS FUTURITY DOG
- 3 12-15 MO FUTURITY DOGS
- 3 6-9 MOS FUTURITY BITCHES
- 1 9-12 MOS FUTURITY BITCH
- 1 12-15 MO FUTURITY BITCH
- 1 15 MO + FUTURITY BITCH

GRAND FUTURITY WINNER

BEST FUTURITY PUPPY

BOS TO BEST FUTURITY PUPPY

BEST FUTURITY JUNIOR

BOS TO BEST FUTURITY JUNIOR

- 1 UNDER 24 MO MATURITY DOG
- 1 24 MO & OLDER MATURITY DOG
- 2 UNDER 24 MO MATURITY BITCHES
- 1 24 MO & OLDER MATURITY BITCH

GRAND MATURITY WINNER

BEST MATURITY JUNIOR

BOS BEST MATURITY JUNIOR

BEST MATURITY SENIOR

BOS TO BEST MATURITY SENIOR

RING 2

JUDGE: Ms. Elizabeth Chase

—11 OBEEDIENCE & 13 RALLY ENTRIES

8:00AM

- 1 OPEN A (14)
- NOVICE A WALK THRU**
- 2 NOV. A (11-12)
 - 1 NOV. B (13)
- PREFERRED NOVICE WALK THRU**
- 3 PRFD NOVICE (19-21)
- BEGINNER NOVICE A & B WALK THRU**
- 3 BGNR NOVICE A (15-17)
 - 1 BGNR NOVICE B (18)

9:00AM

Rally Intermediate Set-up & Walk Thru

5 RALLY INTERMEDIATE (19-23)

Rally Novice A & B Set-up & Walk Thru

- 1 RALLY NOVICE B (18)
- 7 RALLY NOVICE A (11-17)

Top Twenty Invitational Competition

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

RING 1

JUDGE: Mrs. Terrie Breen

—33 ENTRIES

10:00AM

- 1 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP ENTRIES
(1 NV INTR)
- 29 BEST OF BREED 20D,9B
- 3 BRACE CLASS

BEST PUPPY

BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR

BEST VETERAN

JUDGES

Mrs. Terrie Breen, 70 Timothy Terr, Windsor, CT 06095-1652

Mrs. Helen Mary Burke, Red Lea Kennels Bourbles Ln Preesall, Pouton-Le-Fylde Lancs UK, FY6 0PE

Ms. Elizabeth Chase, 17 Old Stagecoach Dr, Monson, MA 01057-9717

Ms. Carol Foti, PO Box 666, Woodacre, CA 94973

Dr. Rebecca Kestle, 246 McGarity Road, Canton, GA 30115-9485

Ms. Laurie Maulucci, 14 Colby Way, Avon, CT 06001-3673

Mrs. Nancy D. Simmons, 3804 Simmons Creek Ln, Flower Mound, TX 75022-5495

Mrs. Lisa Warren, PO Box 925, Fogelsville, PA 18051-0925

Ms. Kathy Webster, 14306 Holt Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

607-738-6487

NOTE: To find out about any AKC event cancellations call the AKC Event Cancellation Hotline (877) 252-3229.

**NO ENTRY CAN BE CHANGED EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN
CHAPTER 11, SECTION 6 OF THE DOG SHOW RULES,
CHAPTER 1, SECTION 16 OF THE OBEEDIENCE REGULATIONS OR
RALLY REGULATIONS CHAPTER 1, SECTION 13**

ATTENTION OWNERS/EXHIBITORS OF FOREIGN REGISTERED DOGS

If you are the owner/exhibitor of a dog registered with a foreign registry (not yet dual registered with AKC) please review the eligibility requirements in The Rules Applying to Dog Shows, chapter 11 section 1. The dog show rules are posted on the AKC Web site at <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RREGS3.pdf>.

VETERINARIAN (will be on Call)

During Regular Hours: Sturbridge Veterinary Hospital, 6 Cedar St., Sturbridge, MA 508-347-7374

DIRECTIONS: West on Rte. 20 for ¼ mile then turn right on Cedar St.

