

JUDGING PROGRAM

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS.

EVENT NUMBERS: Chicagoland Sporting Dog Club - FRI: 2026129803, SUN: 2026129804..0
American Kennel Club Licensed • Specialty Dog Shows • Unbenched

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



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS

**Friday & Sunday,
January 2 & 4, 2026**

**Tinley Park Convention Center
18451 Convention Center Dr.,
Tinley Park, IL 60477**

SHOW HOURS: 7:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. - EACH DAY
ALL JUDGING WILL BE FULLY HEATED INDOORS

~~ FREE PARKING ~~

OFFICERS OF THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS

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Quincy IL • specialtygrci@gmail.com • Day of Show Phone: 217-740-7215

Bench Hearing & Show Committee:

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JUDGES

Dr. Ann Greenbank [115749] – permit/provisional.....Ardrossan, AB
Friday All Conformation Classes
Kelton Hatton.....Grafton, WI
Friday Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Gun Dog Sweepstakes
Mr. Neil T McDewitt [91600]Beavercreek, OH
Sunday All Conformation Classes
Judy Vandersteen.....Coleman, WI
Sunday Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Gun Dog Sweepstakes



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

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

SHEILA H. GOFFE, Executive Secretary



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OFFICE HOURS
10AM-5PM
PACIFIC TIME
MON.-FRI.



NEW EXHIBITOR BRIEFING

Superintendent will have New Exhibitor Handbooks available, and are there to answer any of your questions on the days of the shows.

IMPORTANT EXHIBITOR INFORMATION
ADDITIONAL RULES INCLUDED IN PREMIUM LIST - READ IT. There is no acceptable excuse for breaking or being unfamiliar with the rules.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOWS

From the East and West: Take I-80 to Exit 148B for IL-43 N/Harlem Ave. Turn right onto 183rd St. Turn right onto Convention Center Dr. Follow signs to the unloading areas.

NO UNLOADING EQUIPMENT, TABLES, CRATES, ETC., THROUGH FRONT DOORS. DOGS MAY BE WALKED THROUGH THE FRONT.

GO TO: <https://greatamericandogshow.com/exhibitors/winter/>

FOR INFORMATION ON RESERVED GROOMING • HOTEL INFORMATION • MOTORHOME PARKING • HEALTH CLINICS • GREET THE BREEDS

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.

EX-PENS - PLASTIC SHEETING UNDER AND AROUND EXHIBITOR EX-PENS IS REQUIRED. PLASTIC SHEETING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED, AND EX-PENS WITHOUT WILL BE TAKEN DOWN. EX-PENS ARE ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS INSIDE.

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.

RING STEWARD SERVICES PROVIDED BY Wright Steward Association

Tonda Wright

615-478-0558 WSAstewards@gmail.com

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, DECEMBER 30. 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.

PROGRAM OF JUDGING
Friday, January 2, 2026

Total: 36 Dogs, 43 Entries

RING 8 - JUDGE: KELTON HATTON
12:15PM - 6 SWEEPSTAKES

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

RING 8 - JUDGE: ANN GREENBANK
12:40PM - 37 CONFORMATION

37 Retrievers (Golden) 6-25-4/2

1 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs
1 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs
1 American Bred Dogs
2 Open Dogs

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

1 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

4 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

2 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches

2 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches

5 American Bred Bitches

11 Open Bitches

Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

6 Best of Breed Competition 4/2

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

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

Best Puppy, Best Veteran

PROGRAM OF JUDGING
Sunday, January 4, 2026

Total: 39 Dogs, 44 Entries

RING 2 - JUDGE: JUDY VANDERSTEEN
10:00AM - 4 SWEEPSTAKES

1 Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
3 Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
Best in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex

RING 2 - JUDGE: NEIL MCDEVITT
10:15AM - 40 CONFORMATION

40 Retrievers (Golden) 8-25-5/2

1 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs
1 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs
5 Open Dogs

