

JUDGING PROGRAM

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES &
REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS.

INDOORS • UNBENCHED • SHOW HOURS: 8:00AM-8:00PM CDT

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.



Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America

(Member of the American Kennel Club) (For Chinese Shar-Pei Only)

NATIONAL & REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOWS

w/NOHS, Futurity, Maturity, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship, Obedience & Rally

MONDAY - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - 19, 2025

MONDAY

REGIONAL SPECIALTY - EVENT #2025471632

TUESDAY

REGIONAL SPECIALTY - EVENT #2025471622

WEDNESDAY

FUTURITY & MATURITY - EVENT #2025471631

SWEEPSTAKES, PUPPY, ADULT & VETERAN - EVENT #2025471631

THURSDAY

RALLY - EVENT #2025471624

OBEDIENCE - EVENT #2025471623

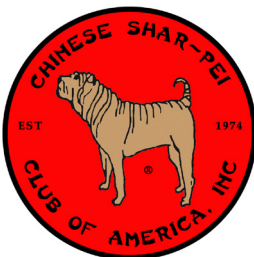
THURSDAY & FRIDAY

NATIONAL SPECIALTY - EVENT #2025471625

Reserve Winners at the Regional & National specialties will receive a 3 Point Major IF there are enough entries in their sex to double the requirement of a 5 point major!

UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

333 S John Q Hammons Pkwy., Springfield, MO 65806



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	Move in, set up and Puppy Fun Match
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	CSPCA Regional Specialty sponsored by Lincoln Land CSP Club and Welcome Party
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSPCA Regional Specialty sponsored by CSPCA • Awards Banquet
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	• Futurity/Maturity, Sweepstakes and Top 25
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obedience & Rally • Class Dogs/Bitches • Stud Dog & Brood Bitch • General Membership Meeting • Juniors Seminar/Pizza Party
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Showmanship • Veteran Dogs/Bitches • Best of Breed

Please visit the 2025 National Specialty Website for exact times, events, updates and to purchase items. www.cspca.com

***The web link for clothing and sales items is the following:
<http://www.companycasuals.com/CSPCA/start.jsp>***

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.



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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.

SHEILA H. GOFFE, Executive Secretary



EVENT SECRETARY – DONNA JOURDAN

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SHOW COMMITTEE

Donna Jourdan - National Show Chair • Tuesday Regional Show Chair

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Regional Show Chairs

Monday...Karen Kleinhans DeSilva • Day of Show Phone 217-725-9007• kasupe@aol.com

Obedience Chair

Kimberly Flanagan • Day of Show Phone: 406-788-9291 • windyriveresp@live.com

Chief Ring Steward: Jessica Logan

Bench Committee: All Officers, Members of the Board of Directors & Any Other Members Present.

COMMITTEES

Futurity & Maturity.....Jocelyn Barker, Kay Rosenberger & Georgette Schaefer
Advertising and Marked CatalogsAlice Fix
Awards Banquet.....Lynn Olds
Budget and Finance..... Marie Bradley
Decorations and Banquet CenterpiecesRosie Steinke and Becky Laing
Grounds Dale & Lisa Moller
Hotel Liaison Deanna Liskey
Invitational Program.....Debbie Theodore & Alexe Theodore
Judges Education Grace Fritz
Judges Hospitality..... Donna Jourdan, Kimberly Flanagan & Jocelyn Barker
Juniors Activities Verla Loomis-Randall
Logo Artist Paula Perry
National Sales ItemsLynn Olds
National Sales Table..... Members of CSPCA
Raffle.....Janine Rodriguez
Rosettes..... Donna Jourdan
RVsLisa Moller
Trophies..... Donna Jourdan, Kimberly Flanagan
Trophy Sponsorship Chair Marie Bradley
Vendors..... Cyndi Skinner

Contact: CyndiSkinner@comcast.net • 360-607-7791

Welcome Party..... Marge Calltharp and Kimberly Flanagan

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

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1550 E Bermuda Dunes St, Ontario, CA 91761

