

JUDGING PROGRAM

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS.

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. 2026 Annual National Specialty Show



Sunday, May 10, 2026 - Saturday, May 16, 2026

Show Hours Each Day: 6:00AM-6:00PM PDT

Events To Take Place Indoors and Outdoors at the following locations:

Linn County Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte RD E, Albany, OR 97322

Brigand's Hideout, 9628 NE 156th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604

Barb White Agility Facility, 2723 Ridgeway Dr SE, Turner, OR 97392

Linn Benton Community College, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany, OR 97321

Lukiamute State Natural Area, 1000 NW 24th Ave, Albany, OR 97321

Timber Linn Park, 900 Price Road SE, Albany, OR 97322

WEB SITE: www.bmdca.org/2026-specialty



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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.



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The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.

2026 National Specialty Show

Conformation w/NOHS • Futurity • Jr. Showmanship
 Pee Wee Special Attraction • Obedience • Rally
 Sweepstakes • Veteran Sweepstakes
 Top 20 • Versatility Showcase
 (Unbenched – Member of the American Kennel Club)

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Event Numbers: 2026183411 (PS); 2026183418 (SWPS); 2026183419 (Fut/VetSWPS);
 2026183409/2026183420 (OB 1&2); 2026183410/2026183416 (Rally 1&2)

**Proudly Hosted by The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.
 and certain Bernese Mountain Dog Clubs of Zone 3
 (Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of
 Oregon, Inland Northwest Bernese Mountain Dog Club)**

All Events Outdoors & Indoors at Linn City Fair & Expo Center
 3700 Knox Butte Road E • Albany, OR

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*Bench Committee: Christie Leone, Chair, All Officers, Members of the Board of Directors
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 (Additional Committee Members & Chairs listed elsewhere)

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.

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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- BMDCA Board Meeting – Conference Center, Room 1, Linn County Expo Center 8:30AM–5:00PM
- Farm Dog Test #1 – Brigand's Hideout
- Herding Trial #1 – Brigand's Hideout
- Scent Work Trial (Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master) – Conference Center – Room 4, Indoors, & Outdoors, Linn County Expo Center – 7:30AM–5:00PM
- Tracking Tests – Linn Benton Community College & Lukiamute State Natural Area – 7:00AM– 5:00PM
- Registration – Willamette Center Lobby, Linn County Expo Center – 2:00PM–6:00PM

MONDAY, MAY 11

- Registration – Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center, 10:00AM–5:00PM
- Grooming Move-In – Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center, 12:00PM–10:00PM
- Berner U – Conference Center, Linn County Expo Center – 9:00AM–5:00PM
- Canine Good Citizen - Conference Center, Linn County Expo Center – 2:15PM–5:00PM
- Draft Tests #1 & #2 – Timber Linn Park
- Herding Trial #2 – Brigand's Hideout
- Scent Work Trial (Detective) – Conference Center - Room 4 & Outdoors, Linn County Expo Center, 7:30AM–5:00PM
- Vendor Move-In – Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center, 7:00AM–10:00PM

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- Registration – Willamette Center, Ringside, Linn County Expo Center – 8:00AM–4:00PM
- Berner U - Conference Center, Linn County Expo Center – 9:00AM–2:00PM
- Sweepstakes - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Agility – Barb White Agility Facility, Turner, Oregon
- Farm Dog Tests #2, #3 – Cascade Livestock Pavilion, Linn County Expo Center – 9:00AM–5:00PM
- Obedience & Rally Obedience Trials – Santiam Bldg., Linn County Expo Center
- Seiger Evaluation - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center – immediately following completion of conformation events
- International Meet - Meet up with BMDCA President, Ringside - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Stud Dog Showcase – Grooming Area in Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center - 4:00PM–5:30PM
- Welcome Event – Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center – 5:30PM–8:30PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- Draft Test #3 - Timber Linn Park
- Health Clinics - Conference Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Futurity - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Veteran Sweepstakes - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Versatility - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Top 20 Judging - Santiam Bldg., Linn County Expo Center - Daytime
- Top 20 Gala - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center - Evening
- Trick Dog Testing - Santiam Bldg., Linn County Expo Center– 8:00AM–5:00PM
- Junior Showmanship - During Top 20 Intermission, Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Regular & Non-Regular Dog Conformation Classes - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Obedience & Rally Obedience Trials - Santiam Bldg., Linn County Expo Center
- Veterans Parade - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center - during lunch break
- Team Obedience - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center, to follow Non-Regular Dog Classes
- Judges Education Seminar followed by Ringside Mentoring - Conference Center Room 4, then Willamette Center.
- Juniors Seminar and Social - Social to be held at Noon at the Juniors Lounge in the RV area; Seminar to be held at 4:00 pm in the Santiam Bldg."
- Health Auction - Conference Center, Linn County Expo Center - Food served at 5:30PM, Silent Auction 5:45PM, Live Auction 7:00PM