After Hours Emergency: Boston Road Animal Hospital, 1235 Boston Rd., Springfield, MA 413-783-1203

DIRECTIONS: Rte. 20 E. onto I-84 E. to exit 7 Ludlow. Continue on Rte. 21S. to left turn onto Parker St. to right turn onto Boston Rd., Hospital on left.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

Exhibitors should follow their Veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.
EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE PROOF OF RABIES SHOTS

OFFICIAL SHOW VIDEOGRAPHER

ShowDogVideoPros.com

40 Junction Road, South Berwick, ME 03908

207-200-3837

- These Shows will be professionally video recorded. No other commercial video recording, video recording from a tripod or monopod mounted camera, or any video recording or streaming of large segments of the show(s) will be permitted.
- Submission of any entry form and/or physical presence on the show grounds shall constitute both implied and real consent for both the handler and their dog to be video recorded.
- Online streaming of show(s) video to Facebook, YouTube, FaceTime, U-Stream, Live Stream or other comparable online outlets is strictly forbidden!
- Violation of these Show video policies *may* result in Event or Bench Committee hearing.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

RING 1

JUDGE: Ms. Carol Foti

—45 ENTRIES

9:30AM

- 2 6-9 MOS SWPS DOGS
- 5 9-12 MOS SWPS DOGS
- 5 12-18 MO SWPS DOGS
- 2 18-24 MO SWPS DOGS
- 3 6-9 MOS SWPS BITCHES
- 6 9-12 MOS SWPS BITCHES
- 1 12-18 MO SWPS BITCH
- 5 18-24 MO SWPS BITCHES

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

BOS TO BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

BEST JUNIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

BOS TO BEST JUNIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

BEST SENIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

BOS TO BEST SENIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

- 1 7-9 YRS VET SWPS DOG
- 3 9-11 YRS VET SWPS DOGS
- 1 11 YRS & OLDER VET SWPS DOG
- 4 7-9 YRS VET SWPS BITCHES
- 3 9-11 YRS VET SWPS BITCHES
- 1 11 YRS & OLDER VET SWPS BITCH

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

BOS TO BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

- 1 2-4 YRS BRDR SWPS DOG
- 2 4-6 YRS BRDR SWPS DOGS

BEST IN BREEDERS CUP

BOS TO BEST IN BREEDERS CUP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

RING 1

JUDGE: Dr. Rebecca Kestle

—61 DOGS

9:30AM

- 1 6-9 MOS PUPPY DOG
 - 5 9-12 MOS PUPPY DOGS
 - 4 12-18 MOS DOGS
 - 4 BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS
 - 1 AMERICAN BRED DOG
 - 3 OPEN DOGS
- WINNERS DOG**
- 3 9-11 YRS VETERAN DOGS
 - 1 11 YRS & OLDER VETERAN DOG
 - 3 6-9 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
 - 6 9-12 MOS PUPPY BITCHES
 - 1 12-18 MOS BITCH
 - 7 BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES
 - 1 AMERICAN BRED BITCH
 - 12 OPEN BITCHES
- WINNERS BITCH**
- 4 7-9 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
 - 4 9-11 YRS VETERAN BITCHES
 - 1 11 YRS & OLDER VETERAN BITCH

RING 1

JUDGE: Ms. Laurie Maulucci

—3 DOGS

12:00PM

- 3 4-6 MO BEGNRPUP 3-0-0D,0B-0NR

OFFICIAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER

In Focus by Miguel / Miguel Betancourt
PO Box 28495 Henrico, VA 23228-8495
804-396-0730

Buy your photos at the show or online at www.infocusbymiguel.com

No other photographer or person may take photos at these events with the purpose of selling the images.

