



White River

Golden Retriever Club

August 7-9, 2026

Boone County Fairgrounds
Lebanon, IN (NW of Indianapolis)

For more information contact

rollinsbl@gmail.com

**1 SWEEPSTAKES
4 SPECIALTY SHOWS
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP SAT. PM SHOW
4 ALL-BREED RALLY TRIALS**

AIR CONDITIONED BUILDINGS, BATHING FACILITIES
PLENTY OF RV SPACES
(fees and reservation forms will be in premmium list)

FREE grooming and crating areas

FREE parking and free admission
to grounds and buildings

HEART AND EYE CLINICS

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE

Megan McClung

CONFORMATION JUDGES

Steven Kirschner

Shari Kirschner

Carla Holt

Genea Jones

RALLY JUDGES

Elizabeth Wells

Michael Scott

Executive Dog Shows, LLC

www.executivedogshows.com



Judging Program

White River Golden Retriever Club



(Licensed by the American Kennel Club -Unbenched - Indoors) Two
Back-To-Back Specialty Conformation Shows Each Day
with 1 Junior Showmanship Competition & 1 Sweepstakes
Two Concurrent All-Breed & All-American
Dogs Rally Trials, National Owner Handler
Competition

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026 – Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes start at 7:00PM •
Event # 2026155900

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 - Specialty Show # 1 - Entry Limit 100 Event
#2026155911 AND Rally Trial # 1 Entry Limit #120 • Event # 2026155909

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 - Specialty Show # 2 - Jr. Showmanship
Entry Limit 100 Event #2026155912 AND *Rally Trial # 2 Event Limit #120 •
Event # 2026155910

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 - Specialty Show # 1 - Entry Limit 100 Event #2026155913
AND *Rally Trial # 1 Entry Limit #120 • Event # 2026155916

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 - Specialty show # 2 - Entry Limit 100 Event
#2026155914 AND *Rally Trial # 2 • Entry Limit #120 Event # 2026155917



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

BOONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1300 E 100 S, Lebanon, IN 46052 (Interstate 65, Exit 138)

**Conformation, Junior Showmanship, Sweepstakes, Grooming in
North Centennial Hall with Rally in the South Centennial**

Conformation, Junior Showmanship & Sweepstakes for Golden Retrievers Only. Rally is open to All AKC Recognized Breeds and All-American Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program. Rally entries limited not to exceed 8 hours or 120 dogs with preference to Golden Retrievers. Rally transfers will be allowed for each Rally Trial according to AKC Regulations.

**SHOW HOURS: FRIDAY 03:00 PM - 9:00 PM, SATURDAY 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM
SUNDAY 6:00 AM TO 1 HOUR AFTER BEST OF BREED IN PM SHOW (EDT)**

Dogs are not required to be at the show until the scheduled time of judging.

All dogs not needed for further judging will be excused.

The bathing area only between the two Centennial Halls, will be available Friday from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM and during show hours, Saturday and Sunday.

North Centennial Hall will open at 3:00 PM for set-up. Dogs must be removed from the North Centennial Hall each night. NO Dogs are allowed overnight!

DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT 9:00 PM. Dogs must be removed from the Centennial Halls immediately following the conclusion of judging on Sunday, August 9th, 2026.

♦ NO RENT-A-RING for conformation or Rally.



**AKC Annually Licensed Superintendent
Executive Dog Shows, LLC
Nina Fetter**

**MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES MADE OUT TO
Executive Dog Shows, LLC.
1492 N. Thayer Rd.
Lima, Ohio 45801
Phone: (567) 289-3890
Email: executivedogshows@yahoo.com**

Mail Entries to: PO Box 478, Lima, OH 45802-0478

ONLINE Entries: www.executivedogshows.com



Officers

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2151 Renegade Ct., Carmel, IN. 46032 • (317) 502-2352 • rollinsbl@gmail.com