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- Judges' Education with Ringside mentoring - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Regular & Non-Regular Bitch Conformation Classes - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Peewee Special Attraction - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center, during lunch break
- Draft Test #4 - Timber Linn Park
- BMDCA Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration - Linn County Expo Center's Conference Center, Cocktails - 6:00PM, Dinner - 6:30PM, Meeting and Awards - To Follow Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- Judges' Education with Ringside Mentoring - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center
- Best of Breed, NOHS, Best Veteran, Best Puppy, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor - Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center - grooming area must be vacated by 6:00PM after the Breed completed
- Judges' Dinner - Conference Center, Linn County Expo Center, Cocktails 5:30PM, Dinner - 6:00PM, Judges' Remarks to follow

SCHEDULE NOTES

Linn County Expo Center: Open 6:00AM-10:00PM Tuesday through Friday. Move in Monday 12 Noon-10:00PM. Saturday 6:00AM with move out required by 6:00PM

Registration - Sunday through Friday, Ringside at Willamette Center - see schedule above for times.

Catalog Pickup and Sales: Registration - Willamette Center Lobby; Ringside Monday - Saturday during show hours.

Ways & Means & Vendors: Open during show hours, Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center, Tuesday through Saturday - Move in on Monday starting at 7:00AM

2026 Raffles: Open during show hours, Willamette Center, Linn County Expo Center; closes at noon Friday with drawings and announcements to follow

Galleries: Photo Contest Winners, Rescue Gallery & Titleholders Gallery: Willamette Center Lobby all week for Photo Contest Winners and Rescue Gallery. Titleholders will be displayed online and also at the Annual Awards Dinner.

Berner-Garde: Visit booth - Ringside, Willamette Center during show hours

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Milosavljevic
Earthdawg Photography
<http://www.earthdawg.com>

The "Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer" will be the only photographer authorized by the 2026 National Specialty Show Committee and BMDCA to take and sell official specialty win photos featuring judges at the Specialty. Judge photos may be taken at off-site locations by Show Committee-approved photographers in the event those judges are unavailable to be present at the Linn County Expo Center site for an official photo.

CANDID RINGSIDE & PERFORMANCE PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Other commercial photographers authorized to sell photos from Specialty events must be approved in advance by the Show Committee and will be required to sign a vendor agreement with the Show Committee for specified events and will only be authorized to shoot and make available for purchase candid (or action) photos and those judge photographs where the judge cannot be available for photographs with the "Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer." Anyone interested in participating in this capacity should contact Ruth Nielsen at rnielsenlaw@gmail.com.

• Kristen Lewis at <https://klpetprints.zenfolio.com/> is approved to shoot ringside/candid shots at the specialty Rally, Obedience, Farm Dog, and Draft events.

• Chris & Andrea Stephanac are approved to shoot ringside/candid shots at the specialty conformation events.

• Rustynne Dalton is approved to shoot ringside/candid shots at the specialty Herding and Farm Dog Test #1 events.

• Whitney Grissom is approved to shoot ringside/candid shots at the specialty Agility trial.

OFFICIAL VIDEOGRAPHER - SHOW DOG VIDEO PROS

Videographer - ShowDogVideoPros

2639 Pocolomas Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88011 575-993-3460
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The professional video services and live streaming at this show are governed by an exclusive video contract with the Club. No other commercial video recording, video recording from a tripod, monopod or other supported camera/device, or any video recording or streaming of large parts or whole classes shall be permitted.

The contract terms permit individuals to record small bits of video of their own dogs only, and using handheld devices only (e.g., phone, tablet, or small camcorder). Individuals may post recorded videos of their own dogs to social media (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, etc.). However, during show hours LIVE Broadcast Streaming to social media (e.g., Facebook Live) is not permitted.

Submission of an entry form and/or physical presence on the show grounds shall constitute both implied and real consent for both the handler and the dog to be professionally video recorded and streamed live only by the professional video services as contracted by the Club for this show.

