

# Judging Program

**National Specialty • May 11-16, 2026**



(Member of the American Kennel Club)  
Web-site: <http://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc>

**See separate Event Secretaries for Herding, Tracking, Scent Work & Agility  
Wednesday May 13, 2026**

Obedience # 2026418222 • Rally # 2026418221

**Friday May 15, 2026 • Outdoors**

Regional Specialty Show with Junior Showmanship & Sweepstakes  
& NOHS # 2026418227

**Saturday, May 16, 2026 • Outdoors**

National Specialty Show with Junior Showmanship, & NOHS # 2026418231  
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy • # 2026418228

**Ann Arbor Dog Training Club**

1575 E North Territorial Rd.

Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

**Indoors/Outdoors • Unbenched**

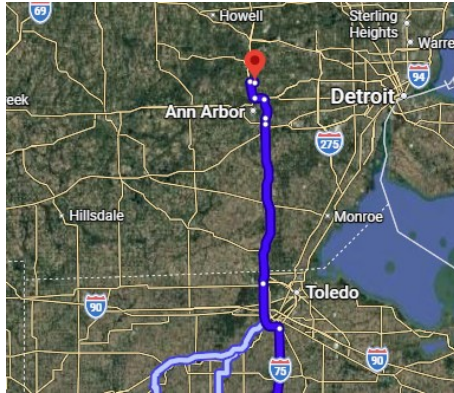
Show Hours: 6:00 am to 7:00 pm



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This Show is being held under  
American Kennel Club Rules  
and Regulations

## Routes to the Show



The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800. 656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.



**Member: Dog Show Superintendents Association  
AKC Annually Licensed Superintendent**

Executive Dog Shows, LLC

**Nina Fetter**

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### Committee Chairs

- ABMR.....Carol Aulick & Jeanine Daugherty
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- Banquet.....Patti Terrio
- Catalog Ads.....Dina Ledger
- Chief Ring Steward..... Carol Shields
- Conformation.....Dina Ledger
- Herding.....Ann Mackay
- Honor / Rescue Parades.....Tiffany Holley
- Judges' Hospitality.....Christine Nethery
- Merchandise Coordinator.....Kristen VandeBerg
- Obedience.....Jeanine Daugherty
- Most Versatile Malinois.....Claudia Bailey
- Photographer.....Alyssa Janiszek
- Raffle.....Patti Terrio & Miranda Genetti
- Rally.....Val Gentry
- Rosettes.....Mallory Eckstut
- Scent Work.....Claudia Bailey
- Store.....Carol Aulick
- Tracking.....Carilee Moran
- Treasurer.....Suzanne Belger
- Trophies.....Mallory Eckstut
- Website.....Monique Buzzarté
- Welcome.....Patti Terrio & Christine Nethery
- Welcome Reception.....Patti Terrio

## Officers of the American Belgian Malinois Club

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**Judges**  
**Regional Specialty**

**Regional Sweepstakes**

**Regional Puppy, Veteran, & Working Sweepstakes**

Jim Dagan.....Peyton, CO

**Regional Regular & Non-Regular Conformation**

Betsey Orman(99925) (\*).....Summit, WI 53066

**Regional Jr. Showmanship**

Tiffany Holley (101941).....Kermit, TX 79745

**National Specialty**

**National Regular & Non-Regular Conformation & 4-6 Month Beginner  
Puppy**

Mr. Sonny Strom (117912).....Mjolby, Sweden 59553

**National Jr. Showmanship**

Christine Foster Nethery (101599).....Chesterland, OH 44026

**Obedience: Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B, Beginner Novice A  
& B, Preferred Novice, Graduate Novice, Preferred Open, Graduate  
Open, Preferred Utility, Versatility, Pairs, Veteran, Team 1**

Jeanne L Thomas (99811) .....Saline, MI 48176

**Rally: Novice A & B, Intermediate, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B,  
Master, Choice, Pairs - Novice, Team 1 & 2 - Novice Obedience Team 2**

Kathleen Sweet (92976).....Ann Arbor, MI 48105

(\*) Denotes Provisional/Permit status

**\*\*Points Available for Reserve\*\***

The American Belgian Malinois Club will award at its National Specialty a three point major to Reserve Winners Dog if the Regular Class Dog entry is twice the required number for a five point major in the division where the National Specialty is held. The American Belgian Malinois Club will award at its National Specialty a three point major to Reserve Winners Bitch if the Regular Class Bitch entry is twice the required number for a five point major in the division where the National Specialty is held.