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

1 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

4 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

1 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches

3 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches

5 American Bred Bitches

11 Open Bitches

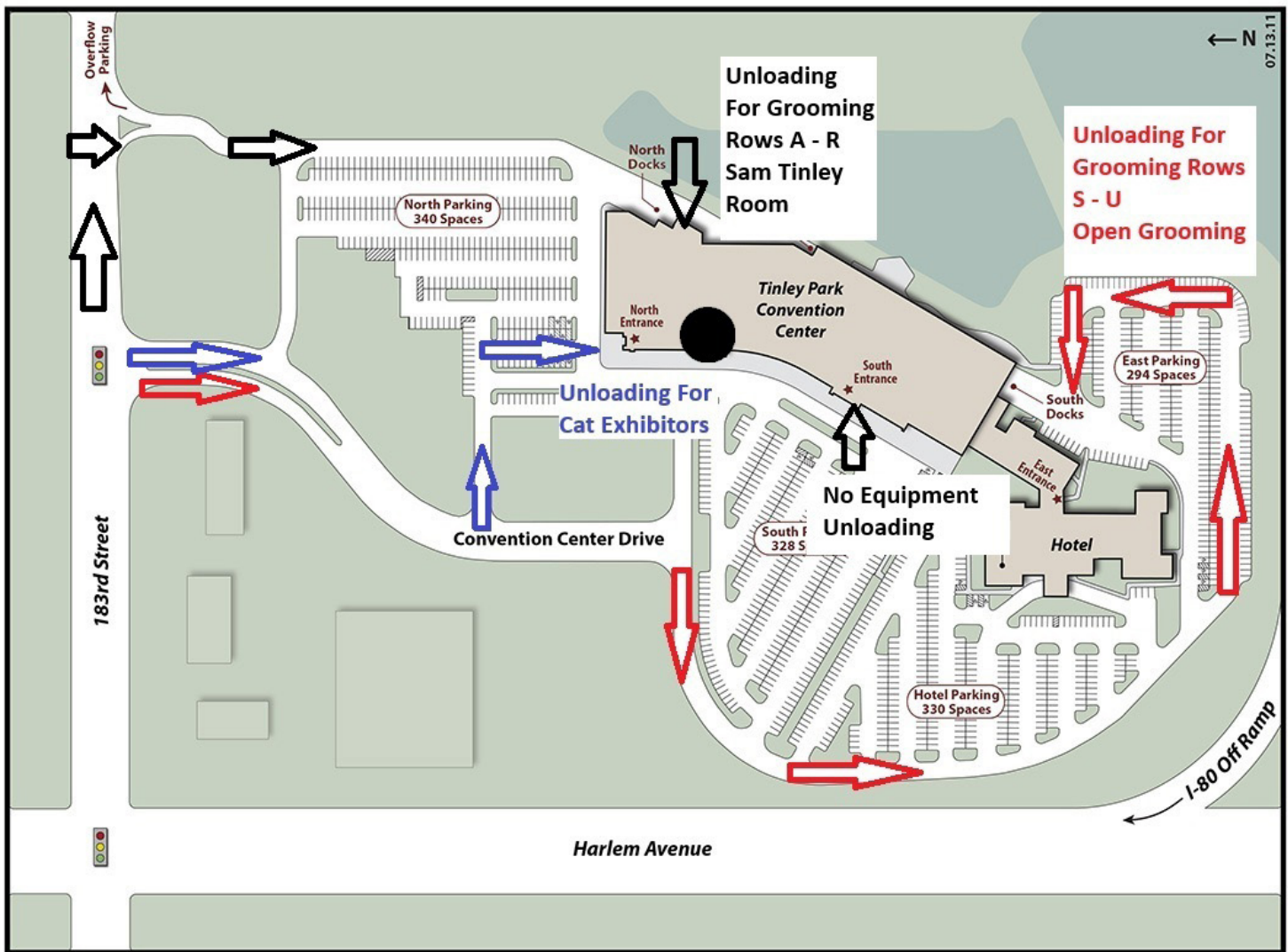
Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch

7 Best of Breed Competition 5/2

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

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

Best Puppy, Best Veteran



Unloading Instructions

Please note that we have different unloading zones at the Tinley Park Convention Center, depending on which grooming area you are going to be in.

RESERVED GROOMING SECTIONS 1 (ROWS A-R) AND OVERFLOW RESERVED GROOMING IN THE SAMUEL TINLEY ROOM:

Unloading for these areas will be on the North Dock. When you arrive at the convention center, follow signage for unloading with **BLACK ARROWS**. Note: As you enter the Convention Center on Harlem Ave., Turn left at the light at 183rd St. Go through one more stop light (Convention Center Dr) and take the next right. Proceed Straight to the North Dock.

RESERVED GROOMING SECTION 2 (ROWS S-U) and OPEN GROOMING:

Unloading for the smaller reserved grooming section, reserved grooming OF 1-10 and **ALL** open grooming will be at the South Dock. This includes rows S-U (this includes the reserved area for Bernese Mountain Dogs). When you arrive at the Tinley Park Convention Center, follow signage with **RED ARROWS**. Note that you will have to circle around behind the Even Hotel to the back of the Convention Center in order to reach the South Dock.