All rights to video record and live stream or otherwise exploit this event and/or the persons or animals participating in it, including the names, likenesses and biographical matter of dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the event shall belong solely to the show-giving Club and/or the American Kennel Club, Inc. No spectator, participant, owner, handler, breeder, or kennel shall make commercial use of any video recordings of any person or animal participating in this event without prior written approval from the Club. This event may not be broadcast to social media (e.g., Facebook Live, etc.) without prior written approval from the Club.

Violation of these show video policies may result in an Event or Bench Committee hearing. ShowDogVideoPros permits, and encourages, local/national news media coverage and will allow professional news media coverage (tripod mounted cameras, professional film crews, news reporters).

SHOW VETERINARIAN - NOT ON SITE, BUT ON CALL

All require a call prior to arrival to best assess ability to manage your urgent/emergency situation. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to ensure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Rivers Edge Pet Medical Center - 541-924-1700 - repmctech@gmail.com - 601 NW Hickory St, Albany, OR 97321

Willamette Veterinary Hospital - 541-753-2223 - info@wilvet.com - 1562 SW 3rd St, Corvallis, OR 97333

Oregon State University Veterinary Hospital - 541-737-4812 - Oregon State University, Magruder Hall, 700 SW 30th St, Corvallis, OR 97331 - they do not accept walk-ins so you will need to call ahead to determine their ability to address your pet's issues. <https://bit.ly/4tCDEqf>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE/AMBULANCE/POLICE - Emergency: Dial 911

EMERGENCY SERVICES - Samaritan Albany General Hospital - 541-812-4000 - 1046 6th Ave SW, Albany, OR 97321

URGENT CARE SERVICES (walk-in) - Samaritan North Albany Urgent Care 541-812-5275 - 400 Hickory St NW, Suite 303, Albany, OR 97321 - Hours: M-F 9:00AM to 8:00PM - Sat 9:00AM to 6:00PM Sun 9:00AM to 5:00PM

URGENT CARE SERVICES (walk-in) - BestMed Urgent Care - 541-406-3899 - 2910 Santiam Hwy SE, Suite 101, Albany, OR 97321 - Hours: daily 8:00 AM to 8:00PM

WAIVER OF RIGHTS - ANIMALS IN DISTRESS

The BMDCA reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the show grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party, but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

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DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF JUDGES

CONFORMATION

Best of Breed - Intersex:
 Mrs. Abigail Patrizio [97059].....CLINTON, CT
 Regular Dog, Non-Regular Dog & Brace Classes:
 Mr. Svante Frisk [96352].....SVARTSJO, SWE
 Regular Bitch & Non-Regular Bitch Classes:
 Mr. Joe Lobb [38792].....BRUCEFIELD, ON
 Junior Showmanship
 Mr. Bryan Martin [3207].....MILWAUKIE, OR
 2026 Futurity:
 Ms. Brenda Calvelage.....LIMA, OH
 Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes:
 Ms. Wanda TaitSUMMERFIELD, BC
 Versatility Showcase
 Ms. Raime Campbell.....BOISE, ID
 PeeWee Special Attraction:
 Mrs. Debby Jones.....AUMSVILLE, OR
OBEDIENCE TRIAL
 Ms. Laurie Rubin* [97989].....VANCOUVER, WA
RALLY TRIAL
 Mr. David R. Denis [4599].....LADYSMITH, BC

RAFFLE

Tuesday May 12 – Friday, May 15, 2026 - Willamette Center - Linn County Expo Center

The Raffle Rangers are already working on amazing plans for the 2026 Specialty raffles. This is one of the best ways to support activities and events at the Specialty. Please consider donating some fabulous items to the 2026 National Specialty Raffles. The Raffle is one of the show's primary fundraisers, which help to keep the costs down for all attendees. Tickets can be purchased at the Raffle Table or from the Raffle Rangers as they are scouting around. If you bring your raffle items to the Specialty, they must be received by noon on Tuesday, May 12th at the Raffle Table to be included.



Tickets will be drawn at 1:00PM on Friday, May 15. Prizes MUST be claimed no later than 12:00PM on Saturday, May 16. *Unclaimed items will be gifted to the 2027 Raffle Committee. Questions? Contact Raffle Rangers: Nanci Lien at 2redshoes@comcast.net; 360-731-1601, or Jeff Lincoln at Jeffrey.lincoln@outlook.com; 253-278-2800.

