

# JUDGING PROGRAM

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS.

Dixon May Fairgrounds - 655 S First Street, Dixon, CA 95620  
SHOW HOURS 9:00AM to 9:00PM EACH DAY • OUTDOORS • UNBENCHED

**AKC WEEKEND CLUB HOTLINE:** 919-816-3955 or visit the AKC Event Cancellations page at: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/> for event cancellation information.



*GSCA National Specialty  
Dixon, California*

## Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc. - Friday, October 23

42nd National Specialty Show with Junior Showmanship - #2026079829  
Obedience Trial - #2026079828 • Rally Trial - #2026079827  
4-6 Month Puppy Competition - #2026079826



Golden Gate Gordon Setter Club

## Golden Gate Gordon Setter Club Saturday, October 24

Specialty Show with Junior Showmanship,  
Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes #2026310402  
*Concurrent with Sacramento Valley K.C.*

**Friday, October 23, 2026 & Saturday, October 24, 2026**

## Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc. National Sweepstakes Thursday - October 22, 2026

Prodigy Hotel (National Sweepstakes Only) 4100 Chiles Rd., Davis, CA 95618  
Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes - #2026079839



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## ***TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS***

***Thursday, October 22, at the Prodigy, our host hotel in Davis, CA***

*Judges' Education*

*Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Tests*

*Sweepstakes*

*Veteran Sweepstakes*

*Senior Handling*

*Veterinary behaviorist Elizabeth Stelow, DVM, DACVB , UC Davis*

*Welcome Party*

***Friday, October 23, at the Dixon May Fairgrounds in Dixon CA***

*Obedience*

*Rally*

*4-6 Puppy Competition*

*Junior Showmanship and Pee Wee Handling*

*National Specialty Competition*

***Friday Evening, October 23, at the Prodigy Hotel***

*General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet*

***Saturday, October 24, at the Dixon May Fairgrounds***

*Golden Gate Gordon Setter Club Concurrent Specialty*

*Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association All-Breed Show*

***Sunday October 25, at the Dixon May Fairgrounds***

*Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association All-Breed Show*

THE GSCA SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIRPERSON WILL NOT EXHIBIT DOGS AT THIS SHOW

**NO POP-UPS BETWEEN THE GRAVEL UNLOADING AREA AND THE RINGS. The pop-ups MUST be placed along the east-side, tree-lined road or at the south end of the main show grounds.**

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS OF FOREIGN DOGS,** please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/index.html> for the most recent updates regarding bringing a dog into the U.S.



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB**

CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

**SHEILA H. GOFFE, Executive Secretary**



## **EVENT CHAIRS**

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### **GSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

**Event Chair:** Marilyn Orrick • mdoorrick@comcast.net  
7061 Crystal Blvd, El Dorado, CA 95623 – **Day of Event Phone:** 530-497-4642

**GSCA National Obedience and Rally Trials:** Mary Clark

**GSCA Hunt Test:** Mark Bunter and Tracy Leisek

**Bench Committee:** Officers, Board, and members of the GSCA present

### **GSCA NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

|                          |                                                                                              |                               |                                        |
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| Event Coordinator .....  | Nancy Thompson                                                                               | Treasurer .....               | Barbara Gaffney                        |
| Chief Ring Steward ..... | Marilyn Orrick                                                                               | Advertising and Catalog ..... | Laura Bedford                          |
| Logo .....               | Anne Neely Smith                                                                             | Art .....                     | Carole Raschella                       |
| Trophies .....           | Nikki Maounis                                                                                | Ribbons .....                 | Sharon Samelson                        |
| Publicity .....          | Denise Paquette                                                                              | Junior & Pee Wee Events ..... | Dianna Ellis                           |
| Grounds .....            | Les Guliasi                                                                                  | Judges Education .....        | Mick Osman                             |
| Hospitality .....        |                                                                                              |                               | Ellen Bruck, Carolyn Gold & Mary Clark |
| Decorations .....        | Marilyn Orrick, Sharon Samelson & Tracy Leisek                                               |                               |                                        |
| Welcome Bags .....       | Donna Afflerbach, Sherrie McClung & Mary Clark                                               |                               |                                        |
| Fundraising .....        | Nancy Thompson, Honor West, Tracy Leisek,<br>Sharon Samelson, Barbara Gaffney & Carolyn Gold |                               |                                        |
| Silent Auction .....     | Andrew Thompson & Yasia Shekhovtsova                                                         |                               |                                        |

