



2026 NATIONAL SPECIALTY
OCTOBER 19-24, 2026
BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

ENTRIES CLOSE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 12:00 NOON EASTERN TIME

After which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled,
altered, or substituted except as provided by the Rules Applying to Dog Shows

This is a Condensed Premium List as authorized by the American Kennel Club, "Rules Applying to Dog Shows," Chapter 6, Section 2A. A complete list of trophies and prizes is available upon request to the Show Superintendent (Rau Dog Shows 235 South Second Avenue, Reading, PA 19611). All trophy donors will be listed in the catalog.



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB®**

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

SHEILA H. GOFFE, Executive Secretary

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

Welcome TO ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Exhibitors, Members, and Friends,
On behalf of the American Bullmastiff Association, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 National Specialty.

We look forward to a week filled with outstanding Bullmastiffs, exciting competition, educational opportunities, and fellowship with friends - old and new. Erie's beautiful waterfront, warm hospitality, and our premier Bayfront Convention Center provide the perfect setting for our celebration of the Bullmastiff.

This event would not be possible without the generous support of our volunteers, judges, donors, sponsors, exhibitors, breeders, and the many individuals who have contributed their time and talents throughout the year. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone whose dedication has helped make this National Specialty possible.

We hope you'll take time to enjoy Erie, the beautiful Bayfront, and the many opportunities to spend time with fellow Bullmastiff enthusiasts. Most importantly, we hope you leave with wonderful memories, new friendships, and pride in being part of the American Bullmastiff Association.

We wish everyone safe travels, good sportsmanship, and the very best of luck throughout the week.

With appreciation,

Cheryl Pike
National Specialty Show Chair

Tina Thompson
Co-Chair



AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 19-24, 2026

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18	6:00-8:00 pm AGILITY RUN THROUGH (COUNTRYSIDE AGILITY) AKC 2026210939	COUNTRYSIDE AGILITY EDINBORO, PA
MONDAY OCTOBER 19	8:00 AM AGILITY TRIAL AKC 2026210919 1:00 PM GREAT LAKES BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION SPECIALTY WITH SWEEPSTAKES AKC 2026210922	COUNTRYSIDE AGILITY BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER
TUESDAY OCTOBER 20	8:00 AM OBEDIENCE AKC 2026210919 & RALLY AKC 206210918 1:00 PM JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AKC 2026210923 ABA INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY WITH SWEEPSTAKES	BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21	9:00 AM 4-6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY COMPETITION AKC 2026210926 SWEEPSTAKES AKC 2026210938 TRIATHLON BREEDER EDUCATION TOP 25 HANDLER MEETING 6:00 PM WELCOME PARTY	BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER MARRIOT COURTYARD HOTEL
THURSDAY OCTOBER 22	8:00 AM JUDGES EDUCATION 9:00 AM FUTURITY JUDGING OF DOGS AKC 2026210917 TOP 25 COMPETITION 6:30 TOP 25 GALA	BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER
FRIDAY OCTOBER 23	9:00 AM JUDGING OF BITCHES AKC 2026210917 4:00 PM ABA ANNUAL MEETING 5:00 PM PARADES 6:00 PM ART AUCTION	BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER MARRIOT COURTYARD HOTEL
SATURDAY OCTOBER 24	8:00 AM 4-6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY COMPETITION AKC 2026210921 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP BEST OF BREED AKC 2026210917 NON REGULAR CLASSES 6:30 PM FAREWELL RECEPTION	BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER MARRIOT COURTYARD HOTEL

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SHOW INFORMATION

SHOW SITE



BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER
1 SASSAFRAS PIER
ERIE, PA 16507

AGILITY LOCATION



COUNTRYSIDE AGILITY
5215 ZUCK ROAD
EDINBORO, PA 16412

HOST HOTEL

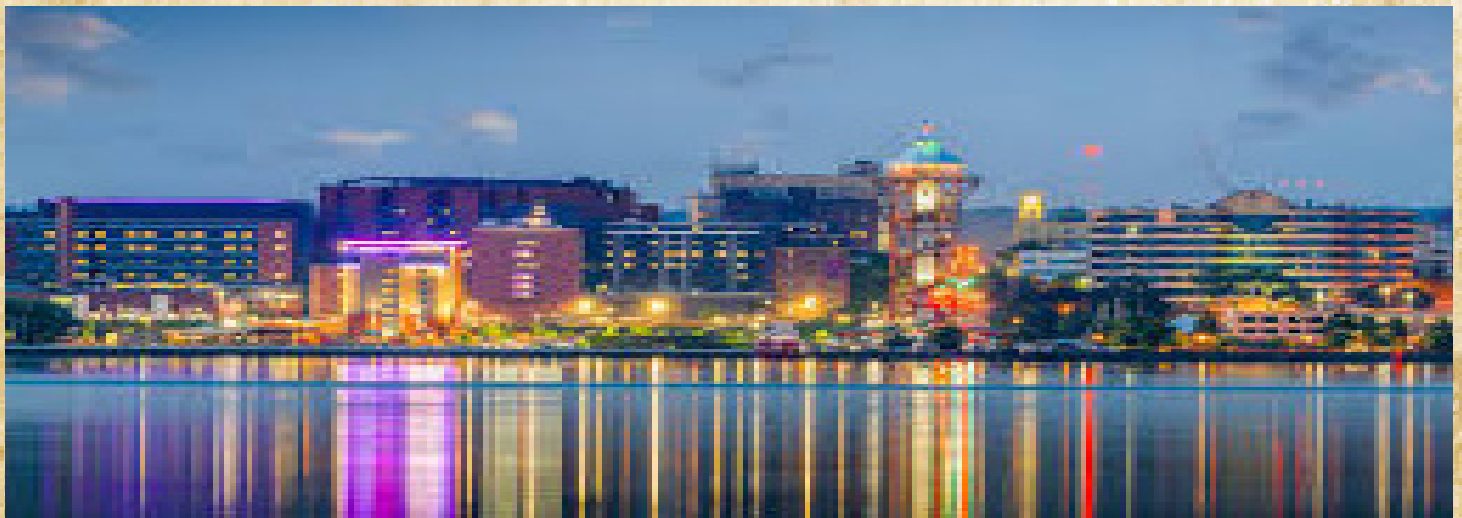


COURTYARD ERIE BAYFRONT
2 SASSAFRAS PIER
ERIE, PA 16507

ROUTES TO THE SHOW



From I-90, take Exit 32 (Bayfront Connector)
Follow 1-79 North to Bayfront Parkway.
Follow signs to the Bayfront Convention Center

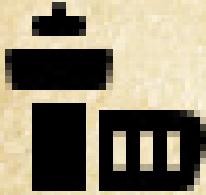


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SHOW INFORMATION

AIR TRAVEL



BUFFALO NIAGRA INTL AIRPORT (BUF)

Approximately 90 miles - 1 hr. 45 min.

