



## **NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

**April 14 through April 18, 2026**

Hosted by the

### **Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.**

Futurity, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally Trials,

Puppy Invitational, Top Twenty Competition,

Junior Showmanship

National Owner-Handled Series

National **Obedience & Rally:**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**2 GPCA Regional Specialties with Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes:**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – Entry Limit 100 Per Show

**Top Twenty/Puppy Invitational:**

Thursday, April 16, 2026

**National Futurity, Puppy Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes:**

Thursday, April 16, 2026

**GPCA National Specialty with Junior Showmanship:**

Friday & Saturday April 17 & 18, 2026

***Looking forward to seeing you!***

## 2026 GPCA National Specialties

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



<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 14, 2026</b>	National Specialty Obedience & Rally Trials Regional Obedience & Rally Trials Paint & Sip
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 15, 2026</b>	Regional Specialties 1 & 2 ◆ Sweepstakes ◆ Veteran Sweepstakes ◆ Conformation Classes Welcome Party
<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 16, 2026</b>	Futurity, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes Health Seminar and Health Committee Meeting Regional Rep Meeting Rescue Meeting Top 20/Puppy Invitational
<b>Friday</b> <b>April 17, 2026</b>	National Specialty Dog & Veteran Dog Classes National Specialty Bitch & Veteran Bitch Classes Annual Meeting & Annual Awards Presentation CGC & Trick Dog Testing
<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 18, 2026</b>	Junior Showmanship Best of Breed Competition Stud Dog, Brood Bitch & Brace Breeders Class NOHS Winner, Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Veteran Banquet & Auction

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS.** Entries Close at the BaRay Events Office, at 12:00 Noon (PDT), Wednesday, March 25, 2026, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules or Ch. 1, Sec. 16 of the Obedience Regulations.

### PREMIUM LIST

All events open to Great Pyrenees only



## GREAT PYRENEES CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Member of the American Kennel Club

### 91st Annual National Specialty Shows

**Tuesday - Saturday, April 14-18, 2026**

### Regional Specialties, Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**Obedience** (2026097402-Reg & 2026097405-Nat'l),

**Rally** (2026097404-Reg & 2026097403-Nat'l),

**Regional Specialties with Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes**

(Show #1 Specialty 2026097407, Show #2 Specialty 2026097409)

**Futurity, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes** (2026097410),

**National Specialty Show with Junior Showmanship** (2026097406)

**Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center**

**1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99037**

**509-924-9000**

For additional information go to <https://greatpyrenees.club/national/>



**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



#### EVENT SECRETARY - KAREN BURGESS

SERVICES PROVIDED BY

### BaRay Event Services, Inc.

A.K.C. ANNUALLY LICENSED SUPERINTENDENTS

MEMBER: DOG SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 508, BURLINGTON, WA 98233

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113 E. FAIRHAVEN AVE., BURLINGTON, WA 98233 (do NOT require signature)

E-MAIL: [dogshows@barayevents.com](mailto:dogshows@barayevents.com) • WEB SITE: [BaRayEvents.com](http://BaRayEvents.com)

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

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# GREAT PYRENEES CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. NATIONAL SPECIALTY

All events indoors

Event Hours 7:00AM to 6:00PM each day

All Officers, Board, and Events Committee Chairs  
and members may exhibit at any of the events  
held during the week of the National Specialty.



## OFFICERS FOR THE GREAT PYRENEES CLUB OF AMERICA, INC

President .....Michael Falatach      Vice President .....Jo Stubbs  
Treasurer .....Linda Whisenhunt      Secretary ..... Terry Lendved  
608-347-4537 • bleufrog@gmail.com

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Terry Denney-Combs • Kimberly Kentopp • Lisa Ann Conner • Joan Ziehl • Ray Beattie

**The GPCA BOD will serve as the Hearing Committee for these events  
and will serve from the first board meeting until the close of all events.**