WEBSITE <https://gsca.org/event/2026-national-specialty-california-dreaming-again/>

### **GGGSC CONCURRENT SPECIALTY COMMITTEE**

**Event Chair:** Barbara Gaffney • doghouse1600@gmail.com  
3249 Sussex Ave, Clovis, CA 93619 **Day of Event Phone:** 530-908-3621

**Treasurer:** Andrew Thompson

**Bench Committee:** Officers and members of the Golden Gate Gordon Setter Club present

## **SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER**

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**Warren and Vicky Cook - MyDogPhoto.com • 541-601-5359**

Cook PhoDOgraphy, PO Box 215, Eagle Point, OR 97524  
Only the Official Photographer may take win photographs

## **JUDGES**

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### **GSCA NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**

Ms. Carolyn Gold .....Nicasio, CA

### **GSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

Mr. Phil Booth [115975] - *Conformation, Jr. Showmanship, Pee Wee Classes* ..... Lawtons, NY

Ms. Lora Cox [20288] - *Obedience and Rally Trial* ..... Milpitas, CA

Ms. Denise Paquette [105310] - *Beginner Puppy, CGC, and Trick Dog* ..... Placerville, CA

### **GGGSC SPECIALTY**

Ms. Britt Jung [66281] - *Conformation, Jr. Showmanship* ..... Houston, TX

Ms. Cindy Stanford - *Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes* ..... Medford, OR

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

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**GSCA National Specialty:** Nancy Thompson • 510 708-5461

**GGGSC Concurrent Specialty:** Barbara Gaffney • 530 908-3621

## **SHOW VETERINARIAN (ON CALL 24 HOURS)**

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### **University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine**

1 Garrod Dr., 2nd Floor, Davis, CA 95616 • 530-752-1393

Directions to University of California, Davis: Hwy. 113 N. to Hutchinson Dr., Turn right to La Rue Rd.

Turn right (Garrod) and follow signs to Veterinary Clinic

Exhibitor is responsible for veterinary fees.

## ACCOMODATIONS - HOTEL INFORMATION

The Prodigy Hotel in Davis is the Host Hotel and will be the venue for all events on Thursday, October 22.

Room Rates per night

King Room: \$84.00 + tax\*

Double Queen: \$93.00 + tax\*

Rates include complimentary Wi-Fi and a light breakfast

Pet Fee \$75.00 flat fee per room, per stay

(Two dog maximum per room)

*\*Taxes & Fees: 12% hotel occupancy tax and a 2% tourism fee*

Reserve your room with this link: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/07676?checkInDate=10/21/2026&checkOutDate=10/25/2026&groupCode=GORDON>

The group code is embedded in the link and will automatically give you the group rate.

You may also book directly on WyndhamHotels.com. Enter the group code **GORDON** during the reservation process.

Check in: Wednesday October 21, 3:00 p.m.; Check out Sunday, October 25, 11: a.m.

Reservation Cutoff Date: September 25, 2026

The hotel is a 15 minute drive from the Dixon May Fairgrounds, the venue for events on Friday and Saturday.



## ACCOMODATIONS - HOTEL RV INFORMATION

The hotel has room to park during the day (no camping) for Thursday events.

Camping on the showgrounds is available starting on Thursday. The Sacramento Valley DFA handles all parking reservations.