CLEVELAND HOPKINS INTL AIRPORT (CLE)

Approximately 115 miles - 2 hrs.

PITTSBURGH INTL AIRPORT (PIT)

Approximately 130 miles - 2 hrs. 15 min.

EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN



ERIE PET EMERGENCY

3625 PEACH STREET

ERIE, PA 16509

814-864-8387

OPEN 24 HOURS

HEART CLINIC



DR. ANDREW WAXMAN, DVM, DACVIM

ECHOCARDIOGRAM (ECHO) - \$295

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

BY RESERVATION ONLY

SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER



ALYSSA JANISZAK PHOTOGRAPHY

[HTTPS://ALYSSAJANISZAK.SHOOTPROOF.COM](https://alyssajaniszak.shootproof.com)

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AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

JUDGES

MONDAY

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION AGILITY

MS ALEXANDRA L. DAVIS

P.O. BOX 706

ASHLAND, VA 23005

GREAT LAKES BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION SWEEPSTAKES AND VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

MRS. LINDY WHYTE

2061 HENDERSON AVENUE

WASHINGTON, PA 15059

GREAT LAKES BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION REGULAR AND NON-REGULAR CLASSES

MR. THOMAS J. DAVIS

183 SALEM CHURCH ROAD

MIDLAND, PA 15059

TUESDAY

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

MS STEPHANIE T. PODEJKO

680 PANGBORN ROAD

CENTRAL SQUARE, NY 13036

ABA INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY SWEEPSTAKES AND VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

MRS. RENEE BUTLER

30160 W. 235TH STREET

SPRING HILL, KS 66083

ABA INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY REGULAR AND NON REGULAR CLASSES

MRS. DENISE BORTON

2875 N. 6TH STREET

KALAMAZOO, MI 49009

ABA INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

MRS. CHERYL PIKE

44 RICHARDSON STREET

BILLERICA, MA 01821

WEDNESDAY

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION NATIONAL SPECIALTY

SWEEPSTAKES AND VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

MRS. KELLY WHITFIELD

2404 FORD AVENUE

RICHMOND, VA 23223

REGULAR AND NON REGULAR CLASSES

MRS. CHERYL KISTLER

1125 HIGH DRIVE

TAMAQUA, PA 18252

FUTURITY

MRS. BECKY MARTIN

838 BAILEY ANDERSON ROAD

LEAVITTSBURG, OH 44430

TRIATHLON

MS TINA THOMPSON

6265 SODOM HUTCHINGS ROAD

GIRARD, OH 44420

4-6 BEGINNER PUPPY

MR. CHARLES KISTLER

1125 HIGH DRIVE

TAMAQUA, PA 18252

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

ENTRY FEES

(including AKC fees)

Separate fee for each dog, each day, each show

First Conformation entry of each dog	\$40.00
Each Additional Conformation entry of same dog*, unless otherwise specified	\$35.00
Puppy 6-12 Month Classes	\$35.00
Bred-By-Exhibitor Classes (National only)	\$35.00
Junior Showmanship Competition	FREE
Brace as a unit, both dogs must be entered in another class	\$30.00
First Obedience entry of each dog	\$35.00
Each Additional Obedience entry of same dog*	\$30.00
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Attraction	\$25.00
Triathlon	FREE
Parade of Champions & AKC Titleholders	\$25.00
Veterans Parade & Parade of Rescues	FREE
Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes	\$28.00
Futurity	FREE
Maturity by the unit	\$30.00

RALLY ENTRY FEES

Separate fee for each dog

First Rally entry of each dog	\$35.00
Each Additional Rally entry of same dog*	\$30.00

AGILITY ENTRY FEES

Separate fee for each dog

First Agility entry of each dog	\$35.00
Each Additional Agility entry of same dog*	\$30.00

When a dog is entered in more than one class,
the highest priced class is considered the first entry.

NOTICE: NAME OF SHOW ON CHECK.

There will be a bathing station available at the show. Please bring your own shampoo
and be respectful of others and the hotel site. Leave it better than you found it!

*Additional Entry of same dog - same event #
Entry of the same dog under new event # is a "First Entry"
Please check event numbers carefully!

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL EVENTS

WELCOME FIESTA

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Join fellow exhibitors and friends as we kick off the 2026 National Specialty with a festive WELCOME PARTY overlooking Presque Isle Bay.

Enjoy delicious food, reconnect with old friends, meet new exhibitors, and celebrate the beginning of an exciting week dedicated to Bullmastiffs.

FIESTA BUFFET

Cash Bar Available

\$45 per person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

TOP 25 INVITATIONAL

THURSDAY EVENING

The ABA Top 25 Invitational showcases the nation's highest-ranked Bullmastiffs in an elegant evening celebrating excellence in the breed.

Enjoy an unforgettable presentation featuring spotlights, music, and Bullmastiffs.

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

Cash Bar Available

\$35 per person

Pre-Order Catalog \$20 - at the door \$25

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

ART AUCTION DINNER

FRIDAY EVENING

Join us for one of the National Specialty's favorite traditions while supporting the American Bullmastiff Association through our annual Art Auction.