## EVENTS COMMITTEE

### National Specialty Chair - Specialty Events:

Linda Whisenhunt • Day of Show Phone: 805-558-0500 • jacobsonwhiz3@gmail.com

### National Specialty Obedience & Rally Events:

Desiree Davis • Day of Show Phone: 608-403-2464 • ddcommonsents@att.net

## OFFICIAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER

### Callea Photo

200 E. Tramac Pl, Shelton, WA 98584 360-426-2172  
Meg Callea • calleafoto@aol.com • calleaphoto.shootproof.com

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

## VETERINARIAN ON CALL - 24 HOURS

### Pet Emergency Clinic

21 E Mission Ave, Spokane, WA 99202 • 509-326-6670 Call for appointment  
Directions: <https://petemergencyspokane.com/>

## SPECIALTY JUDGES

Ms. Mary Albee [116529] ..... Washougal, WA  
PM - *Regional Specialty Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes*  
Ms. Sue Blevens ..... Mystic, CT  
*Veteran Sweepstakes*  
Mrs. Nancy Coombs ..... Gettysburg, PA  
*Puppy Sweepstakes*  
Mr. Stephen Cabral [5812] ..... Duarte, CA  
AM - *Regional Specialty Puppy, Veteran Sweepstakes & National Specialty Junior Showmanship*  
Ms. Karen Justin [64864] ..... Westtown, NY  
*Show #2 Regional Specialty Conformation*  
Ms. Kimberly Kentopp ..... Gig Harbor, WA  
*Futurity*  
Mr. Richard Lewis [18253] ..... Selah, WA  
*Show #1-Regional Specialty Conformation & Regional and National Obedience & Rally*  
Mr. Keith Savage (7318) ..... Claverdon, UK  
*National Specialty Conformation*

## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

AKC Applications & Paperwork .....	Jo Stubbs
Auctions & Raffles .....	Amy Zacher, Lisa Conner, Karen Park
Auctioneer .....	Brett Zacher
Basket Competition .....	Lisa Connor
Building, Grounds & Signage .....	Ray Beattie and Bret Zacher
Catalog Ads .....	Kimberly Kentopp
Chief Ring Steward .....	Jean Pero
Futurity .....	Terrie Strom
Health Seminar .....	Karen Park
Hospitality Room .....	Joan Hanover
Judges Gifts.....	Moya Courtenay Lateer
Judges' Hospitality .....	Lauren Hull
Logo Artwork .....	Nancy Wood Taber
Obedience & Rally .....	Desiree Davis
Online Registration .....	Amy Zacher
On Site Check in .....	Ashley Lerma
Premium List .....	Linda Whisenhunt and Jo Stubbs
Promotional Items/Merchandise .....	Terrie Strom
Puppy Invitational & Top Twenty .....	Terrie Strom
Show Secretary .....	Karen Burgess
Show Chairperson.....	Linda Whisenhunt
Treasurer .....	Carrie Stuart Parks
Trophies .....	Terry Denney-Combs
Rosettes & Ribbons .....	Linda Whisenhunt and Terrie Strom
Vendors .....	Linda Whisenhunt
Website .....	Joan Ziehl
Welcome Party .....	Jan Hansen
Welcome Packets .....	Kimberly Kentopp

## **ENTRY INFORMATION - ALL EVENTS**

ENTRY FEES (including AKC recording/event services fees)

### **CONFORMATION - EACH EVENT**

First entry of dog .....	\$40
Additional entry of same dog, unless otherwise specified .....	\$25
Veteran & Puppy Sweepstakes (must be entered in a regular class) .....	\$25
Futurity (must be entered in a regular class - Thursday) .....	\$10
Junior Showmanship only - Saturday - [Nat'l Only].....	\$40
Junior Showmanship as an additional class - Saturday - [Nat'l Only] .....	free
Stud Dog or Brood Bitch as first entry - Saturday- [Nat'l Only].....	\$30
Stud Dog or Brood Bitch as an additional entry - Saturday - [Nat'l Only] .....	\$25
Brace, if dog is not entered in another class (per Dog) - Saturday- [Nat'l Only].....	\$15
Brace as an additional entry (per Dog) - Saturday - [Nat'l Only].....	\$13
Breeders Class - must be entered in regular class ( <i>Read Entry Requirements Carefully</i> ) (per Dog).....	\$13

### **OBEDIENCE - EACH EVENT - TUESDAY ONLY**

First entry in Obedience - .....	\$40
Each Additional Entry of same dog in Same Event.....	\$25

### **RALLY - EACH EVENT - TUESDAY ONLY**

First entry in Rally .....	\$40
Each Additional Entry of same dog in same event .....	\$25

**MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES** to BaRay Event Services, PO Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233

*See complete entry submission guidelines Page 18.*

## CLASSIFICATION

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### Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs, 6 mos. & under 9 mos.	Puppy Bitches, 6 mos. & under 9 mos.
Puppy Dogs, 9 mos. & under 12 mos.	Puppy Bitches, 9 mos. & under 12 mos.
Dogs, 12 mos. & under 15 mos.	Bitches, 12 mos. & under 15 mos.
Dogs, 15 mos. & under 18 mos.	Bitches, 15 mos. & under 18 mos.
Novice Dogs	Novice Bitches
Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs	Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs (6-12 Mos.)	Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches (6-12 Mos.)
Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs (12+ Mos.)	Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches (12+ Mos.)
American Bred Dogs	American Bred Bitches
Open Dogs	Open Bitches
WINNERS DOG	WINNERS BITCH
BEST OF BREED	
Non-Regular Classes (Involving Single Dog Entries)	
Veteran Dogs (7 Yrs. & under 9 Yrs.)	Veteran Bitches (7 Yrs. & under 9 Yrs.)
Veteran Dogs (9 Yrs. & under 11 Yrs.)	Veteran Bitches (9 Yrs. & under 11 Yrs.)
Veteran Dogs (11 Yrs. & Older)	Veteran Bitches (11 Yrs. & Older)

Entrants in Veterans need not be intact. Winners of the Veterans Classes, if otherwise undefeated, are eligible to compete in Best of Breed competition.

### BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed Competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and Dogs which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The entry and showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owners' records. Select Dog and Select Bitch, where applicable, will be awarded following Best of Breed. NOHS Best of Breed: Judged after Best of Breed.

#### NON-REGULAR CLASSES (INVOLVING MULTIPLE DOG ENTRIES)

*Note: As the judge's decision in these classes will be based on the merits of more than one dog, no one of the dogs making up the entry judged first in the class will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed by virtue of having won the class. Ch. 11, Sec. 8 of the "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" provides that "a castrated male may be entered as a Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered as a Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class."*

**STUD DOGS and BROOD BITCHES (Saturday):** Dogs/Bitches (may be altered) shown with two to four of their offspring. Class is judged on the merits of their offspring, but the parent will be examined. Offspring must be entered in a regular conformation class. Entry is made for the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch – offspring are not entered on the entry form.

**BRACE CLASS (Saturday):** For two dogs, regardless of sex, performing in unison and presented by one or two handlers. Both dogs in each Brace must have at least one common owner. Entrants need not be entered in any other class.

## CONFORMATION CLASS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dogs must be entered in the age class calculated by using the first day of regular judging at the show.

(Amateur Owner Handler entries: must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. The owner cannot have been, in any point in time, an AKC approved conformation judge, a professional handler, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. A professional handler is defined as any person who belongs to or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

**Bred by Exhibitor** entries are for dogs 6 months of age or older who are not Champions of Record on the date of closing for this show. The dog must be owned or co-owned by any of the breeders of record and must be shown in the BBE class by a breeder and owner of record of the dog. Dogs must be INDIVIDUALLY registered with the AKC as of the date of closing of entries for the show. (This means you cannot show in BBE with a Puppy registration number or a Foreign, including Canada, registration number). If the dog wins the BBE class, there are no restrictions as to who may handle in any subsequent classes.

### **Best from the Bred by Exhibitor Classes & Best Veteran from the Veterans Classes:**

Winners of the Bred-By-Exhibitor classes and Winners of all the Veteran classes compete for these Special Awards following Best of Breed competition.

**NOHS Best of Breed:** Judged after Best of Breed.

**Awards of Merit:** These awards will be presented to the dogs or bitches, which, in the opinion of the judge, deserve special recognition and were not winners of BOB, BOS, BOW, Select Dog or Select Bitch. The number of Award of Merit prizes will be based on the number of dogs/bitches showing in the Best of Breed Competition; i.e. 10-19 dogs allow for up to 1 AOM award, 20-29 dogs allow for up to 2 AOM awards, etc.

**Three Point Major Reserve:** At a specialty show the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the event is held.



**SWEEPSTAKES & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES**  
**REGIONAL SPECIALTIES - APRIL 15 • NATIONAL SPECIALTY - APRIL 16**

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All Great Pyrenees shown in EITHER Sweepstakes MUST be entered in one of the Regular or Non- Regular conformation classes. Indicate the Sweepstakes Class, with the age division on the entry form in the "Additional Classes" box. Sweepstakes entries may be shown by anyone in good standing with the AKC.

**DISTRIBUTION OF SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE MONEY - EACH SWEEPSTAKES**

15% of fees will be retained by the Club for expenses.

The remaining 85% (for each Sweepstakes) will be awarded to:

BEST IN EACH SWEEPSTAKES .....12% of total Sweepstakes entry  
 BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES .....8% of total Sweepstakes entry  
 RESERVE BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES.....8% of total Sweepstakes entry

The remaining 65% will be divided among the winners in each class as follows  
 (percentages are based on the total entry fees in each class):

First Prize, 30%. Second Prize, 20%. Third Prize, 10%. Fourth Prize, 5%.

**2026 SWEEPSTAKES**

Sweepstakes is open to all Great Pyrenees who will be at least 6 months  
 and under 24 months of age on the day of the Sweepstakes

**Regular Classes**

DOGS (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)	BITCHES (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)
DOGS (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)	BITCHES (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)
DOGS (12 mos. & under 15 mos.)	BITCHES (12 mos. & under 15 mos.)
DOGS (15 mos. & under 18 mos.)	BITCHES (15 mos. & under 18 mos.)
BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES	BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

**2026 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**

Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all Great Pyrenees who are at least 7 years of age on the  
 day of the Sweepstakes. Entrants may be altered.