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Show Committee

Steve Ripley..... Show Chair
18106 Pennsy Way, Westfield, IN 46074
(317) 919-3266 sripley2000@msn.com
Lisa Petty..... Rally Chair
69 S 450 E, Kokomo, IN 46902 (765) 437-0238 ldpetty30@gmail.com

*And all Officers and Members of the Board of Directors and Club
Members in Good Standing*

SHOW COMMITTEES

On-Site Show Secretary Nina Fetter
Publicity Barb Rollins
Building and Grounds Rocky & Alinda Edens
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Chief Ring Stewards for Rally..... Barbara Meier & Lisa Petty
Decorations..... Carole Mueller
General Raffle..... Beth McCormack
Hospitality Carole Mueller
RV/Camper Parking..... Steve Ripley
Trophies and Ribbons..... Debbie Beemer
Sweepstakes Chair..... Debbie Beemer

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Judges • All Events

Friday, August 7, 2026 – 2026155900

All Sweepstakes Classes

Megan McClung.....15777 Robins Rd., Johnstown, OH 43031

Saturday, August 8, 2026 - Show # 1 AM 2026155911

All Regular, Non-Regular Classes, & Best of Breed

Steven Kirschner (97109)278 Deepwood Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304

Saturday, August 8, 2026 - Show # 12026155909

All Rally Classes

Elizabeth Wells (94813)11887 LINCOLN ST, GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417

Saturday, August 8, 2026 - Show # 2 PM.... 2026155912

All Regular, Non-Regular Classes & Best of Breed, Jr. Showmanship

Shari M Kirschner (97107)278 Deepwood Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304

Saturday, August 8, 2026 - Show # 22026155910

All Rally Classes

Michael Scott (109805)..... 88 Urbana Ave., Dayton, OH 45404

Sunday, August 9, 2026 - Show # 1 AM2026155913

All Regular, Non-Regular Classes & Best of Breed

Carla M Holt (7602) 4017 Blackthorn Pl., LaGrange, KY 40031

Sunday, August 9, 2026 - Show # 1.... 2026155916

All Rally Classes

Elizabeth Wells (94813)11887 Lincoln St, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Sunday, August 9, 2026 - Show # 2 PM 2026155914

All Regular, Non-Regular Classes & Best of Breed

Genea Jones (107472)11926 N. 200 W , Fountaintown, IN 46130

Sunday, August 9, 2026 - Show # 22026155917

All Rally Classes

Michael Scott (109805)..... 88 Urbana Ave., Dayton, OH 45404

**Judging Program
Friday, August 7, 2026
Sweepstakes (21)
Judge: Megan McClung
Ring 1**

7:00pm	Sweepstakes (5D/10B)
3	Sweepstakes Dogs, 6-9 Months Puppy
1	Sweepstakes Dog, 12-15 Months
1	Sweepstakes Dog, 15-18 Months
3	Sweepstakes Bitches, 6-9 Months Puppy
4	Sweepstakes Bitches, 12-15 Months
3	Sweepstakes Bitches, 15-18 Months
	Best in Sweepstakes / Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes
	Veteran Sweepstakes (
3	Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, (8-10 Years)
1	Veteran Sweepstakes Dog, (12+ Years)
1	Veteran Sweepstakes Bitch, (8-10 Years)
1	Veteran Sweepstakes Bitch, (10-12 Years)
	Best in Veteran Sweepstakes / Best of Opposite Sex Veteran Sweepstakes

**Judging Program
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Specialty Show # 1
Judge: Steven Kirschner
Ring 1
52) 13-25-(3D/6B) (3VD/2VB)**

9:00am	
3	Dogs, Puppy (6-9 Months)
2	Dogs, 12-18 Months
3	Dogs, Bred-by-Exhibitor (Adult)
5	Dogs, Open
	<i>Winners Dog / Reserve Winners Dog</i>
3	Bitch, Puppy (6-9 Months)
5	Bitches, 12-18 Months
1	Bitch, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy)
7	Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
4	Bitches, American Bred
5	Bitches, Open
	<i>Winners Bitch / Reserve Winners Bitch</i>
3	Dogs, Veteran (8-10 Years)
1	Bitch, Veteran (8-10 Years)
1	Bitch, Veteran (10-12 Years)
9	Best of Breed (3D/6B)
	Best of Breed
	Best of Winners
	Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
	Select Dog
	Select Bitch
	Award of Merit
	Best Puppy
	Best Veteran

