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39th National Specialty Show

**Futurity, Maturity, Veteran Sweepstakes,
Obedience, Rally, Jr. Showmanship & National Owner-Handled Series with
Lure Coursing, Agility, and Scent Work Trials**
<https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/>

April 11 – 18, 2026

Red Lion Pasco Airport & Conference Center, 2625 N 20th Ave || Pasco, WA 99301



#2026074704 Obedience • #2026074705 Parent Specialty,
Junior Showmanship
#2026074706 Rally • #2026074719 Futurity/Maturity and
#2026074720 Veteran Sweepstakes
Indoors • Unbenched
• AKC Member • Show Hours: 7:00AM-10:00PM each day.



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KENNEL CLUB®

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the American Kennel Club for the holding of this
event under the American Kennel Club rules and
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Tentative Schedule of Events

All events and judging will be held in the Medallion Ballroom, unless otherwise indicated.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11	• AWC National Specialty Agility Trial – 4 Paws DogWorks, Richland, WA • AWC National Specialty Scent Work Trial - 4 Paws DogWorks, Richland, WA • AWC National Specialty Agility Trial – 4 Paws DogWorks, Richland, WA
SUNDAY, APRIL 12	• AWC National Specialty AKC Lure Coursing - Road 36 Soccer Facility, Pasco, WA • Vendor setup and ring, grooming, and crating setup
MONDAY, APRIL 13	• 9:00AM – Obedience – Bronze Ballroom • 4:30PM – Versatility and Triathlon Conformation Judging • Health Testing (Harvest, Sage and Executive Rooms) - Echocardiogram Clinic
TUESDAY, APRIL 14	• 8:00AM – Obedience (continued if necessary) & Rally – Bronze Ballroom • Breeders Sweepstakes to follow • Triathlon and Versatility Top 10 Presentation • Futurity & Maturity Judging • Welcome Party (Bin No. 20 Event Room) • Health Testing (Harvest, Sage and Executive Rooms)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15	• Dog judging through Winners Dog • Non-Regular - Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Extended Stud Dog, Extended Brood Bitch, Brace and Team • Bo Bengtson Memorial Veteran Sweepstakes • Brown Bag Seminar - Dr. Michelle Kutzler (Design and Project Workshop Rooms) • Afternoon Social with Refreshments (Bin No. 20 Event Room) • Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog testing (location TBD) • Health Testing (Harvest, Sage and Executive Rooms) • Heart Discussion with Dr Josh Stern
THURSDAY, APRIL 16	• AWC Annual Meeting - AM, time to be announced • Bitch Judging begins – AM, time to be announced • Parade of Honors • Altered Competition • Top Twenty Competition • NOHS Top 15 Presentation • Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog testing (location TBD) • Health Testing (Harvest, Sage and Executive Rooms)
FRIDAY, APRIL 17	• Bitch Judging through Winners Bitch • All Veteran, Racing and Lure Coursing classes • Afternoon Social with Refreshments (Bin No. 20 Event Room) • Parade of Rescues • Judges Education • Juniors Seminar
SATURDAY, APRIL 18	• Junior Showmanship Competition • Best of Breed Judging (see page 8 for Judging Process) • Judges' Education and Ringside Mentoring • Awards Banquet
SUNDAY, APRIL 19	• WRA Race Meet – Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA

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www.photosbyelaine.com
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- **Grounds:** Donna O'Toole
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- **Judges Education:** David Samuelson
- **Juniors Coordinator:** Terri Erickson
- **Logowear Items:** Reyna Hull Watson
- **Lure Coursing:** Charles Roberts
- **NOHS Top 15:** Alice VandenBussche

- **Obedience:** Melanie Berger
- **Parade of Honors:** Deana Jaffe
- **Premium List:** Cydney Petit
- **Rally:** Jessica Harris
- **Raffle:** Cheryl Grubaugh
- **Rainbow Bridge:** Alice VandenBussche & Heidi Hammack
- **RV Parking:** Terri Erickson
- **Social Media:** Erin McNeill
- **Scent Work:** Sue Pisas
- **Top Twenty:** Gail Boyd
- **Triathlon/Versatility:** Brad Briscoe & Beth Levine
- **Trick Dog/CGC:** Helen Sause
- **Trophy Plates/Rosettes:** Rhonda Gifford
- **Trophy Sponsorship:** Laura Taylor
- **Vendors:** Kim Newell
- **Website:** Jennifer Beach-Buda
- **Welcome Bags:** Carol West
- **Welcome Party:** Brad Briscoe
- **Willow Award:** Patience Renzulli
- **WRAP Events:** Michelle Knoerzer