Dogs 7 yrs & under 9 yrs	BITCHES 7 yrs & under 9 yrs
Dogs 9 yrs & under 11 yrs	BITCHES 9 yrs & under 11 yrs
Dogs 11 + yrs	BITCHES 11+ Yrs
BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES	RESERVE BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

**FUTURITY 2026 - THURSDAY**

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Litters must be nominated before birth. Puppies are eligible only for the first GPCA National Specialty Show held on or after the date they reach 6 months of age. Deadline for individual nomination for 2025 was April 2, 2025. They MUST be entered in one of the regular classes at this show. Individual puppies must have been nominated before 4 months of age. Indicate the Futurity class, with age division, on the entry form in the "Additional Classes" box.

DOGS (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)	BITCHES (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)
DOGS (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)	BITCHES (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)
DOGS (12 mos. & under 15 mos.)	BITCHES (12 mos. & under 15 mos.)
DOGS (15 mos. & older)	BITCHES (15 mos. & older)
Best in Futurity – Best Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity	

**Distribution of Futurity Prize Monies 2026**

10% of the Stake will be retained for expenses. The remaining 90% will be divided as follows:

Best in Futurity .....12%  
*The 12% will be divided as follows: Breeder of Record (50%), Owner of Record (35%), Owner of Sire on the date the Dam was Bred (15%).*

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.....6%  
*The 6% will be divided as follows: Breeder of record (50%), Owner of Record (35%), and Owner of Sire on the Date the Dam was bred (15%).*

The remaining 72% will be awarded to the winners (9% per class) in the following ratios:

First Prize = 40% • Second Prize = 30% • Third Prize =20% • Fourth Prize = 10%

Prize money in classes will not be divided by Breeder, Owner and Stud Dog Owner and will be awarded in one lump sum per prize.

## **OBEDIENCE TRIAL (ALL EVENTS)**

*Please specify the jump height for Open and Utility Obedience Classes. Jumps in ascending order.*

**Regular Classes:** Novice A • Novice B • Open A • Open B • Utility A • Utility B  
**Optional Titling Classes:** Graduate Novice • Beginner Novice A • Beginner Novice B  
**Preferred Classes:** Preferred Novice

## **RALLY TRIAL (ALL EVENTS) RALLY RING SIZE: 40' X 50'**

**Regular Classes:** Novice A & B • Intermediate • Advanced A & B • Excellent A & B • Master • Choice  
*Unless otherwise specified, the jump height for all  
Advanced, Excellent, and Master Rally Classes will be 16".  
Per AKC rules refunds will be made for bitches in season.  
Transfers are allowed in both Obedience and Rally, in accordance with AKC regulations. Transfers  
must be made to the on site Show Secretary 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial.*

## **GROOMING**

ALL GROOMING IS INDOORS \$90 FOR AN 8'X10' SPACE  
No more than 2 spaces per individual as grooming space is limited.  
Registration address: <https://greatpyrenees.club/national/>

**There will be no grooming or bathing in the hotel rooms.**

**BATHING:** There will be a covered area with temperature-controlled water for outside bathing on site.

**PRIVATE XPENS:** Are permitted outside.

**NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE HOTEL CENTER GRASS COURTYARD**

### **SOME GPCA POLICIES AND AKC RULES FOR ENTERING A NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

#### **MOTEL/ HOTEL FACILITIES**

The Board has adopted a policy condemning wanton abuse of motel/hotel facilities during GPCA functions. The Board will deal with the offending individuals via the imposition of fines, printing names in the BULLETIN and/or retraction of showing privileges at GPCA sanctioned events. *GPCA Board of Directors meetings 1981, Rev. 1993*

#### **ENTRIES**

"No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge, or any members of his immediate family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show. The above shall apply to judges of sweepstakes or futurities held with licensed or member shows exactly as it does to judges of regular competition at shows!"

*AKC Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 13, July 1, 2016.*

"(Judges shall) avoid improprieties or perceived improprieties. Obviously, some ethical rules are clear. For example: ...advise potential exhibitors not to enter under you when their presence or the presence of their dogs might give the impression of unfair advantage. For example, if the exhibitor is a person with whom you co-own dogs. The key is to avoid situations that might give the impression of impropriety"

*AKC Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, November 1, 2016*

"The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. In a single show with multiple days of judging, the first day of a show is considered to be the first day on which there is regular Conformation Judging in accordance with Section 3 of this chapter. (Sweepstakes and Futurities are not Considered regular conformation classes.)

*AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Sections 4, July 1, 2016*

## **CATALOG ADS**

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Full page with photo: b/w \$65.00, or no photo \$55.00.