**Judging Program
Rally Trial #1
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Judge: Elizabeth Wells (80)**

Ring 2
45 Minutes at the Judges Discretion

8:00am	10 Minute Walk Thru as Needed	
3	Rally, Choice	(R8, R25, R83)
8:20am		
15	Rally, Master	(16") (R8, R16, R17, R21, R22, R23, R24, R25, R27, R28) (12") (R33, R34, R38, R39) (8") (R43)
9:10am		
11	Rally, Excellent B	(16") (R10, R11, R16, R17) (12") (R30, R33, R34, R36, R37) (8") (R40, R41)
1	Rally, Excellent A	(16") (R19)
9:55am		
15	Rally, Advanced B	(16") (R9, R10, R11, R15, R16, R17) (12") (R30, R31, R32, R33, R34, R36) (8") (R40, R41)
4	Rally, Advanced A	(16") (R5, R6, R7) (12") (29)
10:55am		
13	Rally, Intermediate	(R65, R66, R68, R70, R71, R72, R73, R74, R75, R78, R79, R80, R81)
11:30am		
9	Rally, Novice B	(R54, R55, R57, R58, R59, R60, R61, R62, R64)
After Noon		
9	Rally, Novice A	(R44, R45, R46, R48, R49, R50, R51, R52, R53)



**Judging Program
Rally Trial #2
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Judge: Michael Scott (77)**

Ring 3
45 Minutes at the Judges Discretion

9:00am	10 Minute Walk Thru as Needed	
3	Rally, Choice	(8,23,83)
9:20am		
15	Rally, Master	(16") (R8, R16, R21, R22, R23, R24, R25, R27, R28) (12") (R33, R34, R38, R39) (8") (R42, R43)
10:10am		
10	Rally, Excellent B	(16") (R10, R11, R16, R20) (12") (R30, R33, R34, R36, R37) (8") (R41)
2	Rally, Excellent A	(16") (R9, R19)
11:00am		
12	Rally, Advanced B	(16") (R10, R11, R15, R16) (12") (R28, R29, R30, R31, R32, R36) (8") (R41)
4	Rally, Advanced A	(16") (R5, R6, R7) (12") (R27)
After Noon		
	10 Minute Walk Thru	
15	Rally, Intermediate	(R63, R65, R66, R67, R68, R71, R72, R74, R75, R77, R78, R79, R80, R81, R82)
	10 Minute Walk Thru	
9	Rally, Novice B	(R54, R57, R58, R59, R60, R61, R62, R63, R64)
7	Rally, Novice A	(R44, R46, R48, R49, R50, R52, R53)



**Judging Program
Specialty Show # 2
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Judge: Shari M Kirschner (51)**

Ring 1

51) 13-24-(3D/6B) (4VD/1VB)

1:00pm	
	Junior Showmanship (1)
1	JS, Open Intermediate (Age 12-15)
	Best Junior Showmanship
	Specialty Show # 2
3	Dogs, Puppy (6-9 Months)
2	Dogs, 12-18 Months
3	Dogs, Bred-by-Exhibitor (Adult)
5	Dogs, Open
	<i>Winners Dog / Reserve Winners Dog</i>
1	Bitch, Puppy (6-9 Months)
6	Bitches, 12-18 Months
1	Bitch, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy)
7	Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
4	Bitches, American Bred
5	Bitches, Open
	<i>Winners Bitch / Reserve Winners Bitch</i>
3	Dogs, Veteran (8-10 Years)
1	Dog, Veteran (12+ Years)
1	Bitch, Veteran (8-10 Years)
9	Best of Breed (3D/6B)
	Best of Breed
	Best of Winners
	Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
	Select Dog
	Select Bitch
	Best of Breed NOHS
	Award of Merit
	Best Puppy
	Best Veteran