## 2026 ABMC National Specialty SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Friday, May 8 - Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Herding A & C Courses - Judge ▪ Deborah Pollard (CA) - SheepSmith Farm in Pinckney, MI

### **Monday - May 11, 2026**

Agility - Judge Anne Lindsley (WI) - All Breed Trial

### **Tuesday - May 12, 2026**

Trial will be the NS Trial & Most Versatile Malinois points

All Breed Agility trials at this location are also being held Saturday & Sunday

### **Wednesday - May 13, 2026**

Obedience - Malinois Only ▪ Judge Jeanne L Thomas

Rally - Malinois Only ▪ Judge Kathleen Sweet (MI)

EVENING -

### **Thursday - May 14, 2026**

Scent Work ▪ Off-site Hartland, MI

Tracking Trial ▪ Off-site AADTC - Teams will meet at AADTC in the early morning and then proceed to the tracking location.

Welcome Party (approximate time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

Captain Joe's Grill, 9901 Main St., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189 (734) 257-9000

### **Friday - May 15, 2026 (Held Outside on a grassy flat field)**

AM - National Specialty Sweepstakes - Judge Jim Dagan (CO)

PM - Regional Specialty - Judge Betsey Orman (WI)

PM - Regional Specialty - Junior Showmanship - Judge Tiffany Holley (TX)

EVENING - ABMC Annual Meeting

### **Saturday - May 16, 2026 (Held Outside on a grassy flat field)**

AM - 4-6 month Beginner Puppy - Judge Sonny Strom (Sweden)

AM - Junior Showmanship - Judge Christine Foster Nethery (OH)

AM/PM National Specialty - Judge Sonny Strom (Sweden)

AM/PM - ABMR Raffle and Silent Auction

Honor & Rescue Parade ▪ directly after Winners Bitch and before Best of Breed

EVENING - Awards Banquet & Silent Auction - Captain Joe's Grill, 9901 Main

St., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189 (734) 257-9000

**Please Visit The National Website For More Information**  
<https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2026/>

**Judging Program**  
**2026 ABMC National Specialty**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**  
**Judge: Jeanne L Thomas**  
**Obedience (47)**  
**Ring Obedience**

**8:30am**

**All classes to FOLLOW after starting**

**A 45 Minute lunch break at Judge's discretion**

- 5 Obed. Utility B (7, 8, 11, 14, 18)
- 3 Obed. Utility A (9, 12, 15)
- 1 Obed. Graduate Open(16)
- 8 Obed. Open B (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 18)
- 4 Obed. Open A (6,17,19, 20)
- 8 Obed. Novice B (16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,30)
- 5 minute walk through
- 4 Obed. Novice A (21, 22, 23, 24)
- 2 Obed. Preferred Novice (p25, p32)
- 10 minute walk through
- 5 Obed. Beginner Novice B (32, 35, 36, 37, 38)
- 2 Obed. Beginner Novice A (33, 34)
- 1 Obed. Veteran (39)
- 1 Obed. Versatility (8)
- 1 Obed. Brace (40, 44)
- 2 Team Brace (40, 44)

Note: Team will commence after both Rally and Obedience are concluded. The ring is expanded and both judges are present to judge the entrants.

**Judging Program**  
**2026 ABMC National Specialty**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**  
**Judge: Kathleen Sweet**  
**Rally (59)**  
**Ring Rally**