**DEADLINE: February 28, 2026**

LATE ADS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED! PLEASE SEND ADS IN EARLY.

Preferred method is adobe PDF high resolution quality.

Pages are 5 1/2" X 8 1/2 "

Ad dimensions should be Full page 4 1/2" x7 1/2", ORIGINAL PHOTOS ONLY.

Send email to Kimberly Kentopp at [kimberly@karolaska.com](mailto:kimberly@karolaska.com)

Hard copy ads will need to be scanned and may lose resolution.

Send hard copy ads to

Kimberly Kentopp, 14520 Peacock Hill Ave. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Ad payment should be made via the online registration through the GPCA website.

## **HEALTH SEMINAR**

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Thursday April 14, 2026 – Topic: Premium Health Testing 101

## **VENDOR SPACE**

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Each vendor space will be approximately 5'x10', in hall outside the show area. You will be provided with one 8' table with skirting and 2 chairs for each space. Additional tables and chairs can be provided upon request. The fee per vendor space is \$75 for the duration of the show, electric included. There is an additional charge of \$45 for each additional space & table.

We request each vendor provide a donation toward fund raising for the show.

Contact: Linda Whisenhunt, [JacobsonWhiz3@gmail.com](mailto:JacobsonWhiz3@gmail.com) or 805-558-0500

## **RV PARKING**

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\$75 per night with electricity & \$30 per night without electricity  
payable via the hotel Front Desk 509-924-9000

Advance Registration required

**NO GRILLING ALLOWED.**

RV Spaces will be available Monday, April 13, 2026

No water or dump station.

## **BASKET COMPETITION & BIDDING**

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Each year we hold a Basket Auction for baskets that are donated by Pyr Regional Clubs and Friends of Pyr's. Baskets will be displayed in the show room throughout the show week and bids for the baskets will close at the banquet on Saturday, April 18, 2026

If you have questions, please contact: Lisa Connor [caymus1212@gmail.com](mailto:caymus1212@gmail.com)

## **BANQUET AND AUCTION**

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Will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026

Registration address: <https://greatpyrenees.club/national/>

## **BOX LUNCHES**

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Will be available to order online or at the show each day

To order: <https://greatpyrenees.club/national/>

## **ATTENTION EXHIBITORS**

**Liability:** It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Show Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The club, hotel, BaRay Events, and any of their agents, or employees will assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations. Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way (for example left unattended on a grooming table in a noose not attached to a safety release clip, left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way is considered mistreatment.

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

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

## **HOST HOTEL**

**Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center  
1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99037**

**Please call to make reservations and mention GPCA to get your room rate.  
509-924-9000**

Room rate: \$149 a night. Pet deposit is \$40/room non-refundable & \$50/dog refundable deposit, up to 2 dogs per room. Contact Linda Whisenhunt at 805-558-0500 or jacobsonwhiz3@gmail.com if you need to have 4 dogs per room.

**Reservation deadline: March 23, 2026**

Dogs **MUST BE CRATED** when you are not in the room. Floors under the crates should be covered, e.g. large trash bags.

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

No dogs may be left in the grooming room overnight.

**NO BATHING DOGS IN GUESTROOMS.**

**DO NOT USE HOTEL TOWELS FOR YOUR DOG.**

Designated bathing areas will be provided.

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

## **AIRPORTS**

**Spokane International Airport - 17.8 miles from show site**

The hotel does offer a shuttle for \$90 a trip which can be divided between up to 13 individuals. Reservations must be made a week prior to need with hotel front desk at 509-924-9000.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO SHOW SITE**

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**From the East:**

I-90 W to Sullivan Rd in Spokane Valley  
Take exit 291B S from I- 90 W to Sullivan Rd exit  
Take Sullivan Road to destination.

**From the West:**

I-90 E to Sullivan Rd in Spokane Valley  
Take Exit 291B S from I-90 E to Sullivan Rd exit  
Take Sullivan Road to destination.

**ROSETTE AWARDS**

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**REGULAR CLASSES**

First Prize.....Blue	Third Prize.....Yellow
Second Prize.....Red	Fourth Prize.....White
Winners.....Purple	Reserve Winners.....Purple & White
Best of Winners.....Blue & White	Best of Breed.....Purple & Gold
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.....Red & White	
Select Dog & Select Bitch.....Light Blue & White	
NOHS Best of Breed.....Maroon	
Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Obedience Classes.....Blue & Gold	
Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility.....Blue & Green	
Highest Combined Score in Advanced B & Excellent B.....Blue & Green	
Highest Combined Triple Score.....Blue & Red	
Qualifying Score in the Regular Obedience and Rally Classes.....Dark Green	