(Only the official photographer may take win pictures)

EVENT INFORMATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018 ~ WELCOME PARTY

CASH BAR ~ FOOD

Kick off the week at the ACA New England themed Welcome Party hosted by Squakheag Akita Club and the ACA. Connect with friends and play games. Come dressed in your best beach wear and partake in our themed raffle. Party begins at 7pm with food and cash bar. \$10 cover charge gives you a door prize ticket with advance reservation. Limited on site reservations for \$15. More info and sign up at www.akitaclub.org. Look forward to seeing you there!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018 ~ RALLY RUN-THROUGH

This event allows you to work out the kinks and practice before competition at the National. This is for Exhibitors only ~ no dogs. You will be able to walk through a sample course to familiarize yourself with the signage. Cost is \$2.00/person. Entries can be made online at www.akitaclub.org or at the show site up until the event begins. Proceeds go to ACA Rescue. Spectators are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 ~ PARADE OF RESCUE & TITLEHOLDERS

From the rescue who was saved, to the therapy dog who heals, to the grand champion that steals our breath, to the agility Akita who makes you gasp at how high & fast it can jump, to the obedience Akita that shocks when it actually comes when called . . . all of them deserve their moment in the spotlight. Entries may be made online www.akitaclub.org for this event. Entry is \$10 and entrants will receive a rosette. Please provide a paragraph describing your Akita's story, talents and/or accomplishments, limit 100 words, and submit to aca-vice-president@akitaclub.org. You may also specify music to accompany your dog's time in the spotlight. Plan to attend and give them all their due recognition!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 ~ INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Again this year the show committee is proud to announce a special event to showcase the Akitas that join us each year from countries outside the United States during our National Specialty week. Entries can be made online at www.akitaclub.org for \$25/entry and can also be made at the show site on Tuesday during regular show hours at the Ways & Means table for \$30/entry. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st – 4th places in each class. Rosettes and trophies will be awarded to Best **Internationally Bred** and Best of Opposite Sex to Best **Internationally Bred**.

QUALIFICATIONS: Entries must have been bred in a country other than the United States ~ Entries must be at least 6 months old ~ Entries must also be entered in another regular class at the National ~ Entries' owner and/or co-owners must reside in a foreign country, and no owners or co-owners may be a resident of the United States.

CLASSES: Dogs over 6 months and under 2 years of age
Bitches over 6 months and under 2 years of age
Dogs over 2 years of age
Bitches over 2 years of age
Class winners will compete for Best Internationally Bred and Best of Opposite Sex to Best Internationally Bred

• *As this is in a different setting, reserved seats purchased for the week will not apply to this event.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 ~ TOP TWENTY INVITATIONAL

A night to celebrate and showcase the Top 20 winning Akitas. Festivities will begin at 6:00pm with the cocktail hour. At 6:30pm there will be dinner around the ring with the judging to begin at 7:30pm. Dinner reservations in advance are \$40 ACA members and \$45 Non-members. **LIMITED** reservations available on site at \$45 ACA members and \$50 Non-members. People's Choice Ballots will be available at the door for \$5/each – one per person. *As this is in a different setting, reserved seats purchased for the week will not apply to this event.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 ~ CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TESTS

The Canine Good Citizen Program is the gold standard of behavior for dogs in our communities. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test will receive certificate from the American Kennel Club upon application. Pre-register online at www.akitaclub.org for \$10 per dog per test. Registration will also be accepted at the Ways & Means table until 12 pm on 10/11/18 or at the Test Sign-in table during testing for \$12 per dog per test. Three tests are offered: Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Citizen Advanced and Canine Good Citizen Urban.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 ~ AKC TRICK DOG

Start training for the newest AKC Performance Title "Trick Dog." All dogs are eligible and it is FUN!! If your dog has a CGC title, it only takes 5 tricks required for the Novice title . . . don't have a CGC? Take the CGC test that day and enter the Novice Tricks Class. More information is available from AKC with detailed approved tricks. Pre-register online at www.akitaclub.org for \$10 per dog per test. Registration will also be accepted at the Ways & Means table until 12 pm on 10/11/18 or at the Test Sign-in table during testing for \$12 per dog per test. Five tests are offered: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Performer, and Elite Performer.

ORDERS & RESERVATIONS

Order forms for all advance purchases can be found on the ACA website, www.akitaclub.org or on the 2017 National Order Form, available on the ACA website as a PDF download. For questions or further information, contact the appropriate committee chair. You will save money by pre-ordering.

