

GPCA National Specialty 2025

April 29 through May 4, 2025

Hosted by the

Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.

Futurity, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Rescue Parade, Obedience and Rally Trials, Puppy Invitational, Top Twenty Competition,

Junior Showmanship

National Owner-Handled Series

Draft test:

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Obedience & Rally:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Top Twenty/Puppy Invitational:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Futurity, Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes: Thursday, May 1, 2025

GPCA National Specialty with Junior Showmanship: Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3, 2025

GPCA Regional Specialty with Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship: Sunday, May 4, 2025

Looking forward to seeing you!

2025 GPCA National Specialties

For all the latest information, please visit our website https://greatpyrenees.club/national/



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Tuesday April 29, 2025	Draft Test		
Wednesday April 30, 2025			
Thursday May 1, 2025	Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Futurity CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog All GPCA Committee Meetings Health Seminar: hemangiosarcoma - Karen Park Welcome Party		
Friday May 2, 2025	National Specialty Dog & Bitch Classes Annual meeting & Annual Awards Presentation 2026 Kick Off party		
Saturday May 3, 2025	Rescue Parade National Junior Showmanship National Best of Breed Competition Stud Dog, Brood Bitch & Brace NOHS Winner, Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Veteran		
Sunday May 4, 2025	Regional Specialty & Junior Showmanship Sweepstakes Veteran Sweepstakes Conformation Classes		

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.

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.



90th Annual National Specialty Shows Tuesday - Saturday, April 29-May 3, 2025 Regional Specialty, Sunday, May 4, 2025

Obedience (2025097406-Reg & 2025097402-Nat), Rally (2025097403-Reg & 2025097404-Nat),

Futurity, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes (2025097412), National Specialty Show with Junior Showmanship (2025097407) Regional Specialty with Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes & Jr Showmanship (2025097405) Draft Test: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

> Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL 60532 630-505-1000 or 888-236-2427

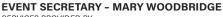
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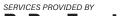


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SHEILA H. GOFFE, Executive Secretary





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GREAT PYRENEES CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. NATIONAL SPECIALTY

All events indoors

Event Hours 7:00AM to 6:00PM each day All Officers, Board, and Events Committee Chairs and members may exhibit at any of the events held during the week of the National Specialty.



EVENTS COMMITTEE

National Specialty Chair - Specialty Events:

Theresa Lendved, Madison, WI 53704 • 608-347-4537 • bleufrog@gmail.com National Specialty Obedience & Rally Events:

Jo Stubbs, Bridgeton, MO 63044-3054 • 314-614-0638 • scandalgrtpyrs@yahoo.com

OFFICIAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER

Wilcox Photography - Cathy Wilcox

https://wilcox-photo.com/

Photographs for sale of wins and of candid photos of dogs being exhibited may only be taken by authorized show photographers.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL - 24 HOURS

Emergency Veterinarian Services

820 Ogden Ave. Lisle, IL 60532 630-960-2900 Call for appointment Directions: https://emeregencyvetlisle.com

Onsite Veterinarian: Dr. Casey Pawl

SPECIALTY JUDGES

Dr. Patricia Princehouse [82790] Chardon, OH
National Specialty Conformation & Junior Showmanship
Ms. Moya K. Courtenay Lateer Petaluma, CA
Puppy Sweepstakes
Ms. Cindy Pearce Williamstown, NJ
Veteran Sweepstakes
Mr. David Osborn [90218] Denmark, WI
Futurity
Ms. Loretta C Lazzara [90526] St Charles, IL
Regional and National Obedience & Rally
Miss Ellen E Vanden Avond [20414]Denmark, WI
Regional Specialty Conformation & Jr. Showmanship
Ms. Karla Smith Cheyenne, WY
Regional Specialty Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

AKC Applications & Paperwork	Mike Falatach
Auctions & Raffles	Chris and Dale Kruzan & Joan Hanover
Auctioneer	Brett Zacher
Banquet Decor & Seating	Barb Koldon
Basket Competition	Chris Kruzan
Building & Grounds	Loen Irons and Michele Miller
Catalog Ads	
Chief Ring Steward	Casey Pawl
Draft Dog Test	Judy Skorup
Facebook Page	Peggy Watson
Futurity	Teri Strom
Health Seminar	
Judges' Hospitality	Judy Cooper
2026 Kick Off Party	
Logo Artwork	,
Obedience & Rally	
Online Registration	
On Site Check in	Mary Woodbridge and Ashley Lerma
Premium List	
Promotional Items/Merchandise	
Puppy Invitational & Top Twenty	
Rescue Parade	
Show Secretary	
Treasurer	
Trophies	
Rosettes & Ribbons	Marcy Bankus
Vendors	
Website	Blu Ridge Graphics
Welcome Party	
Welcome Packets	Laurie Gottschalk

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Liability: It is expressly understood that exhibitors 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 discretion of the Show Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The club, hotel, BaRay Events, and any of their agents, or employees will assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations. 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.