**NON-REGULAR CLASSES/AWARDS**

First Prize.....Rose	Second Prize.....Brown
Third Prize.....Light Green	Fourth Prize.....Grey
Award of Merit.....Green	
Best from the Bred by Exhibitor classes.....Green	
Best from the Veteran classes.....Green	
Best Junior Handler (National Only).....Rose & Green	
Reserve Best Junior Handler (National Only).....Rose & Gray	
Best in Sweepstakes.....Pink & Green	
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes.....Lavender	
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.....Pink & Green	
Reserve Best in Veteran Sweepstakes.....Lavender	
Best in Futurity (National Specialty Only).....Pink & Green	
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity (National Specialty Only).....Lavender	

New Title Rosette will be given to any dog/handler team finishing a Conformation Championship, Obedience, or Rally title at either the Regional or National Specialty.

Each Veteran will receive a Dark Green Participant Rosette.

All trophies must be claimed at the show. None will be mailed.

All unclaimed trophies remain the property of the Host Club.  
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## AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES

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The AKC National Owner-Handled Series is a non-titling competition for dogs that are exhibited by their owners that are not professional handlers.

Exhibitors must declare their dog is Owner-Handled eligible at the time of entry on the entry form. Dogs entered in the Amateur-Owner-Handler class will automatically be marked as eligible to compete in the NOHS. Eligible dogs will be identified by an asterisk in the judge's book, steward's book & the catalog. Professional handlers,\* household members and current assistants to professional handlers\*\* may not exhibit. Dogs must be handled by an eligible owner/handler for the AKC NOHS throughout the breed level (all classes, Winners, and Best of Breed) competition. Additionally, dogs must be handled by an eligible owner/handler for all AKC National Owner-Handled Series competition (Group and Best in Show). Any person may exhibit the dog in the regular Group and Best in Show competitions.

Owner-Handled Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and winners of the non-regular classes.

- If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handled competition eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety and be eligible to compete in both the regular as well as the Owner-Handled group.
- If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is not eligible for Owner-Handled competition and the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety is eligible, the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety will compete against the eligible exhibits of the other sex to determine Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety.
- If neither the Best of Breed nor the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety are Owner-Handled competition eligible and Select Dog & Select Bitch are both eligible, the judge is to choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the Selects and eligible Winners Dog or Winners Bitch.
- If one of the Selects is eligible, excuse all Champions and non-regular class winners of the same sex and then choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible Winners.
- If Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog & Select Bitch are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring including Winners Dog or Winners Bitch as Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety.
- If the Best of Winners is eligible, the other Winner is ineligible since it was defeated.
- No class dogs other than the Winners Dog & Winners Bitch are eligible to return to the ring.

The breed will not be represented in the Owner-Handled Group if there is no eligible dog competing in the Best of Breed or in Best of Winners competition.

*\*Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years.*

**\*\*A current assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or assisting a professional handler at the show or any time during the cluster/weekend. Current assistants that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age & amateur status requirements) may participate in NOHS.**



## **NATIONAL SPECIALTY PRIZES 2026**

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Thanks to the generosity of our donors the following prizes will be offered.

Best of Breed .....	Wind Spinner & Leash
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed .....	Wind Spinner & Leash
Select Dog .....	Glass Cutting Board
Select Bitch .....	Glass Cutting Board
Awards of Merit .....	Large Mug
Best of Winners .....	Wind Spinner
Winners Dog .....	Glass Cutting Board
Winners Bitch .....	Glass Cutting Board
Reserve Winners Dog .....	Large Mug
Reserve Winners Bitch .....	Large Mug
Best from the Veteran Classes.....	Wind Spinner
Best for the Bred By Exhibitor Classes .....	Wind Spinner
NOHS Best of Breed .....	Wind Spinner
Breeder's Class .....	Large Mug
Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Obedience Classes .....	Wind Spinner
Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility B .....	Large Mug
Highest Combined Score in Advanced B & Excellent B .....	Large Mug
Highest Combined Triple Score .....	Large Mug
Best Junior Handler .....	Wind Spinner & Dog Dryer
Reserve Best Junior Handler .....	Large Mug & a Dremel
Best in Sweepstakes .....	Tumbler
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes .....	Tumbler
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes .....	Tumbler
Reserve Best in Veteran Sweepstakes .....	Tumbler
Best in Futurity .....	Tumbler
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity .....	Tumbler
First Place, each Conformation, Obedience or Rally .....	Garden Flag
First Place, each Junior Showmanship Class.....	Garden Flag
First Place Junior Showmanship .....	Tumbler & Brush and/or Spray Bottle
First Place, each Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes or Futurity class .....	Magnet
Second-Fourth Place, each Conformation, Obedience or Rally .....	Magnet
Second-Fourth Place, each Junior Showmanship Class .....	Magnet
Second-Fourth Place, each Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes or Futurity class.....	Toy
Best Bred by Exhibitor.....	Certificate for a free litter registration from the AKC

## **MEMORIAL TROPHIES**

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The following trophies are awarded at the Annual Banquet.