CATALOGS

SAVE MONEY and insure that you have a Show Catalog by ordering one in advance. Just go to our website at <http://www.akitaclub.org> and preorder your *Catalog for the price of \$20.00*. Catalogs at the Show will be \$25.00. You may order a marked catalog to be mailed after the show for \$35.00 plus \$6.80 shipping. A copy of the Akita Review will accompany all catalog purchases.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 ~ BREEDERS' EDUCATION SEMINAR

The Breeders Education Committee is honored to present Neonatal Care by the very respected and long time Corgi breeder Dr Marthina (Marty) Greer. She is the author of the very well respected publication Canine Reproduction and Neonatology. Dr Greer is charming, articulate and very approachable. Her seminar is aimed at all breeders from the total newbie to the long time veteran and packed full of life saving and life changing information. If you come away with one tip that saves a life, you have changed a life and become just that much better of a breeder. Dr Greer encourages questions and discussions and every moment is just packed full of valuable information.

The Breeders Education Committee is also delighted to present the first wicket seminar that's been held in over a decade. Presented by long time, well known Akita breeder Mrs Lonny Vosgien Cohen of Nutmeg Akitas, Mrs Cohen will talk about the correct type of wicket, the correct placement of the wicket and the correct way to stand the dog for measurement. All dogs are welcome and measurements can be public or private, recorded or not. Registration forms are available at www.akitaclub.org.
Pre-registration \$15 ACA members/ \$20 Non-members
Same-day registration \$20 ACA members/ \$25 Non-members

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 ~ ACA ANNUAL AUCTION

Are you ready for some Akita Football? If you are you won't want to miss attending the ACA Auction! There will be fun and games and I am sure some Akita team rivalry! Make sure to wear your favorite teams apparel to fit in. Cocktails and h'orderves at 6:30 pm - Auction 7 pm. All proceeds benefit the club, rescue, and health. For information or to make donations contact: Sherry Lockrem lockrem@att.net. Donation forms are also available at www.akitaclub.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 ~ ACA ANNUAL MEETING

The Club Secretary will announce the agenda for the ACA meeting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018 ~ ACA AWARDS BANQUET

A time to celebrate the week! Join us for cocktail hour at 6:00pm followed by dinner and awards presentations at 7:00pm. The Perpetual Trophy winners presentations, Top 20 Awards, AKC Sportsmanship Award, and other accomplishments will be noted. There will also be a silent auction to benefit the club and philanthropic efforts. Reservations may be made online at www.akitaclub.org for \$40/ACA members and \$45/Non-members. A very **LIMITED** number of reservations may be available on site for \$45/ACA members and \$50/Non-members.

VENDOR & A C A RESCUE BOOTHS

Space is \$100 per week and for one 8' draped table with linen is \$23 ~ additional tables \$23 each includes linen (up to 4 total) ~ additional chairs at no extra charge ~ electricity requirements must be arranged before arrival. If requested 5 days or less before the event there is a \$40 surcharge. Once on site the charge is \$75. There is an electrical order form that needs to be filled out and returned to Terrie Breen (address on form and up on website) from anyone requiring it. Vendors will need to contact the Town of Sturbridge and apply for a vendor license.

RESERVED SEATING

Ringside seating is available by reservation only for \$35.00 per seat per week. No outside seating will be permitted. Your name will be securely affixed to your seat, and you may request seating with friends. Seating reservations can be made online by visiting akitaclub.org's online shop. ~ Seating purchased during show week will be \$40.00 per seat per week. ~ "Seats are reserved for all week and all events except the Top 20 & the International Extravaganza which will be held in a different location."

The Akita Club of America retains all rights to photograph or videotape by any means, and televise or reproduce these events in any way, now and in the future.

Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way (for example: left unattended on a grooming table in a noose not attached to a safety release clip; left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way is considered mistreatment.

No dogs that are disqualified for aggression will be allowed to enter these Shows, nor be allowed to be on the grounds. In addition, no aggression reinstatement procedures will be performed at these Shows.

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

The Hawthorne Exhibit Hall will be available to exhibitors on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 Time after 12:00 noon. The ACA asks that all Exhibitors make a special effort to keep your hotel room and the hotel grounds clean. Any guest violating these rules will be asked to leave the hotel/site immediately without refund from the hotel or RV day parking.