VETERINARIAN

Closest: Grant Ave Pet Hospital & Urgent Care, 1706 W Grand St, Springfield, MO

417-869-1581 • Closes at 6:00PM

Emergency Veterinary Clinic of the Southwest, 400 S Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO

417-890-1600 • AFTER 6:00PM

HOSPITAL

Mercy Hospital Springfield, 1235 E Cherokee St, Springfield, MO • 417-820-2000

JUDGES

Monday, September 15, 2025, CSPCA Regional Specialty

sponsored by Lincoln Land CSP Club

All Regular Classes, Junior Showmanship, Best Bred By Exhibitor,

Best Owner Handed, Best Veteran:

Mrs. Karen Burgess [94221] • Vancouver, WA

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, CSPCA Regional Specialty

sponsored by CSPCA

All Regular Classes, Junior Showmanship, Best Bred By Exhibitor

Best Owner Handed, Best Veteran:

Ms. Terri Lyddon [17246] • Rochepport, MO

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Futurity/Maturity:

Mr. Kenneth Berg [6162] • Moraga, CA

Sweepstakes:

Denise Beagle • Marine City, MI

Thursday, September 18, 2025, CSPCA National Specialty

Obedience/Rally:

Ms. Sarah Schroeder* [34510] • Springfield, MO

Dogs/Bitches, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch:

Mr. Dana Cline [7276] • Albany, GA

Friday, September 19, 2025, CSPCA National Specialty

Junior Showmanship, Veteran Dogs/Bitches, Best of Breed, Best Bred By Exhibitor,

Best Owner Handed, Best Veteran, Best Brace:

Dr. Carmen L Battaglia [0104] • Roswell, GA

JUDGES EDUCATION SEMINAR

Judges Education will be available on Thursday and Friday, September 18 & 19. It is recommended that you book a room in our block so you can get the discounted hotel price. **Deadline to make reservations is Thursday, August 14, 2025** to get the discounted room rate. You will also need to reserve your space with the Judge's Education Chairman, so you can be sure to get a packet of information. Thursday is lecture and hands-on dogs. Friday is ringside mentoring during Best of Breed. **Contact Grace Fritz at fritzg77@gmail.com to reserve your spot.**

WELCOME PARTY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

A Champagne Toast will be the opening of the Welcome Party. We will be toasting the 51st year of the Chinese Shar-Pei Club and a wish for another half century of continued success and our commitment for the betterment of the Chinese Shar-Pei.

This will be followed by light appetizers (SW eggrolls, buffalo chicken bites, toasted ravioli w/ marinara, chicken tenders), a cash bar and a 3-item auction of items (large Ruff Land kennel, Talisman kangaroo lead by Lani Foster, Marilyn Braunstein necklace) to benefit the Rescue Fund.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon, September 18th. It is important that all members attend the meeting to meet the Board and learn about the activities and actions of your Parent Club.

HOST HOTEL

University Plaza Hotel 333 John Q. Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806. Discounted Room Rate reservations are closed. If you book outside the Marriott brand central booking, again, please forward Deanna your confirmation info so she can add your room to our total.

Phone reservations 417-864-7333 (state that you are with the "Chinese Shar-Pei National Specialty Show."

Reservation Link: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/17728?groupID=3975327>

Hotel Liaison: Deanna Liskey 510-493-1784 rdliskey@yahoo.com

"The Chinese Shar-Pei Club requires dogs to be crated when unattended in the National Specialty hotel rooms, and when checking out, the rooms are to be in the same condition as when first occupied. The names of individuals who fail to abide by these rules will be given to future hotels with the intent of being refused occupancy. SINCE THE HOST HOTEL IS ALSO DESIGNATED THE "SHOW GROUNDS" AN INDIVIDUAL CAN BE TAKEN BEFORE AN AKC EVENT COMMITTEE FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH THE RULE TO LEAVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM IN PROPER CONDITION

AIRPORT

Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF)

The airport is 9 miles from the hotel. The hotel provides free airport transportation but you must make your arrangements through the hotel. Hotel phone number is 417-864-7333 (airline person have priority space in the shuttle)

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, SEPTEMBER 8. AFTER THIS TIME, YOU MUST CONTACT THE ON-SITE SHOW SECRETARY.