**Judging Program
Sunday, August 8, 2026
Specialty Show # 1
Judge: Carla M Holt**

Ring 1

48) 12-23-(3D/6B) (3VD/1VB)

9:00am	
3	Dogs, Puppy (6-9 Months)
1	Dogs, 12-18 Months
3	Dogs, Bred-by-Exhibitor (Adult)
5	Dogs, Open
	<i>Winners Dog / Reserve Winners Dog</i>
1	Bitch, Puppy (6-9 Months)
4	Bitches, 12-18 Months
1	Bitch, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy)
7	Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
4	Bitches, American Bred
6	Bitches, Open
	<i>Winners Bitch / Reserve Winners Bitch</i>
2	Dogs, Veteran (8-10 Years)
1	Dog, Veteran (12+ Years)
1	Bitch, Veteran (8-10 Years)
9	Best of Breed (3D/6B)
	Best of Breed
	Best of Winners
	Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
	Select Dog
	Select Bitch
	Best of Breed NOHS
	Award of Merit
	Best Puppy
	Best Veteran



**Judging Program
Rally Trial #1
Sunday, August 9, 2026
Judge: Elizabeth Wells (70)**

Ring 2
45 Minutes at the Judges Discretion

8:00am	10 Minute Walk Thru as Needed	
3	Rally, Choice	(R8, R26, R83)
8:20am		
13	Rally, Master	(16") (R8, R16, R17, R21, R22, R23, R24, R25, R26, R27, R28) (12") (R33, R34)
9:05am		
13	Rally, Excellent B	(16") (R8, R10, R16, R17, R20) (12") (R30, R33, R34, R35, R36, R37) (8") (R40, R41)
3	Rally, Excellent A	(16") (R9, R18, R19)
9:50am		
14	Rally, Advanced B	(16") (R8, R10, R12, R14, R15, R16, R17) (12") (R30, R32, R33, R34, R35, R36) (8") (R40)
3	Rally, Advanced A	(16") (R5, R6, R7)
10:55am		
8	Rally, Intermediate	(R65, R70, R71, R72, R74, R75, R76, R80)
11:20am		
8	Rally, Novice B	(R54, R55, R57, R59, R60, R61, R62, R64)
After Noon		
5	Rally, Novice A	(R46, R47, R49, R50, R53)



**Judging Program
Rally Trial #2
Sunday, August 9, 2026
Judge: Michael Scott (58)**

Ring 3
45 Minutes at the Judges Discretion

9:00am	10 Minute Walk Thru as Needed	
4	Rally, Choice	(R8, R23, R26, R83)
9:25am		
13	Rally, Master	(16") (R8, R16, R21, R22, R23, R24, R25, R26, R27) (12") (R33, R34) (8") (R42)
10:10am		
8	Rally, Excellent B	(16") (R16) (12") (R30, R33, R34, R35, R36) (8") (R40, R41)
3	Rally, Excellent A	(16") (R9, R18, R19)
11:00am		
11	Rally, Advanced B	(16") (R12, R14, R15, R16) (12") (R30, R32, R33, R34, R35, R36) (8") (40)
2	Rally, Advanced A	(16") R5, R7
After Noon		
	10 Minute Walk Thru	
7	Rally, Intermediate	(R65, R71, R72, R74, R75, R76, R80)
	10 Minute Walk Thru	
6	Rally, Novice B	(R54, R56, R57, R60, R61, R62)
4	Rally, Novice A	(R46, R47, R49)



**Judging Program
Sunday, August 9, 2026
Specialty Show # 2
Judge: Genea Jones
Ring 1**

45) 11-22-(2D/6B) (2VD/2VB)