Lemon Chicken -- \$54

Wild-Caught Salmon -- \$58

Vegetable Pasta (GF/Vegetarian) --\$53

Cash Bar Available

\$100 DOOR PRIZE

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

FAREWELL RECEPTION

SATURDAY EVENING

Celebrate another successful National Specialty with a final gathering of friends old and new before heading off our separate ways.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, conversation, and one final opportunity to commemorate a great week together.

HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION

Cash Bar Available

\$25 per person

\$50 DOOR PRIZE

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SOCIAL EVENTS

RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

PLEASE USE RESERVATION AND ORDER FORM INCLUDED IN THIS PREMIUM

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RESERVED CRATING AND RINGSIDE SEATING

RESERVED CRATING

Space is available throughout the week of the American Bullmastiff Association National Specialty.

Each reserved space measures 5 FEET X 8 FEET

RESERVATION FEE: \$35 per space.

Reserved crating assignments will be made in the order reservations are received

Every effort will be made to honor requested placements; however, assignments are at the discretion of the Show Committee.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR CRATING SPACE USING THE RESERVATION AND
ORDER FORM INCLUDED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST.

RINGSIDE SEATING

Reserved Ringside Seating is available for all Conformation events, except the Top 25 Invitational.

RESERVATION FEE: \$30 per seat.

Reserved Seating will be assigned in the order reservations are received.

Every effort will be made to honor requested placements; however, assignments are at the discretion of the Show Committee.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR RINGSIDE SEATING USING THE RESERVATION
AND ORDER FORM INCLUDED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST.

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AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION RESERVATION AND ORDER FORM

Reservation Item	Qty	Price	Total
Welcome Fiesta		\$45	
Top 25 Invitational		\$35	
Top 25 Catalog (Preorder)		\$20	
Art Auction Dinner - Lemon Chicken		\$54	
Art Auction Dinner - Wild-Caught Salmon		\$58	
Art Auction Dinner - Vegetable Pasta (GF/Veg)		\$53	
Farewell Reception		\$25	
Reserved Crating		\$35	
Ringside Seating		\$30	
National Specialty Catalog (Preorder)		\$35	
National Specialty Catalog (On Site)		\$40	
National Specialty Catalog (Marked)		\$45	
SUB-TOTAL			
PAYPAL FEE (3%)			
GRAND TOTAL			

Reservation Deadline: September 28, 2026

PayPal: abanational2024@gmail.com

Mail Reservations To:

Cheryl Pike
44 Richardson St.
Billerica, MA 01821

Please make checks payable to the American Bullmastiff Association.

Reservations are required for all social events. Add the 3% PayPal fee only when paying by PayPal.

CATALOG ADS

BACK COVER (full color) \$400

INSIDE FRONT (full color) \$345

FULL PAGE (full color) \$100

HALF PAGE (full color)

FULL PAGE (black and white) \$50

contact Cheryl Pike at abanational2024@gmail.com

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

THE SHOW SITE will be available at 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Day crating will be available starting Monday, October 19, 2026 through Saturday, October 24, 2026 immediately following the event. All dogs must be removed from the area immediately following breed judging.

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.

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.

THIS CLUB does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC entry form for this event.

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.

ENTRIES RECEIVED prior to the published opening date and time of entries or received prior to the publishing of this premium list will be returned without processing.

DOGS NEED TO BE PRESENT only for scheduled judging and will be released if not needed for further judging.

DOGS ALLOWED in rings during judging only.

DOGS MUST BE READY FOR JUDGING. Neither the club nor its Show Secretary 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 judging rings.

THE CLUB reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value.

ALL TROPHIES must be claimed the day of the show - None will be mailed.

OUTSIDE BATHING STATION will be available

DESIGNATED POTTY AREA will be provided. Grassy areas are to also be used to potty dogs. Do not let dogs use the flower beds of the hotel or sidewalks. Clean up after your dogs. Cleaning supplies will be located around the hotel for use. Please be respectful of those around you and the show site.

AN AKC RECORDING FEE OF 50¢ & AKC Event Service Fee of \$4.50 for the first entry of a dog & a \$3.50 service fee each additional entry of the same dog in an event will be required for each dog entered at any Licensed or Member Club Show, Obedience Trial or Tracking Test. All Recording Fees are paid to the American Kennel Club.

RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Superintendent will add a collection fee of \$20.00 to the amount of each returned check.

ONLINE ENTRIES for events produced by Rau Dog Shows can be made at raudog.co/entries
EMAILED, TELEGRAPH, and UNSIGNED ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENTRIES NOT ON OFFICIAL AKC ENTRY FORMS AND PHOTOCOPIES OF ENTRY FORMS without the Agreement and Rules on the reverse side of the Official AKC Entry Form are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

MAIL ALL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., P. O. Box 6898, Reading, PA 19610.

ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES will not be accepted.

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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS (CONT)

CREDIT CARD ENTRIES, REGARDLESS OF METHOD SUBMITTED, are processed through the Fax program and will be charged a \$4.00 per dog per show processing fee.

RAU DOG SHOWS accepts entries for AKC events in accordance with the latest Agreement, entry form instructions & "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" Should these rules be updated or changed the most recent AKC rules take precedent in the event of a discrepancy in this document.

CHARGEBACKS will be considered a violation of the entry agreement and will be reported to the AKC compliance department for disciplinary action. Outstanding bad debts are grounds for rejection of future entry by the club or superintendent under AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows C11 S15.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ENTRIES will be made as soon as practicable with tickets and/or identification cards. The person accompanying a dog must show tickets of admission and identification before the dog will be received. SHOULD SUCH ACKNOWLEDGMENT NOT BE RECEIVED BY THE EXHIBITOR within a reasonable time, please notify Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., 610-376-1880.

MAKE ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO JIM RAU DOG SHOWS, LTD. Please mail checks or money orders with entries. The Secretary assumes no responsibility for cash sent through the mail.

CANADIAN EXHIBITORS make fees payable in U.S. FUNDS.

NO ENTRY SHALL BE MADE AND NO ENTRY SHALL BE ACCEPTED WHICH SPECIFIES ANY CONDITIONS AS TO ITS ACCEPTANCE.

ENTRY FEES shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of Show Committee. 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 of entry fee will be made.

ERRORS ON ENTRY BLANKS. Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may make such errors, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date.