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.

PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE

Help keep our show grounds, local hotel rooms and areas clean! Exercise dogs in designated areas only and clean up after them! Use outdoor waste buckets for disposal of all dog waste. The future of our sport is in your hands. We want to be invited back to our show sites. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 367 ENTRIES IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

REGIONAL SPECIALTY MONDAY=87

83 Conformation, 14-24-4vd-5vb-16/20, 4 Junior Showmanship

REGIONAL SPECIALTY TUESDAY =87

83 Conformation, 15-22-4vd-6vb-16/20, 4 Junior Showmanship

NATIONAL SPECIALTY=193

100 Conformation, 16-25-5vd-6vb-20/21-3sd-2bb-1br 6 Junior Showmanship • 7

Obedience • 9 Rally • 13 Futurity • 12 Maturity

28 Sweepstakes • 10 Adult Sweepstakes • 8 Veteran Sweepstakes

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 15

REGIONAL SPECIALTY

Sponsored by Lincoln Land CSP Club

JUDGE: MRS. KAREN BURGESS

All Breaks, Including Lunch Break, at the Discretion of the Judge

9:00AM

4 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

2 Open Intermediate

1 Open Senior

1 Master

Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler

83 CONFORMATION - 14-24-4vd-5vb-16/20

1 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

3 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

3 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs - Brush Coat

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs - Horse Coat

2 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs - Brush Coat

1 American Bred Dogs

2 Open Dogs - Brush Coat

1 Open Dogs - Horse Coat

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

2 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

3 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

2 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

4 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches - Brush Coat

5 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches - Brush Coat

4 American Bred Bitches

3 Open Bitches - Brush Coat

1 Open Bitches - Horse Coat

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 15 (continued)

- 1 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Horse Coat
- 2 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Brush Coat
- 1 Veteran Dogs 10 Yrs. & Older - Brush Coat
- 1 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Horse Coat
- 3 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Brush Coat
- 1 Veteran Bitches 10 Yrs. & Older - Brush Coat
- 36 Best of Breed Competition 16/20
- Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex,*
- Select Dog, Select Bitch, NOHS, Award of Merit,*
- Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Veteran*

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 16

REGIONAL SPECIALTY

Sponsored by CSPCA

JUDGE: MS TERRI LYDDON

All Breaks, Including Lunch Break, at the Discretion of the Judge

9:00AM

4 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

2 Open Intermediate

1 Open Senior

1 Master

Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler

83 CONFORMATION – 15-22-4vd-6vb-16/20

1 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

4 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

3 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs - Brush Coat

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs - Horse Coat

2 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs- Brush Coat

1 American Bred Dogs

2 Open Dogs - Brush Coat

1 Open Dogs - Horse Coat

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

2 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

3 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

2 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

3 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches - Brush Coat

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches - Horse Coat

5 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches - Brush Coat

3 American Bred Bitches

2 Open Bitches - Brush Coat

1 Open Bitches - Horse Coat

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 16 (continued)

- 1 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Horse Coat
- 2 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Brush Coat
 - 1 Veteran Dogs 10 Yrs. & Older - Brush Coat
- 2 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Horse Coat
- 3 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Brush Coat
 - 1 Veteran Bitches 10 Yrs. & Older - Brush Coat
- 36 Best of Breed Competition 16/20
- Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex,
Select Dog, Select Bitch, NOHS, Award of Merit,
Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Veteran*