PEE WEE CLASS SPECIAL ATTRACTION

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 - DURING LUNCH BREAK
MENTOR: MRS. DEBBY JONES

Refer to Premium List for full Rules and Guidelines

REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CLUB CONFORMATION RING TABLE THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS STARTING AT 9:00 AM. EACH ENTRANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM AND A RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. JUDGING WILL BE HELD DURING THE LUNCH BREAK ON FRIDAY.

THERE IS NO ENTRY LIMIT AND NO ENTRY FEE.

PEE WEE SPECIAL ATTRACTION PRIZES

Each Participant: Rosette & Gift

RESERVED GROOMING RESERVATIONS ARE CLOSED

NOTE: GROOMING AND RESERVED SANTIAM CRATING IS ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY. DAY UNRESERVED-USE CRATING IN BOTH THE SANTIAM BLDG. AND WILLAMETTE CENTER GROOMING AREA MUST BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH DAY. DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN THE GROOMING AREA.

Refer to Premium List and Web Site for all Rules and Guidelines

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, MAY 4, 2026. 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.

Trophies must be claimed the day of the events. None will be mailed.
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value should a prize become unavailable.

DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER

Meet lots of people. Make lifelong friends.

Link to Signup Genius with opportunities located at bmdca.org/2026 - Contact Melanie Koon - melanie.koon1@gmail.com with questions.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD - THE TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE

ENTRY FORMS DUE MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

To be eligible, download and complete the Triathlete Challenge form at <https://www.bmdca.org/2026-specialty>

and email the form to rnielsenlaw@gmail.com no later than April 27, 2026. For questions, email Ruth at rnielsen@nielsenlaw.com ***Mailed entries are also accepted.*** Send to 55 Quaking Aspen Road, Winthrop, WA 98862.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. has planned these trials and shows in accordance with public health requirements in place as of the publication of the Interactive Schedule and this Premium List. The health and welfare of our exhibitors, judges, club members, and all those who work to make the shows a success is paramount. At the time of publication, no public health requirements are in effect for the show site and the size of our events. Any changes to requirements will be included with the judging program. Any changes will be based on local and state requirements, as well as the AKC Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants (available at AKC.org). **EVENT ATTENDEES VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.**

TRAVEL INFORMATION

BY AIR - The Show sites are conveniently located between two major airports:

Portland International Airport (PDX) – approximately 70 miles from the show site and 25 miles from the Herding Trials in Battle Ground, WA • Eugene, Oregon (EUG) Airport - <https://www.eugene-or.gov/1715/Visitors> - approximately 45 miles from the show site. No shuttle service to or from airports will be offered by the BMDCA. Car or van rental is recommended.

BY LAND – *From the NORTH:* On Interstate 5 South, take the Fair/Expo exit #234 and follow the signs east to Knox Butte Road. The hotels will be on your right and the driveway to the Linn County Expo Center will be about 500 feet beyond the hotels. *From the SOUTH:* On Interstate 5 North, take Exit 234 to the Fair/Expo and follow signs east to Knox Butte Road. The hotels will be on your right and the driveway to the Linn County Expo Center will be about 500 feet beyond the hotels.

GENERAL ADDITIONAL RULES

- Dogs must not be tied to bushes, shrubs, trees or other permanent fixtures. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the host clubs, all event sites, and Show Superintendent/event secretaries will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited or possession of any exhibitor, whether the result of an accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at these events is in the care and custody of their owner or handler during the entire time the dog is in the show buildings or the grounds.
- The welfare of an exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that exhibitors will exercise control and restraint over their children on the days of the events.
- All persons attending this Specialty Show's events hereby waive any claim for damages against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or its agents, officials, employees, volunteers, and members in the event that a motor vehicle or crate must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.
- Each crate must be labeled for identification in case of emergencies.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the host clubs, all events sites, and Show Superintendent/event secretaries and their agents, employees, officials, volunteers, and members will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show event sites.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. may decline entries for cause and may refuse to receive or may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness or any other cause, in accordance with AKC rules and regulations. No one shall have any claim or recourse against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or any official thereof.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

There is no official host hotel. However, the Show Committee negotiated specialty rates at the following hotels:

Comfort Suites - 100 Opal Court NE, Albany, OR 97332 – this room block is almost completely full. 541-497-7782

Rate: King and Double Queen suites – \$139 plus 13.5% tax (current rate) – breakfast included

Guests will call 541-928-2053, select option 2 to make reservations and must request The Bernese Mountain Dog of America rate at time of booking.

By making a reservation at this hotel, you consent to the hotel providing the Specialty Chair with a rooming list of attendees including yourself.