JUDGES

All Specialty Classes

Mary Dukes [99597] Marshfield, NC

Futurity/Maturity

Kim Pritchard Ontario CAN

Veteran Sweepstakes

Sue Vernon Fallbrook, CA

Brood Bitch, Stud Dog, Extended Stud Dog & Brood Bitch, Brace, Team

Gail Boyd [23274] Apex, NC

Junior Showmanship

Courtney Hynes-Robinson [117576] Saratoga Springs, NY

Altered Classes

Rhonda Gifford San Tan Valley, AZ

Triathlon & Versatility Conformation

Cydney Petit Taylorsville, KY

Breeder Sweepstakes

Linda Buchholz Aldergrove BC CAN

Obedience (Reg./Opt. Titling/Preferred)

Donald Rennick [19134] Lake Stevens, WA

Rally

Chip Taylor [92186] Gig Harbor, WA

Agility

Gillian Crawford [ZJ036] Tacoma, WA

Scent Work

Tracy Hill [106627] West Richland, WA

Victoria Lovejoy [102401] West Richland, WA

ASFA Lure Coursing

Justin Dannenbring [46593] Helena, MT

Claudia Miller [98859] Arvada, CO

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Mary Hermon [95703] Palmer, AK

AWC 2026 HOST HOTEL

Red Lion Pasco Airport & Conference Center 2525 N 20th Ave || Pasco, WA 99301

Telephone Reservations: 509.547.0701 <https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/hotel/>

We look forward to welcoming you to Pasco!

Please review the requirements in the Premium List.

SHOW HOURS EACH DAY - 7:00AM TO 10:00PM PDT

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

All dogs not needed for further judging will be excused. SHOW LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO EXHIBITORS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026, AFTER 3:00 PM.

NO DOUBLE HANDLING WILL BE ALLOWED AT THIS SHOW!!!

DIRECTIONS TO RED LION

From Tri-Cities Airport: (3601 N 20th Ave, Pasco, WA 99301 - 0.4 mi)

1. South on 20th Ave (go .4 mi). Hotel is on the LEFT.

From South of Pasco from Hwy 84 (Vietnam Veterans Memorial Hwy - 38.7 mi)

1. Take exit 179 and follow I-82 W to US-395 N. Take exit 113 from I-82 W (go 30.9 mi)

2. Continue on US-395 (Thomas S 'Tom' Foley Mem Hwy - go 7.6 mi)

3. Take the I-182/US-12/US-395 exit toward Spokane/Walla Walla (go 0.4 mi)

4. Use the right lane to take exit 12B 20th Ave (go 0.2 mi)

5. At the next exit, use the two left lanes to turn left on N 20th Ave. The hotel will be on the right once you pass under Hwy 182.

From East of Pasco: From US-12 W, take exit 12B and turn right on N 20th Ave. The hotel will be on the right immediately following the exit

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The Breeders education committee will be hosting a presentation and discussion on judges education and the whippet standard Friday evening April 17.

VENDORS

Vendors may reserve a maximum of twenty feet until March 1, 2026. If after that date additional space is still available, vendors will be able to purchase additional space if desired. Vendor chair: Kim Newell – kn.uoregon@gmail.com

JUNIORS SEMINAR

The seminar will be held on Friday at the conclusion of non-regular judging. This event is free to those Juniors wanting to attend but limited to 15 attendees Please contact Terri Erickson at Paragon717@me.com

EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN

Mid-Columbia Pet Emergency Services..... 8913 Sandifur Pkwy, Pasco, WA 99301 • 509-547-3577
DIRECTIONS: Turn Rt onto Kingsgate Way, Turn Lt onto SR-240, Turn Rt onto ByPass Hwy, Merge onto SR-240 East toward Pasco/Kennewick, Take Exit # onto Broadmoor Blvd, Turn Rt onto Sandifur Pkwy, Turn Lt into parking lot

VETERINARY ASSISTANCE FROM AWC MEMBERS

If your dog or dogs have an injury or illness and you receive help from an exhibitor at the National Specialty who also happens to be a veterinarian, please be sure to offer that person payment for their service. The medications and supplies they bring out of their concern for our dogs, are not free! Also remember that not all of our member veterinarians are licensed to practice in the state of Washington.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE: 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 and the owner will be subject to a Bench hearing and possible expulsion from the show.