1:00pm	
3	Dogs, Puppy (6-9 Months)
1	Dogs, 12-18 Months
3	Dogs, Bred-by-Exhibitor (Adult)
4	Dogs, Open
	<i>Winners Dog / Reserve Winners Dog</i>
1	Bitch, Puppy (6-9 Months)
5	Bitches, 12-18 Months
1	Bitch, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy)
7	Bitches, Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult)
3	Bitches, American Bred
5	Bitches, Open
	<i>Winners Bitch / Reserve Winners Bitch</i>
2	Dogs, Veteran (8-10 Years)
1	Bitch, Veteran (8-10 Years)
1	Bitch, Veteran (10-12 Years)
8	Best of Breed (2D/6B)
	Best of Breed
	Best of Winners
	Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
	Select Dog
	Select Bitch
	Best of Breed NOHS
	Award of Merit
	Best Puppy
	Best Veteran



ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Veterinarian On Call (for all shows)

MedVet Medical & Cancer Centers For Pets
9650 Mayflower Park Dr.
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 872-8387

Directions to Veterinarian from Show Site

Take I-65 South from the show site to exit 129 to follow I-865 to I465 East. Take exit 27 (US Hwy 421/Michigan Rd. North, go under I-465.) Turn Left at first light, 96th St. then Right on Mayflower Park Dr., Clinic on Left

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Photographer

Canine Captured Photography by Teddy Lei

Email: teddypic77@gmail.com

(626) 747-2241

(Only the Official Photographer may take win photos in the ring or at their backdrop.)

Special Information

- We will have one conformation ring, crating space, grooming & indoor bathing in the North Centennial Hall. (air conditioned)
- Two Rally rings & plenty of crating space will be in the Centennial Hall South. (This building is air conditioned.) NO DOGS MAY BE LEFT IN THESE BUILDINGS OVERNIGHT.
- All Major Award Winners are required to have photographs taken by the official show photographer so they can be sent to the GRNews. You are not required to purchase these photographs.
- Ring side and Win Photos available.



RAFFLE



Fabulous, Fun, & Frivolous Stuff to Be raffled again at this year's specialties!

RV Reservations (Advance Payment Required)

RV/Camper hookups available for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights; RV parking is on the NORTH side of the Centennial Halls. \$50.00 per unit per night, including electricity (50- and 30-amp service) and limited water.

Send check payable to "WRGRC" to Steve Ripley, 18106 Pennsy Way, Westfield, IN 46074. For more information, email sripley2000@msn.com

Name	Phone #	Unit Description
Lic Plate	# of Days	

ACCOMMODATIONS

Pet Policy should be confirmed before making reservations.

Hotel Policies may change toward dogs, please verify current policies when making reservations.

AT EXIT 140 ON I-65

Holiday Inn Express

335 N. Mount Zion Rd.
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 483-4100

Motel 6

405 N Mount Zion Rd.
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 482-9999

I-465 & HWY 421

Red Roof Inn

Indianapolis North
9520 Valparaiso Court
Indianapolis, IN 46265
(317) 872-3030 or 800-THE-ROOF

Econo Lodge (Formerly Lee's Inn)

1245 W Hwy. 32
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 482-9611 or 1-800-733-5337

Quality Inn

210 Sam Ralston Rd.
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 482-4800

La Quinta Inn

3880 W 92nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46268
(317) 872-3100



DIRECTIONS:

Coming from South on I-65

- Take Exit 138 (First Lebanon exit)
- At the end of exit ramp
- Turn Right on County Road 100 S. Fairgrounds visible on your left

Coming from North on I-65

- Take Exit 138
- At the end of the exit ramp turn Left onto CR 100 E and
- go 1 mile Boone County Highway Department building will be on leftside and
- The North entrance to the fairgrounds is just past that building. If you miss the entrance, continue to CR 100 S where you must turn left as you can't enter the exit ramp for northbound I-65.
- Fairgrounds is visible on your left.

Coming from East on Hwy 32

- As you come into Lebanon, Turn Left on Indianapolis Ave.
- Go about .5 mile.
- Fairgrounds North entrance is visible on your left, or
- Go to County Road 100 S and Turn Left.