### **Dixon May Fairgrounds Requirements** **Please read and honor these requirements so that everyone can have a safe show - Thank you**

- Per the Fire Marshal: All pop-ups and canopies must be at least 20' away from any building. All tents/canopies should have a tag indicating CPAI-84 compliance
- No mats to be used on the lawn area between the entrance and the concrete bollards (the area between Madden and Denverton Halls)
- Per the Fairgrounds: The use of stakes on the fairgrounds is restricted. It is suggested that exhibitors plan to use weights instead of stakes. Please let the Show Committee know if you should need help with transporting your equipment.
- The use of stakes on lawn 12 (north end of Fairgrounds) is strictly prohibited. All canopies must use weights.
- Golf Carts, gators, quads or other motorized vehicles such as scooters are not to be brought or used on the fairgrounds and cannot be used by participants in the show, except mobility devices. Golf carts are for official show duties only and all drivers must sign the fairgrounds golf cart rules.
- Unloading in the designated area near the show rings, accessed through the south gate.
- No unloading/parking in the loop in front of the Fairgrounds office.
- A map with all gate, parking, unloading areas and handicapped area will be provided in the judging program and online at [sacvalleydfa.com](http://sacvalleydfa.com)

*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.*

## MEALS

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**Breakfast:** The Prodigy Hotel offers a complimentary light breakfast. We will also have coffee and breakfast pastries at the showgrounds on Thursday and Friday.

Please patronize the Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association food vendors on Saturday and Sunday.

**Thursday:** Welcome Party with hors d'oeuvres

**Friday:** Awards Banquet. Reservations are closed.

## GETTING THERE

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### BY AIR

**Sacramento Airport (SMF)** 19 minutes (19 miles to host hotel)

**San Francisco (SFO)** 1 hour, 23 minutes\* (86 miles to host hotel)

**Oakland (OAK)** 1 hour 14 minutes\* (79 miles to host hotel)

\*Allow extra drive time of an hour or more during afternoon commute hours (1:00-7:00 PM eastbound)

All airports are served by American and Alaska Airlines, as well as other major carriers. Confirm flight schedules if flying with dogs.

### BY CAR

Dixon and Davis are both on I-80 to the west of Sacramento. From the north or south, they are easily accessed from I-5.

**For the Fairgrounds:** From Westbound I-80, take the exit for Hwy 113 South. (Hwy. 113 is First St.). Dixon May Fairgrounds is on the left, one-half mile past the signal at First & A Streets.

From Eastbound I-80, take "Dixon" exit east (to right). This is "A" Street. At signal at First & A Streets (2 miles), turn right onto South First Street at the signal in the middle of town. Go ½ mile to the Fairgrounds on the left.

**For the Prodigy Hotel:** From Westbound I-80, take exit 75, Mace Blvd., then turn left over the freeway and right at the light onto Chiles Road. The hotel is .4 miles on your left.

From Eastbound I-80, take exit 75, Mace Blvd., then turn right at the light onto Chiles Rd. The hotel is .4 miles on your left.

### ADDRESSES FOR YOUR GPS

**Host hotel:** 4100 Chiles Road, Davis, CA (Thursday events)

**Dixon May Fairgrounds:** 655 S. First St., Dixon, CA (Friday, Saturday and Sunday events)

**Quail Point Hunt Club:** 29625 County Road 14, Zamora, CA (Sunday Hunt Test) The venue is about 4½ miles west of Zamora, (31 miles from the host hotel)

## RV EARLY ARRIVALS

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We're sorry, but the Fairgrounds will not permit camping before Thursday; however there are several RV parks within a short drive to the grounds:

**Vineyard RV Park** ([www.vineyardrvpark.com](http://www.vineyardrvpark.com)) is a 13 minute drive to the fairgrounds and 22 minutes to the host hotel. One of our members has stayed here for the 2025 Dixon shows and had a positive experience.

**Midway RV Park** ([www.midwayrvpark.com](http://www.midwayrvpark.com)) is next to Vineyard RV park, so about the same drivetime to the grounds.

**SacWest RV Park** ([www.sacwestrvpark.com](http://www.sacwestrvpark.com)) lies to the east, closer to Sacramento, and is 12 minutes to the hotel and 23 minutes to the fairgrounds.

## SACRAMENTO DFA OVERNIGHT RV PARKING RESERVATIONS ARE CLOSED

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**NON-RESERVED PARKING WILL BE \$75.00 per night/per space (will be parked where available - cash only). Refer to Sacramento Valley Premium List for Complete Rules.**

## **GROOMING SPACE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS**

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**At the hotel:** An outdoor grooming area and booster baths will be available at the hotel at no charge, first come, first served. Please do not trim or bathe dogs in your hotel room. Be courteous to the hotel cleaning staff! The Prodigy has been very accommodating to our club. We want dog clubs to be welcomed back.