GROOMING AREA AND ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

- There will be a designated area for crating and grooming in the Oak and Pine rooms across from the Medallion Ballrooms. All dogs MUST be removed from the crating area immediately after the conclusion of judging each day.
- Grooming will be in designated areas only and the Grooming area will be available after 3:00PM on Sunday, April 12, 2026.
- All electric in the grooming area is limited and shared. Do not overload wall outlets.
- Red Lion Hotel and the AWC will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any property of any exhibitor, whether the result of accident or any other cause.
- It is also expressly understood that every dog at the show is in the care, custody, and control of its owner or handler during the time the dog is on the show premises.
- No exercise pens allowed in the grooming area.
- ALL CRATES IN GROOMING AREA MUST DISPLAY CELL PHONE NUMBER OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY.
- EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE for all property damage caused by them at the hotel & will be charged accordingly.
- UNENTERED DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED in the ballroom, except during CGC and Health Testing.
- This show site is handicapped accessible including parking, restrooms, and ramps.
- PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES and/or PAGERS BEFORE ENTERING RINGS.
- CASH PRIZES will be paid in the ring. Prizes will be awarded to the person showing the dog who will be considered as the owner or authorized agent. The Show Superintendent, and the AWC disclaim any liability for cash prizes. All trophies must be claimed at the show. None will be mailed to the winners. Unclaimed trophies become the property of the American Whippet Club.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The American Whippet Club has contracted with Elaine Rushton for win photos, and David Leer of CreekWalker Photography for lure coursing photos for the AWC National Specialty held in Pasco and Richland, Washington, April 11-18, 2026.

Elaine Rushton's contact information is photosbyelaine@msn.com

David Leer's contact information is creekwalkerphotography@gmail.com

Any other professional photographers taking candid photographs intended for sale shall (1) be a vendor authorized by the AWC, (2) pay a required \$200.00 AWC vendor fee, (3) wear the 2025 AWC National Photographer Pass during photography, and (4) NOT take photographs in the win photo area, at the lure coursing trials or during the AWC Top Twenty Event.

The AWC reserves the right to bar any offending photographer from a specific event until its conclusion if the sale of photography is determined by the National and Show Chairs to be the intent of the photographer and such a violation may lead to a bench hearing by the Show Committee. Personal cameras and cell phone photography are (1) permitted only if there is no intent to sell photos taken at any time during or after the National and (2) absolutely not permitted in the win photo area. Non-event photography in and around the hotel is permitted by any photographer, professional or personal.

RV PARKING RESERVATIONS ARE CLOSED

Terri Erickson is in charge and can be contacted by email paragon717@me.com (submit email with subject line: 2026 AWC RV PARKING) or call 253-334-0499.

QUIET TIMES (NO GENERATORS) between 11:00PM and 5:50AM Pacific Time.

<https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/rv-parking/> No refunds will be given after this March 11.

Additional RV parking can be made at;

Horn Rapids RV Resort & Mini Mart, 2640 Kingsgate Way, Richland, WA 99354..... 509-375-9913
Pasco/Tri-Cities KOA Journey, 8801 Saint Thomas Drive, Pasco, WA 99301..... 877-894-1357

PRIVATE EXERCISE PENS • Exercise pens are only allowed in approved areas.

DAILY PARKING

There is plenty of free parking available. Any camper or tow behind that will be set up for the week will need to have an RV space as listed above. Free DAY-OF-SHOW parking for all cars, vans and trucks is available around the Hotel. You may not block off or reserve parking space anywhere on hotel grounds.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMODATIONS

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY! We do not guarantee that dogs are accepted at any of these hotels. Check with motels/hotels regarding current rates and dog policy when making reservations. Some restrictions may apply.