OFA Cardiac Screening Clinic

Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

by Daniel F. Hogan, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)

Pre-Registration with Payment is required for ECHOCARDIOGRAMS

Pre-Registration with Payment is suggested for AUSCULTATION, walk-ins will be taken for AUSCULTATION, if space is available

Send this completed form with check or money order payable to: **White River Golden Retriever Club, c/o Kristin Bloink, 2589 Faust Ct, Carmel, Indiana 46033**

PLEASE NOTE: Our clinics tend to fill up – pre-registration is recommended

Questions? Contact: ksbloink@gmail.com

*****PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE WED, JULY 29, 2026**

NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Owner/Contact Name.....

Phone E-mail

Dog Registered Name, Call Name and Breed: ECHO or AUS Only (circle one)

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Dog Registered Name, Call Name and Breed: ECHO or AUS Only (circle one)

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Please use back of form for additional dogs.

Number of Dogs x \$65.00/dog for Auscultation only =

Number of Dogs x \$285.00/dog for Echocardiogram & Auscultation =

Total = \$

I am showing: .Yes or No (circle one) Time preference?.....

You will need to have the following information available on the day of the exam for the OFA form: Dog's Birthdate, AKC #, Tattoo/Microchip #.

Your cardiac clinic registration request will be acknowledged by email, a few days after receipt. You will receive confirmation of appointment time 1 week before the show by email. All communications will be handled in confidence. Thank you!



CAER Eye Clinic

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

by Wendy Townsend, DVM, MS, DACVO

Prepaid Pre-Registration: \$60 per dog

Day of Clinic Registration: \$65 per dog

Send this form with check or money order payable to: **White River Golden Retriever Club, c/o Kristin Bloink, 2589 Faust Ct., Carmel, Indiana 46033**

NOTE: Our clinics tend to fill up - pre-registration is strongly recommended

Questions? Contact: ksbloink@gmail.com

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PRE-REGISTRATION – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Owner/Contact Name.....

PhoneE-mail

Dog Registered Name, Call Name and Breed:

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Dog Registered Name, Call Name and Breed:

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Dog Registered Name, Call Name, and Breed:

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Please use back of form for additional dogs.

Total Number of Dogs x \$60/dog for Eye Exam =

I am showing: Yes or No (circle one) Appointment time preference?.....

*Please report 20 minutes before your appointment for eye drops.

You will need to have the following information available on the day of the exam for the CAER form:

Dog's Birthdate, AKC #, Tattoo/Microchip #.

We encourage you to save time and assist Dr. Townsend by filling out your CAER Form at OFA Online.

You will need to sign up at OFA Online for a free account at <https://online.ofa.org/login/>

Your eye clinic registration request will be acknowledged by email, a few days after receipt. You will receive confirmation of the appointment time 1 week before the show by email. All communications will be handled in confidence. Thank you!



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB®

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.



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Designating NOHS Best of Breed



Once the judge has awarded BOB/BOV, BOW, BOS and Selects

- Judge should compare the awards vs. the entries indicated as eligible to compete by an asterisk (*) in the judges book
- Determine by the flow chart which of entries eligible for NOHS(*) may have been eliminated by the awards (BOB, BOS, BOW, Selects) and which should remain in the ring for the designation of NOHS Best of Breed



If none of the above awards (BOB, BOS, Select Dog, or Select Bitch) are indicated as eligible, judge is to award NOHS Best of Breed from any eligible dog competing for Best of Breed, including WD and WB. If eligible, BOW eliminates the Winners of the opposite sex automatically.

Dogs must be entered in the NOHS Competition to be eligible for NOHS Best of Breed. (Indicated by an "**")

Only those dogs indicated by an asterisk (*) and eligible to compete for NOHS BOB (entered in BOB, move-ups, 1st place non-regular, WD & WB) are eligible for the NOHS award. Eligible Select DOES NOT automatically eliminate eligible same sex Winners Dog/Bitch.