**At the Fairgrounds:** ***Paid grooming space reservations are closed.*** There is space for exhibitors to set up personal pop-up canopies with free tented grooming space at the south end of the lawn area (no electricity).

**Free grooming space requirements:** No pop-ups will be allowed between the gravel unloading area and the west side of the showgrounds. Please honor this! Personal pop-up canopies (10x10 recommended): can be set up at the south and west of the showground (along the tree-lined street), but your equipment must be placed behind the blue tape so that there is access to the rings. The Show Committee will indicate those areas where personal canopies are allowed. Please keep all aisles free of any canopies, crates, or grooming equipment. Exhibitors will be allowed to wheel crates and dollies to the rings while they are showing, but must remove their equipment after judging.

*Per the Fire Marshal:* All canopies must be at least 20' away from any building. All tents/canopies should have a tag indicating CPAI-84 compliance.

*Per the Fairgrounds:* The use of stakes on the fairgrounds is restricted. It is suggested that exhibitors plan to use weights instead of stakes. Please let the Show Committee know if you need help with transporting your equipment.

The use of stakes on lawn 12 (north end of Fairgrounds) is strictly prohibited. Please use weights. A large grooming tent (no charge) is available at the south end of the main lawn area for any exhibitor. Please share! No exercise pens allowed. No electrical is provided. No generators are allowed on the Fairgrounds.

***Spaces are for grooming only. You may not set up exercise pens in the grooming tents or leave your dogs overnight.***

## **2026 GSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY HUNT TEST**

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The 2026 GSCA National Specialty Hunt Test will be held Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Quail Point Hunt Club 29625 County Road 14, Zamora, CA. Quail Point lies a half mile east of Zamora, 31 miles from either the fairgrounds or the host hotel. For further information, contact Mark Bunter, markbunter@yahoo.com or 202 744-1343.

## **HEALTH AND GENETICS**

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Thursday, October 22, 2026 - Host hotel

UC Davis professor and Veterinary behaviorist, Elizabeth Stelow, DVM, DACVB, sees dogs of many different breeds (as well as animals of many other species) in her practice as a Veterinary Behaviorist at UC Davis. She will speak on canine behavioral issues that will be of interest to club members. Recent research indicates a genetic underpinning for certain behavioral problems. In such cases, dog owners may find consultation with a veterinary behaviorist more helpful than turning to a trainer using traditional methods.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

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Always a fun part of the GSCA National experience, our Silent Auction offers great items for the lucky winning bidders. We've got a great collection of bid-worthy Gordon art, memorabilia, and even some non-doggy things. If you have something you'd like to donate, we welcome that too. Contact Nancy Thompson at nancy.thompson@csueastbay.edu and let her know what you'll be bringing.

## **STATE BASKET AUCTION**

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Celebrate the glories of your home state or region with a basket chock full of the foods, wines, crafts, or whatever else makes your part of the country special for our State Basket auction. It's always a hit. Need more information? Contact Sharon Samelson at slsamelson@yahoo.com

### **CGC, CGC-A AND TRICK DOG - THURSDAY ONLY AT THE PRODIGY HOTEL**

Pre-enter or enter day of the event.

Entry fee: \$20 for one test; \$35 for both CGC and Trick Dog

Evaluator: Denise Paquette

DO NOT SEND ENTRIES FOR CGC, CGC-A OR TRICK DOG TO BARAY EVENT SERVICES

In the CCG test, your dog shows basic good manners in a series of ten exercises, all performed on a leash. If he's successful, he can add the CGC title after his name.

The CGC-A (or Community Canine) builds on those basic skills.

For the tests, dogs should wear a well-fitting collar (buckle, slip or martingale). Handlers should bring the dog's usual comb or brush for the grooming exercise.

The AKC also offers a Trick Dog title. Dogs with a CGC need only perform five tricks from the Novice Trick Checklist to qualify. Handlers must bring any equipment or props needed for their dog's tricks. Successful dogs receive a ribbon and may apply to the AKC for a certificate (\$25.00 processing fee).