Riverfront Hotel, SureStay Collection.....50 Comstock St., Richland, WA • 509-946-4661

Holiday Inn Richland on the River.....802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA • 509-946-7611

TownePlace Suites by Marriott.....591 Columbia Point Dr., Richland, WA • 509-943-9800

ALASKA AIRLINES DISCOUNT

AWC is pleased to announce a fare discount available to all Whippet friends and fanciers traveling to the National on Alaska Airlines! Please visit the AWC National Specialty website for more information: <https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/alaska-airlines-discount/>

Meeting Fare Rules:

- Your group is entitled to a 7% discount off Alaska Airlines published fares (except companion and other promotional fares).
- You may book and ticket on the blackout dates but no discount will apply.
- Any change or cancellation after ticketing is subject to a service charge. All fare rules and additional blackout dates of the fare apply.
- All tickets must be issued online or by the Alaska Airlines Group desk.
- A \$15.00 service fee will apply to any tickets issued by the Group Desk.
- Discount valid on all flights marketed by Alaska Airlines and operated by Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Horizon Air or SkyWest. Not valid on sub-contracted code share flights.

WHIPPET RAMP JUDGING

PLEASE NOTE: AKC WHIPPET REVISED RAMP JUDGING – EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2023.

Whippets may be judged on the ground or on a ramp. The entire entry is to be examined in the same manner (ground or ramp). This extends to all conformation competition at AKC conformation dog shows and any AKC event where a conformation title may be earned. This policy includes Junior Showmanship and the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS).

AWC BEST OF BREED JUDGING

Best of Breed judging is done as follows: **On Tuesday**, the secretary will confer with the judge regarding how many she wants in each group to be judged. Then the entries will be posted, in strict catalog order, dogs on one white board and bitches on another, in groups. It is the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY, to check that board and IF you have multiple dogs entered, ensure that they are in separate groups. If you have multiple entries in one group, it is YOUR responsibility to tell the secretary so that they can be shifted into other groups. If you have an entry you know will be absent, please let the secretary know this. You will have most of Tuesday and all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to make sure your entries are all in separate groups.

Saturday morning, the judge and stewards will be given lists of each group. When judging starts entries will be called into the ring, one at a time, in strict catalog order, that dog will be checked in, circle the ring and go out (we no longer bring the entire Specials entry into the ring at one time). Once all dogs are checked in, the first group will be called into the ring, and judging will begin. Judge will make her first cuts. After all groups of males are judged, the cuts from those groups will be called in and judge will make her second cut. Depending upon number of specials this may be adjusted, but the judge is working towards her final cut of 12-15 males. When this is completed, the same process will be used to judge the bitches, working toward a final cut which will leave 20 +/- specials, plus WD & WB and any of the non-regular winners who have made the cuts. From this last group the judge will make her choices for: BOB, BOW, BOS, SD, SB and 10 AOMs. Unless BOB is OH eligible, the NOHS BOB will be chosen at this time.

OBEDIENCE & RALLY EXHIBITORS: MOVE-UPS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THESE TRIALS ACCORDING TO CH. 1, SEC. 16, OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS.

Please Indicate Jump Height for applicable Obedience & Rally classes on entry form.

Obedience and Rally Classes will be in ascending order.

AWC will retain a \$10.00 administrative fee for each bitch in season that is withdrawn.

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 TUESDAY, APRIL 8. 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.

AWC JUDGES EDUCATION SEMINAR

Sign up Deadline April 1, 2026

Red Lion Hotel Pasco Airport & Conference Center
2525 N 20th Ave
Pasco, WA 99301
509-547-0701



The American Whippet Club will hold our judges' education program

Friday, April 17, 2026, 6:00PM

A Power Point presentation of the Whippet Illustrated Standard.
Followed by a Hands on Seminar

Friday, April 17, 2026

Numerous mentors will provide individual ringside mentoring throughout the day.

There is no charge for this judges' education opportunity.
Ringside mentoring will be available everyday of regular class judging beginning on
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Additional educational opportunities: mentors will be available at both
Lure Coursing events Saturday and Sunday April 11-12, 2026.

Please let me know if you need transportation to the coursing field.

If you have any questions, please contact:
David Samuelson 612-201-3930/samuelsond@aol.com
AWC Judges Education Coordinator



Pre-order tickets will be available at the "Will Call" table.
Please contact Sara Weitzenkamp at roundhousewhippets@gmail.com
with any questions.



