

77th National Specialty Show

Wednesday, September 25th - Saturday, September 28, 2013



Welcome to Portland and the 2013 AHCA National!

Hotel and Show Site

Holiday Inn Portland Airport - Group Code AHC
1-888-HOLIDAY (888-465-4329) or 503-256-5000

Single or double room rates are \$89.00 (plus tax), up to 5 dogs per room. Free wireless internet, free parking, plus a daily \$5 coupon for use in the hotel restaurant or bar. RV parking will be available at \$25 per day. Make **RV reservations** to nealfouts@hotmail.com

The exhibit hall is a 15,000 square foot building just across the driveway from the hotel. The grooming area will be adjacent to the show ring, with bathing facilities - sponsored by Laser Lites - just outside the building, canopied and fenced. A fenced and canopied exercise pen on grass will also be provided.

Food concession and full-service bar will be open during show hours in the exhibit hall. FREE morning coffee will be available for early-birds.

Flying In

Portland International Airport (PDX) is serviced by all major airlines, most using aircraft that will accept 400 and 500 size crates - take note that Alaska Airlines has a flat \$100 pet baggage fee. Car rental services are directly across the roadway from the terminal. Make **Exhibitor Shuttle** reservations to Ellie Stonequist, ellies@hughes.net

Seattle-Tacoma Airport (SEA) is less than 3 hours north of Portland and is also serviced by all major airlines.

Ride-sharing: A message board will be set up in the lobby for carpooling to off-site events. A cargo van will also be available to transport up to six dogs to lure coursing, contact ellies@hughes.net

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY - September 25

ASFA & AKC Lure Trials will start our National events on Wednesday morning in a lovely community park only 10 miles from the hotel. The site offers a mowed grass field with both natural boundaries and safety fencing, paved parking and indoor restrooms. The ASFA trial will start at 8 AM, followed promptly by the AKC trial which will include Qualifying Courser and two Junior Courser tests. Best in Event will immediately follow the AKC trial.

Agility Trial will be scheduled in the afternoon, after lure coursing, at a fairgrounds facility just 15 miles up the freeway from the hotel or the coursing grounds. This indoor packed-dirt arena is regularly used for area agility trials, and provides enough space for two rings. This gives us the opportunity to offer Fast Classes this year, and will also help reduce down time between the classes.

Grooming Area will be available to the public at 1:00 PM. Any exhibitors who assist with show building set-up will be allowed to have 'first pick' in the grooming area.

Vendor Welcome Party will start festivities in the exhibit hall in the early evening, with free hors d'oeuvres and full-service no-host bar.

Senior Showmanship Competition will also be held in the exhibit hall on Wednesday evening. This free event is open to exhibitors who will admit they are at least 40 years old, and will be judged by our best Northwest junior or graduate handlers. Costumes, retro dress, show dress or kennel clothes are equally welcome in the ring.

THURSDAY - September 26

Obedience and Rally Trials will begin the Thursday events - with the same judge as the 1989 National held at this same location. The Obedience Trial offers all the new AKC Optional Titling classes; these include Pre-Novice and Beginner Novice (which are all on-lead exercises) all the way up to Pre-Utility and Versatility.

***FIRST EVER at the National* 4-6 Mo. Beginner Puppy Competition** will start the show events on a sweet note!

(THURSDAY continued...)

Veteran Sweepstakes will trot into the ring right after the newest generation, to be followed by **Triathlon Conformation** and regular **Sweepstakes**.

Breed Symposium and dinner will be held in the hotel ballroom. Dr. Paul Scherlie will discuss "Inheritable Eye Diseases in the Afghan Hound".

FRIDAY - September 27

Dog Classes and Bitch Classes will both be judged on Friday.

Parade of Rescue will be held during the break between the sexes.

A special catalog will be available free at ringside, with pictures and biographies of the dogs. Contact Linda Jo Bugbee, belovedtazi@gmail.com

Art Auction will be held in the open Atrium area of the hotel, accompanied by drinks and an hors d'oeuvres bar.

SATURDAY - September 28

Parade of Veterans, Liberty Class, and **Junior Showmanship** will open the final day of the 77th National.

Best of Breed Competition will finish off the afternoon.

Annual Awards Banquet will be held in the hotel ballroom.

SUNDAY - September 29

Two regional specialties will be held back-to-back in the exhibit hall on Sunday: the **Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland** and the **Evergreen Afghan Hound Club**. Each specialty is subject to a 100-dog limit, so sweepstakes will not be offered.

ART Auction Donations - contact Sue Games raffica@aol.com

Auction items will be posted on the AHCA web page

Proxy bidding will be accepted - contact werauctions@charter.net

Trophy Donations - contact JoAnne Buehler tazihound@his.com

AHCA Raffle Tickets - contact Mimi Yeager kima@gci.net

•Gold East Coast Crate •Adjustable Grooming Table •Tack Box

Beyond the National ...

Come in early for other Northwest dog events preceding the National:

Gig Harbor Kennel Club - Two all-breed dog shows , Saturday and Sunday, September 21 & 23. These shows are outdoors at a small fairgrounds about 130 miles north of Portland. Superintendent is MB-F.

Portland Agility Club - Three all-breed agility trials, Friday-Sunday, September 20-23, in the same arena as the AHCA trial. Private show secretary offering AKC online entry service.

Explore the Pacific Northwest

Downtown Portland is only 10 miles from our host hotel, well-known for great food, micro-breweries, and music. Visit Old Town, Chinatown, Pioneer Square, Waterfront Park or the Japanese, Chinese or Rose Gardens. Don't forget the famous original Powell's Book Store, Oregon Zoo and Forestry Center, and OMSI museum and planetarium.

Shopping is tax-free in Oregon!

Take a road trip (or a sternwheeler cruise) to see our evergreen forests, wine country, waterfalls and mountains. It's less than 60 miles to the Oregon Coast, Mount St. Helens, Mount Hood, Timberline Lodge, Multnomah Falls, or the Columbia River Gorge.

Tourism information including local dining, shopping and dog-boarding options will be available from Jackie Jones, dragnquest@gotsky.com