To pre-enter: form available at [gsca.org](http://gsca.org) and mail with fee to Barbara Gaffney, 3249 Sussex Ave., Clovis, CA 93619; or enter day of the event.

For information on these tests, see: <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/canine-good-citizen-test-items/>

### **PEE WEE COMPETITION - NATIONAL ONLY**

JUDGE MR. PHIL BOOTH

**Entries Taken The Day of Show (Friday, October 23, 2026) until 11:00AM at the Club Table.**

One child, their adult, and dog in the ring at a time. Each child will receive a Rainbow Colored participation ribbon to commemorate the experience!

## PROGRAM OF JUDGING

### NATIONAL SPECIALTY SWEEPSTAKES

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026**

Total: 22 Dogs, 22 Entries

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#### PRODIGY HOTEL - JUDGE: MS. CAROLYN GOLD

##### 1:00PM - 9 SWEEPSTAKES

1 Sweepstakes Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

1 Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

2 Sweepstakes Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

1 Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

1 Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

3 Sweepstakes Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

*Best in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex*

##### 2:00PM - 13 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

2 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

5 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.

4 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

2 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.

*Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex*

### NATIONAL SPECIALTY

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026**

Total: 55 Dogs, 67 Entries

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#### RING 2 - JUDGE: MRS. LORA COX

##### 10:00AM - 1 RALLY

1 Rally Novice B - No. 2201

##### 10:15 A - 2 OBEDIENCE

2 Novice B - Nos. 1201, 1202

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026  
(continued)**

**RING 2 - JUDGE: DENISE PAQUETTE**

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**10:45AM - 2 BEGINNER PUPPY 4-6 MONTH**

2 Beginner Puppy 0-2

*Best Beginner Puppy 4-6 Months*

**RING 2 - JUDGE: MR. PHILLIP (PHIL) BOOTH**

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**11:00AM - 4 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

2 Open Intermediate

2 Open Senior

*Best Junior Handler, Reserve Best Junior Handler*

***Followed By Pee Wee Special Attraction***

**Lunch Break**

**No Earlier Than 1:00PM - 58 CONFORMATION**

**58 Setters (Gordon) 8-12-6vd-7vb-4hcd-11/7-3bb**

1 Puppy Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

3 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs

1 American Bred Dogs

3 Open Dogs

*Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog*

1 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

1 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

1 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

3 Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches

1 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches

2 American Bred Bitches

2 Open Bitches

*Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch*

6 Veteran Dogs 7 yrs. & Older

7 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Older

4 Hunting Class Dogs

18 Best of Breed Competition 11/7

*Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex,*

*Select Dog, Select Bitch, NOHS, Awards of Merit,*

*Best Puppy, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Veteran*

3 Brood Bitches

# **GOLDEN GATE GSC SPECIALTY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026**

Total: 50 Dogs, 79 Entries

## **RING 2 - JUDGE: MS. CINDY STANFORD**

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### **8:00AM - 9 SWEEPSTAKES**

- 1 Sweepstakes Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
  - 1 Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
  - 1 Sweepstakes Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
  - 2 Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
  - 1 Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
  - 3 Sweepstakes Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- Best in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex*

### **12 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**

- 3 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
  - 3 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.
  - 5 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
  - 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026  
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**RING 2 - JUDGE: MS. BRITT E JUNG**

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**9:00AM - 4 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

2 Open Intermediate

2 Open Senior

*Best Junior Handler, Reserve Best Junior Handler*

**54 CONFORMATION**

**54 Setters (Gordon) 8-12-6vd-7vb-3hcd-10/6-2bb**

1 Puppy Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

3 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs

1 American Bred Dogs

3 Open Dogs

*Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog*

1 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

1 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

1 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

3 Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches

1 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches

2 American Bred Bitches

2 Open Bitches

*Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch*

6 Veteran Dogs 7 yrs. & Older

7 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Older

3 Hunting Class Dogs

16 Best of Breed Competition 10/6

*Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex,*

*Select Dog, Select Bitch, NOHS, Awards of Merit,*

*Best Puppy, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Veteran*

2 Brood Bitches



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.



**Everything We Do,  
We Do for Dogs.**

7/2025