1. Hotel requires \$50.00 non-refundable fee per 3 day stay for rooms in which dogs will be kept. There is a maximum limit of four (4) dogs per room.
2. Your room will be inspected upon arrival & departure. You are responsible for any damages. The hotel reserves the right to inspect guest rooms at any time during the event.
3. All dogs must be on a leash at all times when taken from the guest rooms.
4. All dogs MUST be crated when left alone in the hotel room.
5. Plastic sheeting MUST be placed under each crate in each guest room.
6. Plastic sheeting must be waterproof, extend at least 4 to 6 inches around the crate, and be of sufficient thickness (4-6 mil) so metal crate corners do not puncture the sheeting.
7. The hotel will provide sheets to protect bedding if the dog(s) are to be out of their crates when owners are in the room. These must be used, no exceptions.
8. ABSOLUTELY NO GROOMING IN THE ROOMS. Anyone found grooming inside the room may be subject to additional charges & disciplinary action before the Event Committee.
9. Dogs will not be allowed into any recreation or common area, including the pool area, fitness room areas, main lobby or restaurants, or any other area the hotel designates as off-limits to dogs, except that the lobby area can be used judiciously to access the elevators.
10. **No RV & Camper camping on the show sight! If you are parking your RV in the parking lot there is NO sleeping in it overnight on the show sight.**
11. Shipping to arrive forty-eight hours in advance. There is a \$5.00 pet package charge if before that time. Our event starts on Sunday October 7, 2018.
12. Private generators can be used on site during regular hours in areas that do not disturb hotel guests or workers
13. RV occupants are responsible for the cleanup of the RV day parking area.
14. No Dumping is allowed on show grounds. No Honeywagon service will be provided.
15. Picking up, cleaning & disposal receptacles & supplies will be strategically placed around the grounds so that there will be NO excuse for failing to clean up after your dog. Violations reported to the Event Committee shall be grounds for a disciplinary hearing.
16. Dogs must be walked in mapped, designated areas only. Please do not walk dogs in any other areas.
17. Use the sand buckets to extinguish any smoking material.
18. Please do not remove any barrier placed by the hotel.
19. All dogs must be on a leash at all times except when in the Obedience or Rally ring, or in the warm up area.
20. Hawthorne Exhibit Hall hours are from 6 am to 10 pm, unless an early closing may be required to accommodate a special event; such closings will be prominently displayed. NO DOGS MAY BE LEFT OVERNIGHT. All dogs must be removed by 9:30 PM.
21. Concessions will be available at the show site.
22. Bathing facilities are available on-site, but you must bring your own supplies. THE HOTEL WILL NOT SUPPLY TOWELS, and no room towels may be used for grooming. Bathing area is accessible during show hours.
23. An area will be designated for day crating and/or grooming for those not using Reserved Grooming. All crates, tables, & equipment must be removed from that area by 5pm each day. There will be no marking off or reserving of space allowed.
24. No practicing is allowed in the show rings at any time.
25. No dogs allowed ringside. There will be a ready ring. Dogs need be present only for scheduled judging and will be released when not needed for further judging.
26. A \$10 fine will be imposed on anyone whose dog "X's" itself in the show ring. The owner or the handler will be responsible for cleanup. Fine is payable to the ACA to be used for rescue.
27. The owners, co-owners, and handlers of any dog must be in good standing with the ACA before exhibiting a dog. This means that all financial obligations to the club be cleared before the dog will be allowed into the ring.
28. Neither the ACA nor the host hotel shall be held responsible for any lost equipment.
29. The show-giving Club, the Show Superintendent, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or spectators, or to any of their dogs or property. Further, they assume no responsibility for injury to, or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or spectators, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assume no responsibility for injury to children.
30. No entry fee will be refunded in the event that the dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee or the Judge.
31. Exhibitors expressly understand that they and they alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/ or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the direction of the Show Committee, be asked to leave the show area. In such case, no refund of any entry fees paid will be made.
32. No entry fee will be refunded if any event cannot be open or be completed by reason of civil disturbances, fire and Act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy or any other cause beyond the control of the Show Committee.
33. Dogs & equipment must be removed from the conference center within 2 hours following the end of Saturday's Best of Breed Judging.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 13, 2018