Pet Fee: \$20/night for up to 4 dogs – this may be updated shortly

Block Available until filled or April 10, 2026 at the latest. As of publication, hotel is booked

Phoenix Inn Suites – 3410 Spicer Drive SE, Albany, OR 97322 – rooms are still available in the block for this hotel - 541-926-5696

Rate: King Room - \$139/Double Queen - \$149 (this rate does not include taxes) – Breakfast included

Guests will call 541-926-5696 to make reservations and must request The Bernese Mountain Dog of America rate at time of booking. The room block includes 15 non-dog rooms.

Pet Fee: \$20/day – 2-dog limit

Block Available until filled or March 11, 2026 at the latest.

Holiday Inn Express – 105 Opal Court NE, Albany, OR 97322 – there are some rooms available in this block - 541-928-8820

Rate: \$165 plus tax at 13.5% (current rate) – King, Double Queen, Xstandard – breakfast included

Guests will call 541-928-8820 to make reservations and must request The Bernese Mountain Dog of America rate at time of booking.

Pet Fee: \$20/day for up to 4 dogs for a maximum of \$100 -- Block Available until filled or April 17, 2026 at the latest. As of publication, hotel is booked

RV PARKING - ONSITE

We are thrilled to offer a variety of overnight camping spaces available at the Linn County Expo Center through an online process. RVs will be assigned designated spaces. Application for an RV Parking Space implies acknowledgement and agreement to adhere to all RV restrictions and rules.

Types of Spaces and Rates:

1. Eleven (11) Full Power (50 amp) and Water Hookup - \$45/night (SOLD OUT)
2. Thirty-seven (37) Full Power (30 amp) and Water Hookup - \$40/night (SOLD OUT)
3. Thirteen (13) Power (30 amp) only - \$35/night
4. Six (6) No Hookups - \$25/night

The site has an RV Dump Station. Depending on interest, the committee may provide a mid-week dump for an extra charge. The Expo Center also provides three (3) men's and three (3) women's shower stalls in the Cascade Livestock Pavilion.

For additional information and the RV reservation form, contact RV Chair Larry Nielsen at nielsenlh1@gmail.com and look at the Specialty Website

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 814 ENTRIES IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS
355 CONFORMATION: (66-99-15vd-23vb-62/50-8sd-10bb-15br-3tm)
29 OBEDIENCE #1 • 69 OBEDIENCE #2 • 44 RALLY #1 • 95 RALLY #2
92 SWEEPSTAKES • 43 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES • 42 FUTURITY
30 VERSATILITY SHOWCASE • 13 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

TUESDAY – MAY 12

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: WANDA TAIT

RING 1 - 9:30AM - 92 SWEEPSTAKES

14 Sweepstakes Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
8 Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
12 Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
3 Sweepstakes Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
16 Sweepstakes Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
15 Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
18 Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
6 Sweepstakes Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, Best Junior in Sweepstakes
Best in Sweepstakes

SANTIAM BLDG. - JUDGE: LAURIE RUBIN

RING 2 - 9:00AM - 29 OBEDIENCE #1

3 Obed Open A.....1301-1302, 1307
13 Obed Novice B..... 1207-1208, 1211-1212, 1216-1217, 1219-1220, 1224, 1228, 1230, 1232, 1237
4 Obed Novice A.....1101-1103, 1106
8 Obed Beginner Novice B.....1742-1746, 1748-1750
1 Obed Beginner Novice A1701

SANTIAM BLDG. - JUDGE: DAVID DENIS

RING 3 - 9:00AM - 44 RALLY

1 Rally Choice.....2901
1 Rally Master [2501]
3 Rally Excellent B [2501], 2702-2703
2 Rally Excellent A 2512, 2601
6 Rally Advanced B..... [2308], 2501, 2506-2507, 2518, 2521
2 Rally Advanced A..... [2306], 2401
6 Rally Intermediate [2103], 2306, 2308, 2311, 2314, 2316
14 Rally Novice B..... 2203-2204, 2207-2209, 2212, 2214-2215, 2218, 2220-2221, 2224-2225, 2227
9 Rally Novice A 2101-2105, 2108-2109, 2111-2112

WEDNESDAY – MAY 13

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: BRENDA CALVELAGE

RING 1 – 8:00AM – 42 FUTURITY

- 4 Futurity Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
 - 6 Futurity Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
 - 3 Futurity Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
 - 3 Futurity Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
 - 6 Futurity Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
 - 7 Futurity Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
 - 5 Futurity Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
 - 8 Futurity Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- Best in Futurity, Best of Opposite Sex*