A full description and a list of past winners will be published in the Show catalog:

- Best of Breed: The Fath Medallion, The Bergerie Knur Trophy
- Best of Opposite Sex: The Coeur Le Duc Trophy; The Lorene Canfield Memorial Trophy
- Best of Winners: The Crane Memorial Trophy
- Best American Bred Dog: Edith K. Smith Memorial Trophy
- Best American Bred Bitch: Marjorie Butcher Memorial Trophy
- Best Veteran: The Linda Weisser Memorial Trophy
- Highest Scoring in Obedience Trial: The Robin Phillipi Memorial Trophy

**AM REGIONAL SPECIALTY PRIZES**

Best of Breed , Best of Opposite Sex & Best of Winners ..... Pyrenees Grooming Arm Topper  
Select Dog & Select Bitch ..... Metal Spray Bottle  
Winners Dog & Winners Bitch ..... Metal Spray Bottle  
Owner Handled Best of Breed ..... Pyrenees Grooming Arm Topper  
Best in Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes ..... Metal Spray Bottle  
Sweepstakes First through Fourth Place ..... Toy  
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes & Reserve Best in Veteran Sweepstakes .....Metal Spray Bottle  
Veteran Sweepstakes First through Fourth Place ..... Toy  
Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Obedience Classes ..... Water Bucket

**PM REGIONAL SPECIALTY PRIZES**

Best of Breed , Best of Opposite Sex & Best of Winners ..... Water Bucket  
Select Dog & Select Bitch ..... Tumbler  
Winners Dog & Winners Bitch ..... Tumbler  
Owner Handled Best of Breed ..... Water Bucket  
Best in Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes ..... Tumbler  
Sweepstakes First through Fourth Place ..... Toy  
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes & Reserve Best in Veteran Sweepstakes .....Tumbler  
Veteran Sweepstakes First through Fourth Place ..... Toy

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**CLASS CASH PRIZES**

Class cash prizes will be paid in the ring to the person showing the dog. Claims for prize money must be made in the ring before the judging is over, and the Superintendent/ Event Secretary be advised at once. The GPCA and the Superintendent/Event Secretary disclaim any liability for cash prizes after the judging is complete.

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS OF FOREIGN DOGS**, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/index.html> for the most recent updates regarding bringing a dog into the U.S.

*The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800-656-HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.*

## **BREEDERS CLASS - SATURDAY**

The GPCA Breeders' Class offers a unique competition, and award, to GPCA members, designed to recognize excellence in their breeding programs. The event also offers an additional educational experience for all Specialty attendees.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Each breeder's entry must consist of three (3)
- Each breeder's entry must be from at least two (2) different combinations of parents.
- All dogs in an entry must be at least one (1) year of age or older, with at least one dog in the entry aged three (3) or more years old.
- All dogs in an entry must also be entered in a regular conformation class.
- The breeder on the entry must be listed as the breeder or co-breeder on all the dogs in their entry.
- The dogs do NOT have to have owners or co-owners in common.
- Each dog in the ring should have their own handler. No handler should be handling multiple dogs.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**Each dog in the Breeders Class unit must be individually entered in the Breeders Class, and must also be entered in a regular class at the specialty. In addition, an email MUST be sent to [dogshows@barayevents.com](mailto:dogshows@barayevents.com), listing the name and AKC registration number of each dog in the Breeders Class unit. If BaRay does not receive the email, entry into this class may be refused.**

**Entry Fee: \$13 Per Dog**





## **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS - ALL EVENTS**

**The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations will govern this Show and Exhibitors must make themselves familiar with the agreement of the American Kennel Club, referred to on the reverse side of the entry blanks that accompany this Show Premium List.** The

American Kennel Club will collect the following at every Licensed or Member club event: An AKC Recording and Service Fee of \$4.50 for each entry. An AKC Event Service Fee of \$3.00 per entry will be required for each dog entered at any 4 & Under 6 Months Puppy and Open Show. All Recording and Event Service Fees are paid to the American Kennel Club. (There is no Recording Fee or Event Service Fee for Junior Showmanship, Sweepstakes, Futurities, Brace/Team, Multi-Dog Classes, or Special Attractions.)