Ringside: Dogs may arrive at any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Judges will not wait for any dog. Owners and agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs at ringside when their class is called. The club, judges, stewards and Superintendent have no obligation or responsibility to announce for or locate dogs that are not at ringside when required.

Practicing is not allowed in the Show Rings at any time. All dogs present must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged.

Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel 3000 Warrenville Road

Lisle. IL 60532

Dogs MUST BE CRATED when you are not in the room. Floor under the crates should be covered, e.a. sheet.

Crated dogs may be left in the grooming room during event hours.

No dogs may be left in the grooming room overnight.

NO BATHING DOGS IN GUESTROOMS.

DO NOT USE HOTEL TOWELS FOR YOUR DOG.

Designated bathing areas will be provided.

Please exercise dogs in designated areas only and pickup after your dogs.

AIRPORTS

O'Hare Airport - 24 miles from show site

Midway Airport - 25 miles from show site

The hotel does not offer a shuttle. They are partnered with Windy City Limousine Services. www. Windycitylimos.com or 847-916-9300

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO SHOW SITE

From the East:

1-80 W to IL 53 Si in Lisle Township. Take Exit 130 from 1-88 W. Take Warrenville Road to destination

I-76E, I-80E, and 1-88 to Freedom Dr. in Lisle Township. Take exit 127 from 1-88 to Warrenville Rd. exit From the North:

1-43 S. Take 1-94 E to IL 53 in Lisle Township from 1-88. Take Warrenville Road exit to destination From the South:

US 75 N to 1-44 E in Craig County, Follow 1-44 E & I-55N to IL 53 S in Lisle township.. Take exit 130 from 1-88 W to Warrenville Road to destination

TRANSFER OF ENTRIES

NOTE: TRANSFER OF ENTRIES AND REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS FOR PUBLISHED JUDGE CHANGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE OFFICE AFTER 12:00 NOON ON MONDAY, APRIL 21. AFTER THIS TIME, YOU MUST CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT ON SITE.

CONFORMATION: Dogs may be transferred from one of the regular classes to the Best of Breed or Variety competition, provided this transfer is presented to the Superintendent at least one half-hour prior to the scheduled start of any regular conformation judging at the show.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Junior Handlers who win a third Novice Class with competition, if a win in Novice leads to a Best Junior with competition present it will count as one win towards moving to Open, after closing of entries for a show are required to transfer their entry from the Novice Class to the Open Class by notifying the Superintendent prior to the start of the class at the show. Correction may be made from one age division to another, as well as, move from Master to Open or Open to Novice if a win has been disallowed or the Junior miscalculated number of placements, provided this transfer must be made to the Superintendent prior to the judging of the class at the show.

OBEDIENCE OR RALLY: A transfer (i.e., from an obedience class to an obedience class; or a rally class to a rally class) may be requested if, according to the owner's records the handler and dog are eligible provided the club offers transfers. Transfers from an "A" to "B" class at the same level are allowed provided the host club allows transfers. The request for a transfer must be in writing and presented to the Superintendent or Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Clubs may choose to accept transfers prior to the day of the trial and this should be clearly stated in the premium list. Transfers may be approved provided the class and judge are available, and the class has not reached its limit. For Bitches in Season, refer to General Rules in Premium List.