(Subject to change)

Monday, October 8, 2018

ACA Regional Specialty ACA Regional Specialty Rally Run-Through
Welcome Party hosted by Squakheag Akita Club & ACA

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Pre-National Obedience & Rally Trials
Pre-National Conformation Show
Mandatory Meeting of Top 20 Competitors

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

National Obedience & Rally Trials
National Futurity & Maturity Stakes
Parade of Rescue & Titleholders
UC Davis Diversity Study (Natalie Green Tessier and Rebekah Zurbrugg) – ½ hr. after
Parade of Rescue
Top Twenty Cocktail Reception
Top Twenty Dinner
Top Twenty Invitational Competition
International Extravaganza - this event will follow the Top 20 competition

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog
National Sweepstakes
National Veteran Sweepstakes
Breeder's Cup Sweepstakes
Three-Generation Maturity/Futurity Stakes
Breeder's Education Seminar
Akita Club of America Auction - *Cocktails and h'orderves at 6:30 pm - Auction 7 pm.*

Friday, October 12, 2018

National Regular Dog & Veteran Dog Classes
National Regular Bitch & Veteran Bitch Classes
Stud Dog & Brood Bitch Classes
Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition
Judges Education Seminar
Akita Club of America Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 13, 2018

National Best of Breed Competition
National Owner-Handled Best of Breed
Junior Showmanship
National Brace Class
Special Attractions
Akita Club of America Cocktail Hour, Awards Banquet & Silent Auction

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

ALL SUGGESTED AIRPORTS HAVE CAR RENTAL FACILITIES.
STURBRIDGE TAXI AND LIMOUSINE - 508-347-5555
STATUS LIMOUSINE & RENTALS - 508-347-6364
ABA TAXI & LIMO - 508-347-5466

HOST HOTEL & SHOW SITE

STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-7393
Negotiated room rate cutoff date is September 15, 2018
Overflow hotels
Pulick Housse, 277 Main St. Sturbridge • 508-347-3313
Comfort Inn, 215 Charlton St. Sturbridge • 508-347-3300

ROUTES TO SHOW & HOST HOTEL

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center
366 Main St. Sturbridge, MA 01566

From the North: Take I-91 South exit 14 to I-90 East to exit 9 for I-84 toward Hartford; at exit 3B take ramp right for US 20 West toward Palmer/Sturbridge. After about 1 mile the Sturbridge Host Hotel is on the right on US-20/Main St. at 366 Main St. Sturbridge MA.

From the South: Take I-84 North; at exit 3B take ramp right for US20 West toward Palmer/Sturbridge. After about 1 mile, the Sturbridge Host Hotel is on the right on US-20/Main St. at 366 Main St. Sturbridge MA.

From the East or West: Take I-90 (Mass Pike) to exit 9 for I-84 toward Hartford; at exit 3B take ramp right for US20 West toward Palmer/Sturbridge. After about 1 mile, the Sturbridge Host Hotel is on the right on US-20/Main St. at 366 Main St. Sturbridge MA.

SUGGESTED AIRPORTS

BOSTON LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – 60 miles approximately 1 hour drive to Sturbridge.
BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – 55 miles approximately 55 minute drive to Sturbridge.
TF GREEN AIRPORT – 60 miles approximately 1 hour 10 minute drive to Sturbridge.

RV CAMPING 10 MINUTE DRIVE FROM HOTEL

VILLAGE GREEN FAMILY CAMPGROUND, 228 Sturbridge Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-3504
YOGI BEAR CAMPGROUND, PO BOX 600, 30 River Rd. Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9570
STURBRIDGE RV RESORT, 19 Mashapaug Rd. Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 877-570-2267

NATIONAL SPECIALTY - POINTS FOR RESERVE WINNERS

The Dog designated Reserve Winners Dog & the Bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the event is held. In Ohio, a 5 point major requires 7 dogs & 7 bitches in regular class competition.