**9:00am**

**All classes to FOLLOW after starting**

**A 45 Minute lunch break at Judge's discretion**

10 Minute Walk through

9 Rally, Master (R15, R16, R17, R19, R20, R21, R22, R28, R29)

10 Minute Walk through

2 Rally, Choice (R16, R46)

10 Minute Walk through

8 Rally, Excellent B (R15, R16, R17, R19, R20, R21, R22, R27)

10 Minute Walk through

3 Rally, Excellent A (R24, R25, R26)

10 Minute Walk through

9 Rally, Advanced B (R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23)

10 Minute Walk through

9 Rally, Advanced A (R6,R7,R8,RR9, R10, R11, R12, R14, R30)

10 Minute Walk through

5 Rally, Intermediate (R30, R42, R43, R44, R45)

10 Minute Walk through

8 Rally, Novice B (R34, R35, R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41)

10 Minute Walk through

3 Rally, Novice A (R31 R32, R33)

10 Minute Walk through

1 Rally, Team (R47)

10 Minute Walk through

1 Rally, Team Novice (R15)

10 Minute Walk through

1 Rally, Novice Pairs (R46)

**Judging Program**  
**2026 ABMC Regional Specialty**  
**Friday, May 15, 2026**  
**Judge: Jim Dagan**  
**Sweepstakes (46)**

**9:30am**

(11) Sweepstakes 2D-9B

- 1 Sweepstakes Dog, (9-12 Months)
  - 1 Sweepstakes Dog, 12-18 Months
  - 1 Sweepstakes Bitch, (6-9 Months)
  - 5 Sweepstakes Bitches, (9-12 Months)
  - 3 Sweepstakes Bitches, 12-18 Months
- Best in Sweepstakes  
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes  
To follow Sweepstakes

(13) Veteran Sweepstakes 8D-5B

- 2 Veteran Sweepstakes, Dogs (7-9 Years)
  - 3 Veteran Sweepstakes, Dogs (9-11 Years)
  - 3 Veteran Sweepstakes, Dogs (11-13 Years)
  - 1 Veteran Sweepstakes, Bitch (7-9 Years)
  - 3 Veteran Sweepstakes, Bitches (9-11 Years)
  - 1 Veteran Sweepstakes, Bitch (11-13 Years)
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes  
Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes  
To follow Veteran Sweepstakes

(22) Working Sweepstakes 11D-11B

- 11 Working Sweepstakes, Dogs
  - 11 Working Sweepstakes, Bitches
- Best in Working Sweepstakes  
Best of Opposite Sex in Working Sweepstakes

**Lunch Break after Junior Showmanship**

**Judging Program**  
**2026 ABMC Regional Specialty**  
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**Judge: Tiffany Holley (3)**

To follow Sweepstakes

- 1 JS, Novice Jr. (Age 9 to12)
- 1 JS, Novice Sr. (Age 15 to 18)
- 1 JS, Open Intermediate (Age 12 to 15)

Best Junior Showmanship / Reserve Best Jr. Showmanship

**2026 ABMC Regional Specialty**  
**Friday, May 15, 2026**  
**Judge: Betsey Orman**  
**(66) 11-18-(15D-14B) (4VD-4VB)**

- 1 Dog, Puppy (9-12 Months)
- 1 Dog, 12-18 Months
- 2 Dogs, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
- 7 Dogs, Open  
Winners Dog / Reserve Winners Dog
- 4 Bitches, Puppy (9-12 Months)
- 2 Bitches, 12-18 Months
- 2 Bitches, Amateur Owner Handler
- 2 Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy)
- 4 Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
- 1 Bitch, American Bred
- 3 Bitches, Open  
Winners Bitch / Reserve Winners Bitch
- 2 Veteran Dogs, (7- 9 Years)
- 1 Veteran Dog, (9 -11 Years)
- 1 Veteran Dog, (11 - 13 Years)
- 3 Veteran Bitches, (9 - 11 Years)
- 1 Veteran Bitch, (11 - 13 Years)
- 29 Best of Breed (15D-14B)

**Judging Program**  
**2026 ABMC National Specialty**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
**Judge: Mr. Sonny Strom**  
**4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (1)**

**9:00am**

- 1 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (0-1)
- Best in Show 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy

**Judge: Christine Foster Nethery**  
**Junior Showmanship (3)**

**9:10am**

- 1 JS, Novice Jr. (Age 9 to12)
- 1 JS, Novice Sr. (Age 15 to 18)
- 1 JS, Open Intermediate (Age 12 to 15)
- Best Junior Showmanship / Reserve Best Jr. Showmanship