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 314 ENTRIES IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

REGIONAL=138: 76 Conformation, 9-11-5vd-7vb-21/19-1sd-1bb-2br

4 Junior Showmanship • 12 Obedience • 23 Rally

10 Sweepstakes • 13 Veteran Sweepstakes

NATIONAL=176: 92 Conformation, 12-12-5vd-10vb-22/22-1sd-2bb-3br-2bc

4 Junior Showmanship • 14 Obedience • 32 Rally

8 Futurity • 11 Sweepstakes • 15 Veteran Sweepstakes

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30

OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS

Lunch at Judge's Discretion

JUDGE: LORETTA LAZARRA

8:00AM - 12 REGIONAL OBEDIENCE

1 Beginner Novice B - 1741

1 Open A - 1301

1 Novice A - 1101

7 Novice B -1201-1205, 1207-1208

2 Preferred Novice - P1901-P1902

9:30AM - 23 REGIONAL RALLY

2 Rally Choice - [2801], 2901

2 Rally Master - [2501], 2801

3 Rally Excellent B - [2501, 2508], 2701

2 Rally Excellent A - 2601-2602

4 Rally Advanced B - 2501-2502, 2504, 2508

1 Rally Advanced A – 2401

3 Rally Intermediate - 2301-2303

5 Rally Novice B - 2201-2205

1 Rally Novice A - 2101

11:00AM - 32 NATIONAL RALLY

2 Rally Choice - [2801], 2901

5 Rally Master - [2501, 2505-2507], 2801

7 Rally Excellent B - [2501, 2503, 2505-2508], 2701

2 Rally Excellent A - 2501-2602

8 Rally Advanced B - 2501-2508

1 Rally Advanced A - 2303

2 Rally Intermediate - 2301-2302

4 Rally Novice B - 2201-2204

1 Rally Novice A – 2101

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30 [CONTINUED]

AFTER NOON - 14 NATIONAL OBEDIENCE

2 Beginner Novice B -1741-1742 1 Open A -1301 1 Novice A -1101 8 Novice B -1201-1208 2 Preferred Novice -P1901, P1903

THURSDAY - MAY 1

JUDGE: MOYA COURTENAY LATEER

9:00AM - 11 NATIONAL PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

- 2 Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 1 Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
- 2 Sweepstakes Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 1 Sweepstakes Dogs 18 Mos. & Under 21 Mos.
- 2 Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 2 Sweepstakes Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 1 Sweepstakes Bitches 21 Mos. & Under 24 Mos. Best in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex

JUDGE: CINDY PEARCE

10:00AM - 15 NATIONAL VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

4 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs. 8 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs. 2 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs. 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 11 Yrs. & Older

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Reserve

JUDGE: DAVID OSBORN

11:00AM -8 NATIONAL FUTURITY

2 Futurity Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
2 Futurity Dogs 15 Mos. & Older
2 Futurity Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
2 Futurity Bitches 15 Mos. & Older
Best in Futurity, Best of Opposite Sex

FRIDAY - MAY 2

9:00AM - JUDGE: DR. PATRICIA PRINCEHOUSE

National Conformation Begins 18 NATIONAL DOG CLASS ENTRIES

16 NATIONAL DOG CLASS ENTRIES

1 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

1 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

1 Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs

3 Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

7 Open Dogs

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

5 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

11 NATIONAL BITCH CLASS ENTRIES

6 Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

2 American Bred Bitches

4 Open Bitches

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

8 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

1 Veteran Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.

1 Veteran Bitches 11 Yrs. & Older

SATURDAY - MAY 3

9:00AM - JUDGE: DR. PATRICIA PRINCEHOUSE

4 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

2 Novice Class

2 Open Class

Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler

National Conformation Concludes

44 Best of Breed Competition 22/22

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

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

Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Veteran

1 Stud Dog

2 Brood Bitches

3 Brace Units

2 Breeders Class Units

SUNDAY - MAY 4

9:00AM - JUDGE: KARLA SMITH

10 REGIONAL SWEEPSTAKES

- 2 Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 2 Sweepstakes Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 1 Sweepstakes Dogs 18 Mos. & Under 21 Mos.
- 2 Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 2 Sweepstakes Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 1 Sweepstakes Bitches 21 Mos. & Under 24 Mos.

Best in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex

13 REGIONAL VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

- 4 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
- 7 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
- 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.
 - 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 11 Yrs. & Older Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Reserve

10:30AM - JUDGE: ELLEN VANDEN AVOND

4 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

2 Novice Class

2 Open Class

Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler

76 REGIONAL CONFORMATION

1 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

3 Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

5 Open Dogs

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

4 Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

2 American Bred Bitches

5 Open Bitches

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

5 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

6 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

1 Veteran Bitches 11 Yrs. & Older

40 Best of Breed Competition 21/19

Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch, NOHS, Awards of Merit, Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Veteran 1 Stud Dog • 1 Brood Bitch • 2 Brace Units

NOTES			

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman 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 sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- \bullet Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.