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: WANDA TAIT

RING 1 – 11:00AM – 43 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

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

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: RAIME CAMPBELL

Ring 1 –2:00PM – 30 VERSATILITY SHOWCASE

- 6 Versatility Showcase - Dog under 7 Yrs
 - 2 Versatility Showcase - Dog 7 Yrs. & Older
 - 1 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Dog under 7 Yrs
 - 3 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Dog 7 Yrs. & Older
 - 8 Versatility Showcase - Bitch under 7 Yrs
 - 8 Versatility Showcase - Bitch 7 Yrs. & Older
 - 1 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Bitch under 7 Yrs
 - 1 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Bitch 7 Yrs. & Older
- Best in Versatility, Best of Opposite Sex*

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: BRYAN MARTIN

DURING TOP 20 INTERMISSION – NO EARLIER THAN 7:00PM

13 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

- 3 Novice Junior
 - 2 Novice Intermediate
 - 1 Novice Senior
 - 1 Open Junior
 - 5 Open Intermediate
 - 1 Open Senior
- Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler*

THURSDAY – MAY 14

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: SVANTE FRISK

RING 1 - 8:00AM - CONFORMATION BEGINS

66 Regular & Non-Regular Dog Conformation

8 Stud Dogs, 15 Brace Units

12 Puppy Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

6 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

9 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

3 Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

4 Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs

6 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs

9 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs

8 American Bred Dogs

10 Open Dogs

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

12 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

3 Veteran Dogs 11 Yrs. & Older

8 Stud Dogs

15 Brace Units

3 Team Units

SANTIAM BLDG. - JUDGE: LAURIE RUBIN

RING 2 - 8:00AM - 67 OBEDIENCE #2

2	Obed Open B	1401-1402
10	Obed Open A	1301-1306, 1308-1311
36	Obed Novice B	1201-1210, 1212-1231, 1233-1238
6	Obed Novice A	1101-1106
9	Obed Beginner Novice B	1741, 1744-1751
1	Obed Beginner Novice A	1701
2	Obed Veteran	[3401], 3501
1	Obed Brace Unit	[1224], 3401

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGES: LAURIE RUBIN & DAVID DENIS

Obedience Teams judged in the Conformation Ring following completion of Conformation, Obedience & Rally judging, but no earlier than 3:30PM

RING 1 - 2 OBEDIENCE TEAM UNITS

Team #1: Waggin Wilbury's	1211, [1215], 3601-3602, Alt. [1216]
Team #2: Certified Portland Weird	3604-3607, Alt. 3603

SANTIAM BLDG. - JUDGE: DAVID R DENIS

Ring 3 - 8:00AM - 95 RALLY

3	Rally Choice	[2509], 2901-2902
3	Rally Master	[2501, 2509], 2801
10	Rally Excellent B	[2501, 2503-2504, 2509, 2514, 2517, 2522], 2701-2703
21	Rally Advanced B	[2308], 2501-2517, 2519-2520, 2522
5	Rally Advanced A	2306, 2401-2404
16	Rally Intermediate	[2103], 2301-2305, 2307-2316
25	Rally Novice B	2201-2206, 2208-2214, 2216-2219, 2221-2226, 2228-2229
11	Rally Novice A	2101-2110, 2112
1	Rally Team Novice	Team #1: What Could Go Wrong [2112, 2218, 2401, 2512], Alt. 2971

FRIDAY – MAY 15

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: JOE LOBB

RING 1 - 8:00AM - CONFORMATION CONTINUES

132 Regular & Non-Regular Bitch Conformation,

10 Brood Bitches

12 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

12 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

17 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

4 Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

2 Novice Bitches

6 Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches

11 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches

13 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches

6 American Bred Bitches

19 Open Bitches

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

14 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

7 Veteran Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.

2 Veteran Bitches 11 Yrs. & Older

10 Brood Bitches

Pee Wee Special Attraction will take place in Ring 1 during lunch break

SATURDAY – MAY 16

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

WILLAMETTE CENTER - JUDGE: ABIGAIL PATRIZIO

RING 1 - 8:00AM - CONFORMATION CONCLUDES

112 Best of Breed Competition 62/50

BEST OF BREED

BEST OF WINNERS

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

SELECT DOG, SELECT BITCH

NOHS

AWARDS OF MERIT

BEST VETERAN

BEST PUPPY

BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR



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.

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