- No Entry will be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance. Telegraph, e-mail and unsigned entries cannot be accepted and will be returned. Entries not on Official AKC Entry Forms and Photocopies of Entry Forms without Agreement and Rules on reverse side are NOT ACCEPTABLE. The Club and/or Baray Events assumes no responsibility for wrong or incomplete information given on the entry blank by the owner or the owner's agent. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETENESS OF ENTRY RESTS SOLELY WITH ENTRANT.
- RETURNED CHECKS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID ENTRY FEE. BaRay Events will add a \$30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. We will not re-process checks. The exhibitor will be contacted & required to send a money order for the original amount PLUS the \$30.00 NSF fee. Subsequent returned checks from same person may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY BASIS.
- REFUNDS for cancellations due to judge change or cancellations made prior to entries closing will be mailed by the Club to said Exhibitor or Agent AFTER THE SHOW. An administrative fee of \$5.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries.
- Females in season are not permitted to compete in Obedience or Rally Trials. If a female is withdrawn from competition because it came into season and the Superintendent is notified no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class in the trial, the Club is required to refund the entry fee. The Clubs may retain a processing fee and must publish this information in the premium. Clubs may determine the documentation, if any that is required to confirm the female is in season. This shall be stated in the premium. Note: No fee is paid to the AKC for females in season who are withdrawn.
- FAX ENTRIES - Fax entries will not be accepted.
- Entry fees shall NOT be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, sick, lame, excused by the Judge or Veterinarian, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee, or because it has been entered incorrectly. There is no refund for DUPLICATE ENTRIES or OVERPAYMENTS. If, because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open, or to complete the Show NO REFUND will be made. To find out about any AKC event cancellations call the AKC Event Cancellation Hotline 877-252-3229.
- Please note: Any hotel or motel listed in the premium list is subject to Event Committee Rules. We expect our exhibitors to be responsible guests. A report that an exhibitor at this show has abused hotel or motel property during this weekend may result in disciplinary action. Clubs reserve the right to decline future entries from the offending party in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 11, Sec. 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.
- Dogs need be present only for scheduled judging and will be released if not needed for further judging. Dogs must be ready for judging. Neither the club nor its Superintendent will be responsible or obligated to furnish any service for notifying exhibitors or their agents of Breed or Class Judging. Judges need not wait for any dog holding up a class. Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the rings.
- Only dogs eligible for these shows will be admitted into show area. There is no provision for unentered dogs.
- LOSS OR DAMAGE - The Show Committee will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, or assume any liability in the event of any accident or misfortune, to either dogs or exhibitors participating in these Shows. 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.
- 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. Additionally, clubs should include any specific local health requirements; for example proof of rabies vaccination.
- PUBLICATION RIGHTS - By entering this show, all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition.

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## **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION**

**NOVICE CLASS:** For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who at the time entries close have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class. A first place in Novice without competition leading to a Best Junior award with competition would count as one win towards moving to Open at a licensed or member show.

**OPEN CLASS:** For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show, and who have won three first place awards in a Novice Class or if a win in Novice leads to a Best Junior with competition present it will count as one win towards moving to Open in a licensed or member show. Juniors which according to their records have completed the requirements to compete in the Open class but whose status is unconfirmed by the American Kennel Club are limited to competing in the Open Class for a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the Junior completed the requirements according to their records.

**MASTER CLASS:** This class will be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years on the day of the show, and who have 10 Best Junior wins with competition. The calendar for this class will be consistent with the eligibility dates for the AKC National Championship. All Juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed all participants return to the Open Class to compete for the following year.

*After the judge has awarded the Best Junior Handler, the second place winner from the class that the Junior was awarded Best Jr Handler is to return to the ring to compete for Reserve Best Junior Handler.*

**NOTICE:** Junior Handlers must include their AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER on each entry. You may obtain your junior identification number by calling the AKC, Judges Education Department, 919-233-9767. BE SURE ALL INFORMATION for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on front and back of entry form.

**NOTE: SUBSTITUTION OF DOG IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT THE SHOW(S):** There will be an Administration Fee of \$5.00 charged for any substitution of dog in Junior Showmanship at each show. In addition, if the dog originally entered in Jr. Showmanship was an additional entry, and the dog being substituted is not otherwise entered in the show, the Junior Showmanship Only fee applies.

### **ENTRY SUBMISSIONS, CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES, TRANSFERS**

**MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES** to PO Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233.

**CANADIANS** make all entry fees payable in U.S. funds.

**FAX ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED.** An interactive entry blank PDF that can be filled out and mailed in is available for download at [www.BaRayEvents.com](http://www.BaRayEvents.com).

**ONLINE ENTRIES:** Web site is **BaRayEvents.com** Follow instructions on Web site. \$3.00 charge per dog per show.

**FEDEX, UPS, AIRBORNE or HAND-DELIVERED:** Do NOT require signature. 113 E. Fairhaven Ave., Burlington, WA 98233.

**PHONE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES AND TRANSFERS** will be accepted according to AKC Rules. Any refunds will be made within three weeks after the show. An administration fee may apply. (07/22)