NO REFUND FOR DUPLICATE ENTRIES. We will make every effort to find all duplicate entries, but if a dog has been processed, no refund will be made.

CONSULT JUDGING PROGRAM FOR TIME OF JUDGING.

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 of that class is over, and the Show Secretary to be advised at once. The Show Secretary and Show-giving Club may disclaim any liability for cash prizes after the judging of the class is over.

THE SHOW COMMITTEE/SUPERINTENDENT will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this show. closing of entries. Those received by telephone are NOT acceptable.

THE SHOW-GIVING CLUB, the Show Superintendent, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility of injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians.

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2006 an administrative fee of \$2.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries. To find out about any AKC event cancellations visit raudog.co/cancellations Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

Effective January 1, 2009 - Refund and Cash award checks are void after 180 days and will NOT be re-issued.

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

PARADE OF RESCUE

“CELEBRATING HAPPY NEW BEGINNINGS”
FREE

Email entry form to Valerie Vessey v_vessey@yahoo.com or mail to
Valerie Vessey at 26160 Lambeth Rd., Brooksville, FL 34601

DO NOT SEND ENTRIES TO RAU DOG SHOWS SUPERINTENDENT
Parade of Rescue entries received by Rau will not be accepted or acknowledged

Come to this special parade honoring your adopted canine companion. To enter your dog in the parade, please supply the following information, as well as a brief biography that will be read aloud, as the rescues take a tour around the ring. All participants will receive a gift. There is no entry fee.

ENTRY FORM

Dog's Name:

Owner's Name:

Email:

Phone:

Rescue Story-- Please supply a brief biography as to how you and your friend found one another and what your life is like together (200 words maximum).

Deadline: September 28, 2026

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VETERANS PARADE

“HONORING OUR DISTINGUISHED GUARDIANS”

FREE

Enter via mail using the AKC entry form or online entry with Rau Dog Shows, in the Additional Classes box. On the form, be sure to note: VETERANS PARADE.

GET THOSE VETERANS OUT TO STRUT THEIR STUFF!

Celebrate the wonderful years you’ve had with your Veteran. Please supply the following information, as well as a brief biography that will be read aloud as the Veterans take a tour around the ring.

All participants will receive a rosette and a Veteran’s gift bag. There will be a special prize for the Oldest Veteran in Attendance. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs are eligible to participate in this non-competitive parade. There is no entry fee.

SEND TO:

Valerie Vessey 26160 Lambeth Rd. Brooksville, FL 34601 or email v-vessey@yahoo.com

Registered Name: _____

Owner’s Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Call Name and a brief biography (200 words maximum).

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AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS AND AKC TITLEHOLDERS

Enter via mail using the AKC entry form or online entry with Rau Dog Shows, in the Additional Classes box. On the form, be sure to note: PARADE OF CH/TITLEHOLDERS

ENTRY FEE \$25

Any Champion or AKC Titleholder may be entered. You do not have to be entered in a regular class.
Each dog will be presented with a rosette and a gift bag.

SEND TO:

Valerie Vessey 26160 Lambeth Rd. Brooksville, FL 34601 or email v-vessey@yahoo.com

Registered Name: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Breeder's Name and Noteworthy Accomplishments (50 words maximum).

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AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

RIBBON AND ROSETTE PRIZE COLORS

REGULAR CLASSES

First Prize Blue
Second Prize. Red
Third Prize Yellow
Fourth Prize. White
Winners Purple
Reserve Winners. Purple & White
Best of Winners. Blue & White
Best of Breed. Purple & Gold
Best of Opposite Sex. Red & White
Select Lt Blue & White

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Highest Scoring Dog in
Regular Obedience Classes. Blue & Gold
Highest Combined Score in
Open B & Utility Classes Blue & Green
Qualifying Score Dk Green

RALLY CLASSES

Highest Scoring Triple Qualify Score. Red & Blue
Highest Combined Score in Rally
Advance B & Excellent B. Blue & Green
Qualifying Score Dk Green

NON- REGULAR CLASSES

First Prize. Rose
Second Prize Brown
Third Prize. Lt Green
Fourth Prize. Gray
Best NOHS Maroon
Best 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Orange
Best of Opposite Sex to Best 4-6 Month
Beginner Puppy Lavender

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

REQUIREMENTS & CLASSIFICATION

Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all Bullmastiffs that on the day of the show, will be 6 years and over. Dogs and bitches which have been altered (castrated or spayed) may be entered. Each dog entered must be handled by the owner, by a member of the owner's immediate family or by an amateur handler with the exception that professional handlers may handle only dogs that they own/co-own or are the breeder/co-breeder of record and handle without recompense, and all prize money is the property of the owner. Dogs shown in the Veteran Sweepstakes NEED NOT be entered in one of the regular classes at this show or at the regular entry fee. Indicate "Veteran Sweepstakes" and age division in space provided. Winners of the Veteran Sweepstakes classes will compete for Best in Veteran Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes.

The following classes will be provided for both dogs and bitches

Veteran, 6 Yrs & Under 7 Yrs • Veteran, 7 Yrs & Under 8 Yrs

Veteran, 8 Yrs & Under 9 Yrs • Veteran, 9 Yrs & Older

DIVISION OF ENTRY MONEY AS PRIZES

25% of total entry fees will be retained by the Club for expenses.

The remaining 75% will be divided as follows:

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes 10% of Veteran Sweepstakes Entries

AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION

SWEEPSTAKES

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
REQUIREMENTS & CLASSIFICATION

Sweepstakes is open to all Bullmastiffs that, on the day of show, will be 6 months of age and under 18 months of age. Sweepstakes entries must be handled by the owner, co-owner, a member of the owner's or co-owner's family, breeder or an amateur handler. Professional handlers, as defined by the Association, are permitted to handle sweepstakes entries only if they are the owner, co-owner, a member of the owner's family or the breeder of the sweepstakes entry. Dogs showing in Sweepstakes MUST also be entered in one of the regular classes. Entries shall be made at the same time & on the same entry form as for the Regular Classes. Indicate "Sweepstakes" and age division on the regular entry form under Additional Classes.