Whippet Rescue and Placement
WHIPPET RESCUE AND PLACEMENT (WRAP)

Whippet Rescue and Placement Parade of Rescues

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WRAP rescue Whippets will be presented in the PARADE OF RESCUES on Friday, April 17, 2026, in the hotel ballroom, directly after completion of regular judging for the day.

WRAP will hold a Social Hour, tentatively scheduled after the Parade of Rescues. All are invited to attend – you need not be a member of WRAP.

Stop by the WRAP table in the ballroom to view the history of WRAP in a slide show of rescue Whippets over the years.

Please see the WRAP website: <https://whippet-rescue.org/wrap-at-the-national-specialty/>, for updates and meeting room location as more details become available.

Art Show & Auction



The exhibition is free to attend and open to the public. It will be juried by local artist(s) and a member of our whippet community. Artists have the option to sell their work through silent auction during the event.

A limited number of pieces will be randomly selected for sale in the live auction at the National Welcome Party on Tuesday, April 14.

Contact Caroline Wells Cope (carolinewellscope@gmail.com) with any questions.

Willow Award

IT'S TIME TO HONOR THERAPY WHIPPETS!

Willow, with her partner Linda Solano, is the only Whippet in history to receive an AKC Award of Canine Excellence. Her work as a therapy dog has inspired countless others and the Willow Award allows us to recognize and celebrate the unsung heroes of the Whippet world: Therapy Whippets who go quietly about making miracles happen. Starting in 2004, a Whippet is honored at the National by receiving the Willow Award, with the recipient's name permanently engraved on an original bronze Perpetual Trophy generously donated by Willow's therapy partner, Linda Solano.

All submissions will be displayed during the week of the National and will receive a rosette.

The recipient of the Willow Award will be announced at the
2026 AWC National Specialty Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Any questions or concerns, please contact:

Karla Simon • beachmtnmama@msn.com • 503-539-4751

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS INFORMATION AND FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE AWC WEBSITE: https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/
CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TESTING & TRICK DOG RESERVATION FORM https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/trick-dog/ Day of entry available as time permits
CATALOGS Catalog Pre-Order is Closed A limited number will be available at the show for \$35
NATIONAL LOGOWEAR https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/national-logowear/ Order are closed for National Pickup
JUDGES EDUCATION https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/judges-education/ Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2026
WRA RACE MEET https://national.americanwhippetclub.org/racing/ Deadline Wednesday April 15, 2026

HEALTH CLINIC INFORMATION

WHIPPET HEALTH FOUNDATION, INC.

The Whippet Health Foundation will be conducting health clinics in conjunction with the 2026 AWC National Specialty. OFA Eye Certification (CAER), BAER testing and Echocardiogram clinics will be held as well as microchipping. The Whippet Health Foundation will be subsidizing a portion of the per dog cost for eye, hearing and heart testing for those dogs participating in the WHF database.

All test results subsidized by and released to the WHF Database will be public record. It is up to YOU to enter your dog into the WHF database and to provide us with a copy of the test results.

HEALTH CLINIC SCHEDULE AT THE 2026 AWC NATIONAL

CAER EYE CLINIC:

Wednesday, April 15, 9AM to 5PM

This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Linda Collier, DVM, ACVO. Results can be sent to the Companion Animal Eye Registry (CAER) managed by OFA. This test fulfills the AWC Futurity requirement. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost is \$35 per dog. Online OFA forms will be available for this clinic, and we ask that all dogs have an online form filled out prior to the clinic.

BAER HEARING CLINIC:

Tuesday, April 14, 8AM to 5PM. Limited to 45 dogs, additional booking is at the discretion of the Doctor.

This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Alison Brendal. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost is \$65 per dog for confidential results, \$55 for public results submitted to WHF database.

OFA ECHOCARDIOGRAM CLINIC:

Monday, April 13 - Thursday, April 16, 9AM to 5PM

This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Heidi Kellihan from the UW Madison. She will be performing OFA ACA echocardiogram clearance examinations. All exams will take 15 to 20 minutes. You may sign up as many Whippets as you want, there is no limit. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost of the exam is \$275 for confidential results, \$225 for public results submitted to WHF database.

DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER IS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
USE FORM ON NEXT PAGE

HEALTH CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER IS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Eye Testing (include total # of dogs): # of dogs _____ @ \$35 ea.= \$ _____

Hearing Testing (include total # of dogs):

BAER testing: results public.....# of dogs _____ @ \$55 ea.= \$ _____

BAER testing: results confidential.....# of dogs _____ @ \$65 ea. = \$ _____

Heart/Echo health clearance and/or pre-breeding exam (include total # of dogs):

Echocardiogram results public..... # of dogs _____ @ \$225 ea.= \$ _____

Echocardiogram results confidential..... # of dogs _____ @ \$275 ea.= \$ _____

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED DAY: (First come, first serve, appointments will be scheduled prior to the National)

Mon, April 13 _____ Tues, April 14 _____ Wed, April 15 _____ Thurs, April 16 _____

Grand Total for all Health Testing: _____

How to Pay:

1). Go to www.whippethealth.org, click on the "Health Clinic" button, fill out the online form and pay via PayPal at the end of the form. Please remember to pay when you are done filling out the form!

2). Mail this form and a check made payable to "WHF" in US funds. (Checks written on foreign banks will NOT be accepted) to: Lisa Costello, 6878 Grapewood Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Appointments will not be scheduled until payment is received. You can reach Lisa at:

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PROGRAM OF JUDGING

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 731 ENTRIES IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

OBEDIENCE 48 • RALLY 55 • FUTURITY 35 • MATURITY 30
VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES 50 • ALTERED 12 • BREEDER SWEEPSTAKES 55
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP 11 • CONFORMATION 435
59-116-21vd-32vb-5lcd-7lcb-3rcd-1rcb-70/72-13sd-13bb-13br-4tm-1xsd-3xbb

MONDAY – APRIL 13

ECHOCARDIOGRAM CLINIC

BRONZE BALLROOM

JUDGE: DONALD RENNICK

Lunch Break at judge's discretion

9:00AM – 48 OBEDIENCE

4 Open A	Nos. 1301-1304
10 Novice B	Nos. 1201-1210
2 Preferred Novice	Nos. [P1201, P1301]
3 Novice A	Nos. 1101-1103
14 Beginner Novice B	Nos. [1207], 1741-1753
12 Beginner Novice A	Nos. [1102-1103], 1701-1710
2 Brace Units.....	Nos. [1208] & 3401, 3402 & [1750]
1 Veteran	Nos. 3402

JUDGE: CYDNEY PETIT

4:30PM – TRIATHLON/VERSATILITY CONFORMATION

TUESDAY – APRIL 14

ECHO CLINIC • BAER CLINIC

BRONZE BALLROOM

JUDGE: CHIP TAYLOR

8:00AM – 56 RALLY

3 Rally Master	Nos. 2801, [2503-2504]
4 Rally Excellent B.....	Nos. [2503, 2504, 2507], 2701
3 Rally Excellent A.....	Nos. 2601, [2502], 2602
7 Rally Advanced B.....	Nos. 2501-2507
2 Rally Advanced A.....	Nos. [2301]-2401
11 Rally Intermediate	Nos. 2301-2311
15 Rally Novice B.....	Nos. 2201-2215
11 Rally Novice A.....	Nos. 2101-2111

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: LINDA BUCHHOLZ

10:00AM – 55 BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES

25 Breeder Sweepstakes Open Dogs
30 Breeder Sweepstakes Open Bitches
Best in Breeder Sweepstakes

TUESDAY – APRIL 14 (CONTINUED)

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: CYDNEY PETIT

TO FOLLOW: TRIATHLON & VERSATILITY PRESENTATION

JUDGE: KIM PRITCHARD

1:30PM – FUTURITY/MATURITY

35 FUTURITY

- 5 Futurity Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 8 Mos.
- Futurity Dogs 8 Mos. & Under 10 Mos.
- 1 Futurity Dogs 10 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 3 Futurity Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
- 2 Futurity Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 4 Futurity Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 8 Mos.
- 8 Futurity Bitches 8 Mos. & Under 10 Mos.
- 5 Futurity Bitches 10 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 3 Futurity Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
- 3 Futurity Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

Best in Futurity

30 MATURITY

- 12 Maturity Dogs
 - 18 Maturity Bitches
- Best in Maturity*

6:00PM – WELCOME PARTY – BIN #20 EVENT ROOM
WHIPPET JEOPARDY TO FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 15