**Judging Program**  
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**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
**Judge: Mr. Sonny Strom**  
**(74) Belgian Malinois 11-16-(16D-15B) (6VD-5VB) (1SD-4BB)**  
**~ 1 Hour Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion ~**

**9:30am**

- 1 Dog, Puppy (9-12 Months)
- 1 Dog, 12-18 Months
- 2 Dogs, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
- 7 Dogs, Open
- Winners Dog / Reserve Winners Dog

**Judging Program**  
**2026 ABMC National Specialty**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
**Judge: Mr. Sonny Strom**  
**(74) Belgian Malinois 11-16-(16D-15B) (6VD-5VB) (1SD-4BB)**  
**~ 1 Hour Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion ~**

- 4 Bitches, Puppy (9-12 Months)
- 2 Bitches, 12-18 Months
- 2 Bitches, Amateur Owner Handler
- 2 Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy)
- 3 Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
- 3 Bitches, Open
- Winners Bitch / Reserve Winners Bitch
- 2 Veteran Dogs, (7- 9 Years)
- 1 Veteran Dog, (9 -11 Years)
- 2 Veteran Dog, (11 - 13 Years)
- 1 Veteran Dog, (13+ Years)
- 3 Veteran Bitches, (9 - 11 Years)
- 2 Veteran Bitch, (11 - 13 Years)
- 31 Best of Breed (16D-15B)
- 1 Stud Dog
- 4 Brood Bitches

**After class judging we will have our Honor & Rescue Parade  
and break BEFORE Best of Breed.**

## **Animal Emergency Hospitals**

Emergency Vet Ann Arbor  
5245 Jackson Road, Suite 1  
Ann Arbor, MI  
(734) 369-6446

Animal Urgent Cared (not 24/7)  
215 N. Maple Road, Suite A-1  
Ann Arbor, MI  
(734) 531-7540

Blue Pearl Pet Hospital (not 24/7)  
4126 Packard Road  
Ann Arbor, MI  
(734) 971-8774

VEG  
3157 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Suite D  
Ann Arbor, MI  
(734) 802-1248

## **Hospital**

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital  
5301 McAuley Dr., Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(734) 712-3456

## **Emergency Services**

FIRE/AMBULANCE/POLICE  
Washtenaw County 911

## **Show Win & Ringside Photographer**

Obedience, Rally, Herding, Agility & Conformation)  
Alyssa Janiszek  
Only the Official Photographer may take win photos

## Accommodations

### Host Hotel—Candlewood Suites

151 Library Dr., Brighton, MI

(Approximately 17 minutes north of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club Event site) Phone (810) 220-1200

The club's block is available May 10-16, 2026 (the rate will be honored for earlier arrivals although you'll need to call the hotel directly for those).

To book a room, please either call them directly at (810) 220-1200 or click on their booking link [American Belgian Malinois Club Block](#) to the reservation block. A small block of rooms have been reserved for ABMC, and more can be added as necessary. The cut-off date to book rooms at these rates is March 26, 2026.

#### Rates:

**Single Queen Studio: \$119 + 11% tax**

**Single King Studio: \$129 + 11% tax**

**Double Queen Studio: \$144 + 11% tax**

A non-refundable pet fee of \$75 will be charged for stay of 6 nights or less. For stays of 7 nights or more the non-refundable fee is \$150. Dog limit is 4 to room.

## RV

**Sun Outdoors Kensington Valley** • approximately 30 minutes northeast of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club event site and 45 minutes east of the SheepSmith Farm herding site) • address is 25800 Haas Rd., New Hudson, MI  
• (248) 437-0900

**Hell Creek Ranch Campground** • (approximately 10 minutes south of the SheepSmith Farm herding site and 30 minutes northwest of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club event site) • 10866 Cedar Lake Rd., Pickney, MI 48169  
• (734) 878-3632



CUT OUT AND PLACE ON MULTIPLE WINDOWS & DOORS TO RV

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

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CONTACT NAME:

CELL#

ALTERNATIVE CONTACT NAME:  
(OTHER SHOW PARTICIPANT THAT WILL KNOW YOUR LOCATION!)

CELL#

HOW MANY DOGS INSIDE?  BREEDS?

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# AKC® Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC®) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.



Everything We Do,  
We Do for Dogs.

7/2025