The following classes will be provided for both dogs and bitches

Puppy, 6 Mos & under 9 Mos • Puppy, 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos

Junior, 12 Mos & Under 15 Mos • Junior, 15 Mos & Under 18 Mos

MONDAY & TUESDAY

Winners of the Sweepstakes classes will compete for Best in Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes.

WEDNESDAY

Winners of the Puppy Classes will compete for Best Puppy in Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes. Winners of the Junior Classes will compete for Best Junior in Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best Junior in Sweepstakes. Best Puppy in Sweepstakes & Best Junior in Sweepstakes will compete for Best in Sweepstakes.

DIVISION OF ENTRY MONEY AS PRIZES

MONDAY & TUESDAY

25% of total entry fees will be retained by the Club for expenses. The remaining 75% will be divided as follows:

Best in Sweepstakes 10% of Sweepstakes Entries

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes 10% of Sweepstakes Entries.

The remainder will be divided in each class as follows:

1st - 50%, 2nd - 25%, 3rd - 15%, 4th - 10%

WEDNESDAY

25% of total entry fees will be retained by the Club for expenses.

The remaining 75% will be divided as follows:

Best in Sweepstakes 15% of Sweepstakes Entries,

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes 2.5% of Sweepstakes Entries,

Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes 2.5% of Sweepstakes Entries

Best Junior in Sweepstakes 2.5% of Sweepstakes Entries

Best of Opposite Sex to Best Junior in Sweepstakes 2.5% of Sweepstakes Entries.

The remaining 50% will be divided in each class as follows:

1st - 50%, 2nd - 25%, 3rd - 15%, 4th - 10%

MATURITY

SATURDAY

A class to be judged on consistency of type in three generations of dogs. Dogs must be entered in a regular class on the regular entry form. All dogs must be identified at the time of entry. Class will not be divided by sex. A bitch or dog must be shown with a son or daughter & grandson or granddaughter. (One dog per generation for the total of three dogs shown oldest to youngest.) The grandson or granddaughter need not be the offspring of the son or daughter. Maturity is judged much like the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Classes, except that the merits of all three generations are considered. Maturity Entries must be made on the AKC

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FUTURITY

FUTURITY - THURSDAY
NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED

Futurity is an event held in conjunction with the National Specialty. It is similar to a sweepstakes except the nomination process is open only to breeders and co-breeders, all of which must be members in good standing with the American Bullmastiff Association, Inc. (ABA). Prior to a nominated puppy's six month birthday the Futurity puppy owner(s) and/or co-owner(s) must also be members in good standing with the ABA by the date of the applicable National

Specialty OR be published applicants for membership in the ABA Newsletter. Futurity entries must be handled by the owner, co-owner, a member of the owner or co-owner's family, the breeder, or an amateur handler. Professional handlers, as defined by the Association, are permitted to handle Futurity entries only if they are the owner/co-owner, or the breeder/co-breeder of the Futurity entry provided they are also an ABA member in good standing. Futurity involves a series of nominations prior to the date on which the Futurity is held. Bitches that have been bred are first nominated at a fee set by the ABA, prior to the whelping. After the puppies are born, one or more puppies of the nominated litter may be nominated at Less Than 3 Months and Less Than 6 Months of age. The only dogs eligible for entry in Futurity are those whose nominations have been kept current in accordance with the ABA Standing Rules for Futurity, effective March 1st, 2024. A litter could have been nominated if it was whelped on or after March 1, 2025 and on or before February 28, 2026.

Breeders of Futurity nominated dogs are responsible for informing their owners on the correct entry procedures for the Futurity competition. The Futurity Chair or Show Secretary will not be held responsible for incorrectly entered Futurity dogs and will remain indifferent and impartial to any differences over winnings between breeder and/or co-breeder(s).

NOTE: ABA National Specialty dates are subject to change. In the event that a litter is eligible for two National Futurity entries (current year and/or following year), the breeder of the litter must select which National Specialty they would like to enter on the Litter Nomination Form at the time of submission. All decisions are final. The litter will only be eligible for one (1) Futurity entry at a National Specialty. If a puppy is past its 18-month birthday at a National Specialty due to the National Specialty being held later in the fall, that puppy will still be eligible for Futurity competition and will be entered in the 18 month and over class as specified in the Premium List.

The Futurity class is considered a second entry in addition to a regular class for the National Specialty. Under the "Additional Class" section of the entry form, enter "Futurity: along with the proper age category. A dog/bitch may not be shown in Futurity without entry in a Regular Class. The entry fee for Futurity is paid from Futurity funds, so no fee is required from the breeder/owner to the Show Secretary for this Additional Class.

Any questions should be addressed to the Futurity Chair, Valerie Vessey. V_Vessey@yahoo.com.

CLASSIFICATION

The following classes will be provided for both dogs and bitches:

6 Mos & Under 9 mos • 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos

12 Mos & Under 15 Mos • 15 Mos & Under 18 Mos • 18 Mos & Over

The winners from these classes will then compete for Best Dog in Futurity and Best Bitch in Futurity.

DIVISION OF FUTURITY FUNDS AS PRIZES

- Forty-five percent (45%) will be divided among the ten (10) first place winners in each age group.
- Twenty percent (20%) will be given to both the Best Bitch in Futurity and Best Dog in Futurity.
- Fifteen percent (15%) will be retained by the ABA to cover reasonable Futurity expenses

If there is no entry in a class, then those funds shall be allocated pro rata amongst the remaining classes. These funds will not be allocated to the ABA holdback. If the holdback does not cover reasonable expenses, the Board may approve an additional amount be withheld. All winnings go to the breeder and/or co-breeder of record.