ECHO CLINIC • EYE CLINIC

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: MARY DUKES

8:30AM – 59 REGULAR CLASS DOGS

- 11 Puppy Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
- 6 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 6 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
- 1 Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 1 Novice Dogs
- 3 Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs
- 9 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs
- 9 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs
- 6 American Bred Dogs
- 9 Open Dogs

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

DESIGN ROOM

WITH DR. MICHELLE KUTZLER

12:00 PM BROWN BAG SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 15 (CONTINUED)

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: GAIL BOYD

1:30PM – 47 NON-REGULAR MULTIPLE CLASS ENTRIES

- 13 Stud Dog Class
 - 13 Brood Bitch Class
 - 13 Brace Units
 - 4 Team Class
 - 1 Extended Generation Stud Dog
 - 3 Extended Generation Brood Bitch
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BIN 20 EVENT ROOM

3:00PM – AFTERNOON SOCIAL WITH REFRESHMENTS

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: SUE VERNON

4:00PM – 50 BO BENGTSOEN MEMORIAL VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

- 11 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs.
- 6 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 10 Yrs. & Under 12 Yrs.
- 3 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Yrs. & Older
- 25 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs.
- 2 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 10 Yrs. & Under 12 Yrs.
- 3 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Yrs. & Older
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex*

7:30PM – DR JOSH STERN “WHIPPET HEARTS PRESENTATION” *sponsored by Whippet Health Foundation*

THURSDAY – APRIL 16

JUDGES EDUCATION RINGSIDE

MEDALLION BALLROOM

8:00-9:30 – AWC MEETING

JUDGE: MARY DUKES

10:00AM – REGULAR CLASS BITCHES BEGIN [77 OF 116]

- 12 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
- 10 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 5 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
- 2 Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 6 Novice Bitches
- 2 Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
- 17 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches
- 23 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches
- Fifteen Minutes Following Bred by Exhibitor Bitches:*

PARADE OF HONORS

THURSDAY – APRIL 16 (CONTINUED)

JUDGE: RHONDA GIFFORD

2:30PM – ALTERED CLASSES

12 ALTERED ENTRIES

4 Altered Open Dogs

8 Altered Open Bitches

MEDALLION BALLROOM

7:00PM – TOP 20

8:30PM – NOHS TOP 15

FRIDAY – APRIL 17

JUDGES EDUCATION RINGSIDE MENTORING

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: MARY DUKES

9:00AM – REGULAR CLASS BITCHES CONCLUDE [39 OF 116]

16 American Bred Bitches

23 Open Bitches

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

FOLLOWED BY PARADE OF RESCUES

WRAP Meeting To Follow (*room TBD*)

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: MARY DUKES

1:30PM – 69 NON-REGULAR SINGLE-DOG ENTRIES

12 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs.

7 Veteran Dogs 10 Yrs. & Under 12 Yrs.

2 Veteran Dogs 12 Yrs. & Older

23 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs.

5 Veteran Bitches 10 Yrs. & Under 12 Yrs.

4 Veteran Bitches 12 Yrs. & Older

5 Lure Coursing Dogs

7 Lure Coursing Bitches

3 Racing Class Dogs

1 Racing Class Bitches

JUNIORS EDUCATION (15 minutes after non regular classes concludes)

AFTERNOON RECEPTION (BIN 20)

6:00 PM JUDGES EDUCATION (ROOM TBA)

6:00 PM BREEDERS EDUCATION SEMINAR (ROOM TBA)

SATURDAY – APRIL 18

JUDGES EDUCATION RINGSIDE MENTORING
LUNCH AT JUDGE'S DISCRETION

MEDALLION BALLROOM

JUDGE: COURTNEY HYNES-ROBINSON

7:30AM – 11 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

2 Novice Junior

1 Novice Intermediate

4 Open Junior

1 Open Intermediate

3 Open Senior

Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler

JUDGE: MARY DUKES

8:30AM – 142 BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

BEST OF BREED DOG CLASSES (70)

BEST OF BREED BITCH CLASSES (72)

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

Select Dog, Select Bitch, Awards of Merit (10), Best NOHS

Best Puppy from the Regular & Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Classes

Best from the Bred by Exhibitor Classes

Best Veteran from the Veterans Classes

Best Performance Dog

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – MEDALLION BALLROOM

7:00PM – COCKTAILS

7:30PM – BANQUET



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