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 17

NATIONAL SPECIALTY

9:00AM – FUTURITY/MATURITY

JUDGE: MR. KENNETH BERG

13 FUTURITY

- 2 Futurity Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos. - Brush Coat
- 2 Futurity Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos. - Brush Coat
- 2 Futurity Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos. - Brush Coat
 - 1 Futurity Dogs 15 Mos. & Older - Brush Coat
- 2 Futurity Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos. - Brush Coat
- 1 Futurity Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos. - Brush Coat
- 1 Futurity Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos. - Brush Coat
 - 2 Futurity Bitches 15 Mos. & Older - Brush Coat
- Best Futurity Puppy, Best Futurity Junior, Grand Futurity Winner*

12 MATURITY

- 4 Maturity Dogs - Brush Coat
- 2 Maturity Dogs - Horse Coat
- 3 Maturity Bitches - Brush Coat
- 3 Maturity Bitches - Horse Coat
- Grand Maturity Winner*

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 17 (continued)

11:00AM – SWEEPSTAKES

JUDGE: DENISE BEAGLE

All Breaks, Including Lunch Break, at the Discretion of the Judge

28 SWEEPSTAKES

- 3 Sweepstakes Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
- 3 Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 4 Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 3 Sweepstakes Dogs 18 Mos. & Under 24 Mos.
- 3 Sweepstakes Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
- 2 Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
- 5 Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
- 5 Sweepstakes Bitches 18 Mos. & Under 24 Mos.

Best in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex

10 ADULT SWEEPSTAKES

- 2 Sweepstakes Adult Dogs 2 Yrs & Under 4 Yrs
- 1 Sweepstakes Adult Dogs 4 Yrs & Under 7 Yrs
- 7 Sweepstakes Adult Bitches 2 Yrs & Under 4 Yrs

Best in Adult Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex

8 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

- 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 8 Yrs.
- 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs.
- 2 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 10 Yrs. & Under 12 Yrs.
- 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 8 Yrs.
- 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 8 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
- 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9 yrs. & Under 10 yrs.
- 1 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 10 Yrs. & Under 12 Yrs.

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

NATIONAL SPECIALTY

JUDGE: MS. SARAH SCHROEDER

9:00AM – 7 OBEDIENCE

1 Utility B – No. [1401]

1 Open B – No. 1401

2 Novice B – No. 1201-1202

1 Preferred Novice – No. [P1201]

2 Beginner Novice B – No. [1201-1202]

10:00AM – 9 RALLY

1 Rally Master – No. [2501]

1 Rally Excellent B – No. [2501]

2 Rally Advanced B – No. 2501-2502

2 Rally Intermediate – No. [2201], 2301

2 Rally Novice B – No. 2201-2202

1 Rally Novice A – No. 2101

JUDGE: MR. DANA CLINE

All Breaks, Including Lunch Break, at the Discretion of the Judge

12:00PM – 45 CONFORMATION

16 Regular Class DogS

2 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

4 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

2 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs - Brush Coat

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs - Horse Coat

2 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs - Brush Coat

2 American Bred Dogs

3 Open Dogs - Brush Coat

1 Open Dogs - Horse Coat

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

25 Regular Class Bitches

2 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

3 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

2 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

4 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches - Brush Coat

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches - Horse Coat

5 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches - Brush Coat

4 American Bred Bitches

3 Open Bitches - Brush Coat

1 Open Bitches - Horse Coat

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

5 Non-Regular

3 Stud Dogs • 2 Brood Bitches

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SPECIALTY

JUDGE: DR. CARMEN BATTAGLIA

9:00AM

6 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

1 Novice Senior

3 Open Intermediate

1 Open Senior

1 Master

Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler

53 CONFORMATION

1 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Horse Coat

2 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Brush Coat

2 Veteran Dogs 10 Yrs. & Older - Brush Coat

2 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Horse Coat

3 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs. - Brush Coat

1 Veteran Bitches 10 Yrs. & Older - Brush Coat

41 Best of Breed Competition 20/21

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

Select Dog, Select Bitch, NOHS, Award of Merit,

Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Veteran

1 Brace Unit



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