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• CLASSIFICATION •

Regular	Classes
6 months & under 9 months, Puppy Dog	6 months & under 9 months, Puppy Bitch
9 months & under 12 months, Puppy Dog	9 months & under 12 months, Puppy Bitch
12 months & under 15 months, Dog	12 months & under 15 months, Bitch
15 months & under 18 months, Dog	15 months & under 18 months, Bitch
Novice, Dog	Novice Bitch
Amateur-Owner-Handler, Dog	Amateur-Owner-Handler, Bitch
Bred-by-Exhibitor, Puppy Dog	Bred-by-Exhibitor, Puppy Bitch
Bred-by-Exhibitor, Adult Dog	Bred-by-Exhibitor, Adult Bitch
American-Bred, Dog	American-Bred Bitch
Open, Dogs, Brindle	Open, Brindle Bitch
Open, Dogs, AOAC	Open, AOAC, Bitch
WINNERS, DOG	WINNERS, BITCH

Best of Breed Competition

*TWELVE TO FIFTEEN MONTH & FIFTEEN TO EIGHTEEN MONTH CLASSES ARE OFFERED AT THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY ONLY. MONDAY & TUESDAY SPECIALTIES WILL OFFER:

12 mos & under 18 mos, Dog

12 mos & under 18 mos Bitch

POINTS AVAILABLE FOR RESERVE

Independent, Parent & National Specialties

The American Bullmastiff Association, Inc. will award at its Independent Specialty, Parent Specialty and National Specialty a three point major to Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch if the Regular Class Dog/Bitch entry is twice the required number for a five point major in the division where the National Specialty is held.

NON-REGULAR (ADDITIONAL) CLASSES Involving Single Dog Entries

VETERAN DOG CLASS (6 Yrs & Under 8) - A Class for Dogs six (6) years & under eight (8) years of age.

VETERAN DOG CLASS (8 Yrs & Under 10) - A Class for Dogs eight (8) years & under ten (10) years of age.

VETERAN DOG CLASS (10 Yrs & Over) - A Class for Dogs ten (10) years & over.

VETERAN BITCH CLASS (6 Yrs & Under 8) - A Class for Bitches six (6) years & under eight (8) years of age.

VETERAN BITCH CLASS (8 Yrs & Under 10) - A Class for Bitches eight (8) years & under ten (10) years of age.

VETERAN BITCH CLASS (10 Yrs & Over) - A Class for Bitches ten (10) years & over.

CASTRATED DOGS & SPAYED BITCHES MAY COMPETE IN VETERAN CLASSES AT THESE SPECIALTIES

NON-REGULAR (ADDITIONAL) CLASSES Involving Multiple Dog Entries

As the judge's decision in the Non-Regular Classes involving Multiple Dog Entries is based on the merits of more than one dog or bitch, no one of the dogs or bitches making up the entry judged first in these classes will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed by virtue of having won these classes.

STUD DOG CLASS - For Stud Dogs and two of their Get. It is not necessary that the Get be under the same ownership as that of the Stud Dog. The Stud Dog may be entered separately in one of the regular classes, or if a Champion of Record in Best of Breed Competition, but MUST be entered in the Stud Dog Class, the Get MUST be entered in one of the regular classes. The Stud Dog shall be considered as one entry and requires one entry fee, this being the regular fee plus the additional class fee if the Stud Dog is entered in another class. The Stud Dog must be shown in the ring with the Get. The class will be judged on the merits of the Get.

BROOD BITCH CLASS - Same as for the Stud Dog except substitute Brood Bitch for Stud Dog and Produce for Get.

BRACE CLASS - Two dogs with one or more common owner. If more than one Brace is entered by one or more common owner(s), the dogs comprising EACH Brace Unit must be designated Brace #1, Brace #2, etc. Dogs entered in each Brace Unit must also be entered in another class.

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ABA STANDING RULES - AWARDS

BEST BRINDLE IN SHOW - Best Brindle, an intersex class to be judged after Best of Breed, is open to all Brindles previously undefeated by another Brindle in a class during the judging of the regular or non-regular classes that lead to and include Best of Breed. This includes Veterans, but NOT Sweepstakes, Futurity, or any class where an award depends on more than one dog for placement.

Guidelines for choosing Best Brindle:

1. If the Best of Breed winner is eligible it will also be awarded Best Brindle.
2. If the Best of Breed winner is not eligible and the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed is eligible, the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed will compete against the eligible exhibits of the other sex to determine Best Brindle.
3. If neither the Best of Breed nor the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed is eligible for the Best Brindle competition and both the Select Dog and Select Bitch are eligible, the judge is to choose Best Brindle from the Selects, and if eligible, Winners Dog and/or Winners Bitch. If either Winners Dog or Winners bitch is not eligible, any class dog of that sex that was undefeated by a brindle will be included.
4. If one of the Selects is eligible for Best Brindle competition, excuse all eligible champions and non-regular class winners of the same sex and then choose Best Brindle from the remaining eligible dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible Winners. If the Winners dog or bitch is not eligible, any unbeaten class dogs of that sex will be included. If one of the Awards of Merit is eligible for Best Brindle then the highest placing eligible Award of Merit competes against any eligible class dogs unbeaten by a Brindle for Best Brindle.
5. If the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog & Select Bitch and all Awards of Merit are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog who competed in Best of Breed including Winners Dog or Winners Bitch. If the Winners Dog or the Winners Bitch are not eligible, then any unbeaten Brindle class dog of that sex will compete against any remaining dogs.

BEST PUPPY IN PUPPY CLASS – For the Parent & National Specialties - First Place Winners in each regular puppy class will compete for Best Puppy in Puppy Classes after Best of Breed judging. Only entries in Puppy 6 mos & Under 9 Mos month or Puppy 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos are eligible.

For the Independent Specialty on Monday only - First Place Winners in each regular puppy class AND the Best Bred by Exhibitor Puppy from the BBE 6 and under 12 month class will compete for Best Puppy in Puppy Classes after the Best of Breed Judging.....

Guidelines for choosing Best Puppy in Puppy Classes:

- A puppy winning Best of Breed is automatically awarded Best Puppy in Puppy Classes.
- A puppy awarded Best of Winners defeats all other puppies of both sexes.
- A puppy awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Winners Dog/Bitch defeats all other puppies in that sex.
- A puppy awarded Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch defeats all other puppies in that sex if another puppy has not been awarded Winners.
- A puppy selected for an Award of Merit defeats all other puppies not previously selected for a higher-level Award.

BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR – Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy & Bred-by-Exhibitor Adult class winners in each sex will compete for Best Bred-By-Exhibitor after Best of Breed judging. A Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy or Adult class winner awarded Best of Winners or Best of Breed is automatically awarded Best BBE. A Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy or Adult awarded an Award of Merit defeats any BBE not selected for a higher-level award. In any subsequent classes for which a dog from Bred-by-Exhibitor Class becomes eligible, there are no restrictions as to who may handle.

BEST VETERAN DOG – First Place winners in each veteran dog class will compete for Best Veteran Dog.

BEST VETERAN BITCH – First Place winners in each veteran bitch class will compete for Best Veteran Bitch.

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THERE WILL BE COMPETITION FOR BEST OWNER-HANDLED, AND BEST VETERAN AT EACH SPECIALTY.
BEST PUPPY IN PUPPY CLASSES, BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR , BEST BRINDLE, BEST VETERAN DOG, AND
BEST VETERAN BITCH WILL BE OFFERED AT

THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY ONLY

THE GREAT LAKES BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION WILL OFFER UP TO FOUR AWARDS OF MERIT

Please read further for eligibility requirements for each placement

NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series is a celebration of the dedication and enthusiasm of owner-handlers and is open to purebred dogs that are at least six months of age. 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. Dogs must be handled throughout the breed level competition for the regular show by an eligible owner. Professional handlers*

, household members and current assistants** to professional handlers may not exhibit the dog in any NOHS competition during the entire show. For a detailed description of the National Owner-Handled

Series, please visit the AKC website NOHS pages at:

raudog.co/NOHS

*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.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

JUDGE'S AWARD OF MERIT

Immediately following the Best of Breed Competition, Awards of Merit may be awarded to those dogs or bitches not winning Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog or Select Bitch, but are deemed of such outstanding quality as to deserve recognition. Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, and Select Bitch may not be considered by virtue of their already higher placement. The maximum number of such awards of merit shall be limited to 10% of the total entry in Best of Breed, up to a maximum of 12. (The percentage will be rounded up.) Each Award of Merit winner will receive a Rosette.

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NATIONAL SPECIALTY PRIZES

CHALLENGE TROPHIES - OPEN TO ALL

The following trophies are only offered at the National Specialty Show & OPEN TO ALL. These trophies may be presented inside the ring at the completion of competition or at the Awards Banquet. Should the trophy require engraving, it is the responsibility of the winner to do so. Challenge trophies are to be retired when won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows. All Challenge Trophies are offered by or through the American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.

BEST OF BREED - The Anniversary Challenge Trophy, 11 Piece Pewter Annapolis Tea Service (approx value \$650.00)

BEST OF BREED - The Le Tasyll Trophy, Silver Rose Bowl on a Wooden Pedestal

BEST OF BREED - The Ch. Twit Lees Rajah Award, Silver Loving Cup on a Wooden Base

BEST OF BREED - The Ch. Pitman's Gentleman Jim Memorial Trophy, Cold Cat Bronze Statue of a Bullmastiff Dog on a Walnut Base offered by Mr. & Mrs. James Leeson, Pitman's Bullmastiffs, England

BEST OF BREED - The Victoria DaVila Trophy, offered by Ed Schwartz, to be held in the possession of the trophy steward until the retirement of the Challenge Trophy

BEST OF WINNERS - Bronze by Austrian artist Georg Etzer offered by Bob Stephanos

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST OF BREED - The Rouge Trophy, Large Silver Bowl on a walnut Base with Shields offered by Mrs. J.H. Daniell-Jenkins, Kennel of the Rouge

WINNERS BITCH - The Colom Challenge Trophy, Bronze Statue of a Bullmastiff Bitch offered by Peter & Mary Cox, Colom Bullmastiffs, England

BROOD BITCH CLASS, 1st - The Prada Challenge Trophy, Dannyquest's Family Outting on a Wood Base offered by Solo-K Bullmastiffs and T-Boldt Bullmastiffs in honor of GCHB CH Solo-K's Hell'On Heels

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CHALLENGE TROPHIES - OPEN TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ONLY

The following trophies are only allowed to be offered at the National Specialty and presented in the premium list and catalog. These trophies are presented in accordance to the American Kennel Club publication, "Rules Applying to Dog Shows", and are open to Association members in good standing only. Winners are responsible for the engraving of their dog's name on the trophy, should engraving be needed. These trophies must be presented outside the ring at the completion of competition. The following trophies will be present for viewing and for photographs at the National Specialty, but will be awarded at the annual dinner and/or awards ceremony. These trophies are as follows:

BREEDER OF BEST OF BREED - A Cold Cast Bronze Bullmastiff on a Pillow offered by Jack Shastid, Shastid's Freehold & Geraldine M. Roach, Ladybug Bullmastiffs offered through the American Bullmastiff Association, Inc., for competition at its National Specialty show. Each breeder's winner is to hold the trophy until the next National Specialty show. For permanent possession, this trophy must be won three times by the same breeder, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows.

BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR - Offered by Alan Kalter and Dr. Chris Lezotte

BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR BITCH CLASS, 1st - The Scyldocga Trophy, Bronze Plaque on a Wood Base offered Russell & Helma Weeks, Nutiket Bullmastiffs, Reg'd., in memory of Karl Prescott, Scyldocga Bullmastiffs

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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

NOVICE JUNIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 9 years old and under 12 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have not won three First Places with competition present in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

NOVICE INTERMEDIATE CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 12 years old and under 15 years old

on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have not won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

NOVICE SENIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 15 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have not won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

OPEN JUNIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 9 years old and under 12 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Showmanship Class at a licensed or member show.

OPEN INTERMEDIATE CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 12 years old and under 15 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

OPEN SENIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 15 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Showmanship Class at a licensed or member show.

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 won the 10 Best Junior wins with competition from the Open Class to be eligible to enter the Limited Class Competition. The calendar for this class will 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 complete for the following year.

Competition must exist for Best Junior Handler.