CAT EXHIBITORS:

Follow the **BLUE ARROWS** on the map. All cat unloading should happen through the North Entrance.

NOTE: There is NO dog unloading through the North or West Entrances. The North Entrance is used for Cat Exhibitors ONLY.

*****Important Reminders*****

No equipment on wheels (dollies, crates, etc.) will be allowed through the South Entrance on the front side of the building. You **MUST** unload via either the North or South loading docks. This is the policy of the convention center and there will be no exceptions. Dogs may be **WALKED** through the front South Entrance doors.

Bathing tubs will be located on the North Dock in a heated area. These tubs will be first come, first served, when available. Please keep the bathing area clean.

The building will be open and available to exhibitors at 3:00PM on Thursday, January 1. The building will close at 10:00PM Thursday-Saturday and reopen at 6:00AM.

ALL EVENTS

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER - ALL EVENTS

All Breed Photo..... AllBreedPhoto.com • 916-807-6043 • sarah@allbreedphoto.com
All photos will be posted within 24 hours (Only the Official Photographer may take win pictures.)

VETERINARIAN ON CALL & 24 HOUR EMERGENCY

Premier Veterinary Group 7000 W. 159th St., Orland Park, IL 60462 • 708-388-3771 • Open 24/7
"Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations."



Our Host Hotel Dog Friendly
EVEN Hotel Chicago Tinley Park Convention Center (An IHG Hotel)
18501 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477

There are a limited number of rooms in the block. Room rate: \$119.00 per night plus tax. \$50.00 pet fee. Group rate is good Thursday - Sunday. Corporate/Group Code is: GAD. In addition, dogs may be left in the building over night, which will have security.

The host site has ample grassy areas for dog walking, beautiful rooms, a restaurant and bar.

Visit the link below for full details:

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE](https://greatamericandogshow.com/exhibitors/winter/)
<https://greatamericandogshow.com/exhibitors/winter/>
Central Reservations Phone Number: 877-824-6031

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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

The Show Site will be available to exhibitors after 3:00PM on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Building will close at 10:00PM Thursday through Saturday & buildings reopen at 6:00AM Friday through Sunday.

No dogs that are disqualified for aggression will be allowed to enter these shows, nor be allowed to be on the grounds. In addition, no aggression reinstatement procedures will be performed at these shows.

Dogs found to be 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.

COOK COUNTY FIRE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE USE OF AND/OR ENTRY OF RED GASOLINE CANS OR YELLOW DIESEL FUEL CANS INSIDE ANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ANY SUCH CAN WILL BE CONFISCATED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE OWNER WILL BE ESCORTED OFF THE SHOW SITE. (Water MUST be in Approved Water Container).

- A Night Watchman will be on duty Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights; However dogs are left at owners risk.
- Only Intoxicating Beverages purchased from the Convention Center are permitted.
- SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN ALL BUILDINGS.
- All Crates must be stacked and there is no room for any unentered dogs.
- Exhibitors/Handlers MUST have plastic sheeting under AND around exercise pens. Plastic sheeting will not be provided. Any pens without sheeting will be taken down.
- No sawdust in any indoor Ex-Pen. All Private Ex-Pens will be indoors in a designated area. All grooming is in a carpeted room. NO Ex-Pens allowed in the Grooming Area.
- ALL EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEAN UP OF THEIR OWN DOGS IN THE RING, BUILDING AND OUTSIDE ON THE PROPERTY.
- When unloading or loading, exhibitors, dogs and equipment must enter only from 1 of the 2 loading dock areas. DO NOT drive up the ramps or unload/load from the turn around areas outside the front of the Convention Center.
- DAY PARKING IS FREE.
- Medical Professional, if available, will be on the grounds.
- SHOW SITE & RESTROOMS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.
- PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND/OR PAGERS BEFORE ENTERING RINGS.
- NO SOFT SIDED CRATES WITHIN 10' OF ANY RING, AISLES MUST BE KEPT CLEAR OF OBSTACLES. ALL GROOMING TABLES AND CRATES MUST BE IN MARKED GROOMING AREAS ONLY.
- EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE for all property damage caused by them at hotels or Show Grounds and will be charged accordingly.
- DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A SHORT LEASH. NO FLEXI-LEADS!