NOTICE

JUNIORS WITH A DOG ALSO ENTERED IN ANOTHER CLASS OFFERED AT THIS SHOW WHO SUBSTITUTE A DOG NOT ENTERED IN THIS SHOW MUST REMIT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUNIOR ONLY AND JUNIOR AS AN ADDITIONAL CLASS ENTRY FEE. JUNIORS WHO HAVE ENTERED

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP ONLY WHO THEN SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER DOG WILL NOT BE CHARGED

A FURTHER FEE.

i A first place in Novice without competition leading to a Best Junior award with competition counts as one win towards moving to Open.

NOTICE: Junior Handlers must include their AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER on each entry. To obtain junior identification number contact juniors@akc.org

BE SURE ALL INFORMATION for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on front and back of entry form.

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2026 SPECIAL EVENT—TRIATHLON RULES • THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE

INCLUDE WITH ENTRY TO Jim Rau Dog Shows AS AN “ADDITIONAL ENTRY” ON AKC ENTRY FORM LIST “TRIATHLON” IN THE ADDITIONAL CLASS BOX ON THE ENTRY FORM TO DECLARE YOUR DOG IS COMPETING IN THE TRIATHLON.

TRIATHLON RULES

The Triathlon will be comprised of competition in three (3) areas.

1. Standard Agility (Regular or Preferred Jump Heights)
2. Obedience and/or Rally Obedience
3. Conformation

Dogs must be entered in regular classes for Obedience, Rally, and either Regular or Preferred Agility. Preferred, Graduate or Beginner Novice obedience classes will not be included in calculations for the Triathlon even if offered. Dogs may compete for all levels they are eligible for and additional points will be awarded for upper level classes. Dogs that achieve a qualifying score in obedience, rally and agility will receive 10 bonus points for each “Q”. Teams participating in the Triathlon may choose to compete in Obedience and/or Rally. Scores will be adjusted to allow for the significant difference in level of skills and difficulty required between Obedience and Rally. For teams competing in both Obedience and Rally, the highest score earned will be counted. The same team of dog and handler must compete in all three phases of the competition with no exceptions. The handlers must be a registered owner of the dog or a member of the immediate family of the owner of the dog.

CONFORMATION

Dogs will be judged according to the official AKC standard with the exception that spayed and neutered dogs may compete in Triathlon competition. A judge will be appointed by the National Show Committee with the approval of the ABA Board. A total of 100 possible points may be awarded by the judge with dogs to be scored and placed according to the points earned. Each dog will be judged separately by the Triathlon conformation judge according to the official AKC Standard. The scores will be recorded by the judge in the Triathlon conformation score card that is provided. Any dog disqualified by the judge will receive no score.

OBEDIENCE

Novice: Qualifying score divided by 2 (if NQ actual points earned from official judges score sheet and divided by 2)

Open: Qualifying score + 15 divided by 2 (if NQ actual points earned from official judges score sheet +15 and divided by 2)

Utility: Qualifying score + 30 divided by 2 (if NQ actual points earned from official judges score sheet +30 and divided by 2)

For dogs competing in both Open and Utility or Novice and Open, the highest score earned will be used. If the dog has NQ'd in both Open and Utility or Novice and Open the highest score shall be used.

RALLY

Novice: Score multiplied by .4

Intermediate: Score multiplied by .425

Advanced: Score multiplied by .55

Excellent: Score multiplied by .65

Master: Score multiplied by .85

For Dogs competing in Advanced, Excellent and/or Master only the highest score earned will be used.

AGILITY (Standard or Preferred jump heights)

Novice: Score

Open: Score +10

Excellent/Master: Score +20

(F) Failure = 10 points

(R) Refusals/run outs = 5 points

(W) Wrong course = 5 points

(E) Excusal = No score (eliminating in ring, leaving ring, judge determines dog is out of control course not complete.

Time Faults = 1 point per second

There is a significant difference in difficulty between Rally and Obedience competition. Rally does not require the same skills as Obedience (i.e. in Rally handlers may talk/encourage/praise dogs, give multiple commands, retry exercises and complete Only a short sit/stay upon command. In obedience, dogs work without multiple commands, without encouragement/praise during exercises, exercises cannot be retried, dogs complete much longer sits off lead). So while a choice is given to compete in Rally or Obedience for The Triathlon scores must be adjusted to reflect the difficulty for each.

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OBEDIENCE TRIAL - TUESDAY

Qualifying score required for all prizes in Titling Classes.

A Dark Green Qualifying Ribbon will be given to each dog attaining a Qualifying Score.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entry fees (minus \$6.00 processing fee per entry) for bitches entered in Obedience that come in season after closing date of this show may be obtained provided that a veterinarian's certificate and a request in writing is received by the Show Secretary no later than 30 minutes

prior to the start of judging.

Transfers will be allowed at this trial per AKC Regulations.

Armbands for this Trial will be arranged in descending Jump Height Order.

CLASSIFICATION

Novice A Class • Novice B Class • Open A Class • Open B Class • Utility A Class • Utility B Class

Preferred Novice • Preferred Open • Preferred Utility

Beginner Novice A Class • Beginner Novice B Class

Graduate Novice Class • Graduate Open Class • Versatility Class

RALLY TRIAL - TUESDAY

Qualifying score required for all prizes.

A Dark Green Qualifying Ribbon will be given to each dog attaining a Qualifying Score.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entry fees (minus \$6.00 processing fee per entry) for bitches entered in Rally that

come in season after closing date of this show may be obtained provided that a veterinarian's certificate and

a request in writing is received by the Show Secretary no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of judging.

Transfers will be allowed at this trial per AKC Regulations.

Armbands for this Trial will be arranged in ascending Jump Height Order.

Ring Size: 40 ft x 50 ft

CLASSIFICATION

Novice A Class • Novice B Class • Intermediate Class • Advanced A Class

Advanced B Class • Excellent A Class • Excellent B Class • Master Class • Choice Class

4-6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY ATTRACTION

CLASSIFICATION

The Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition shall be for dogs that are four months of age and over but under six months on the day of the event.

Professional handlers, members of their household and current assistants to professional handlers may not personally exhibit dogs in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition. Dogs that are owned or co-owned by the forenamed may compete in this competition but must be handled by a non-Professional handler. 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.

- Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition.



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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.



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