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34th Annual National Specialty Show, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Futurity, Maturity,
Junior Showmanship, Two Obedience Trials & Two Rally Trials

For Australian Shepherds Only
(Unbenched)



United States Australian Shepherd Association

(Member of the American Kennel Club)

Purina Event Center
500 William Danforth Drive
Gray Summit, MO 63039

Friday ~ Friday
April 10 - 17, 2026

AKC National Owner-Handled Series
Pee-Wee Class, Gala Awards Event & Welcome Event
9th Annual USASA Top 20 ~ Wednesday

Show & Trial Hours: 7:00 A.M. until 30 minutes
after the conclusion of judging each day
All Judging Indoors

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PROGRAM OF JUDGING

There are 354 dogs in this National Specialty Show & Trials with a total entry of 569, including 107 Obedience entries and 267 rally entries. For your convenience, the following class divisions have been carefully tabulated; however, neither the Club nor the Superintendent or Show Secretary assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy.

Emergency Contacts: Martha Beale (214) 460-7596 & Bridgid Nolan (312) 231-2451

Obedience/Rally Contact: Kate Johnson (806) 470-0430

MONDAY - APRIL 13, 2026

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Tina Beck

9:00 AM

Specialty

- Australian Shepherds Futurity
- 1 Division 4 - Born July 1 through September 30 Dog
- 11 Division 3 - Born April 1 through June 30 Dogs
- 1 Division 2 - Born January 1 through March 31 Dog
- 4 Division 1 - Born October 1 through December 31 Dogs
- 5 Division 4 - Born July 1 through September 30 Bitches
- 15 Division 3 - Born April 1 through June 30 Bitches
- 6 Division 2 - Born January 1 through March 31 Bitches
- 2 Division 1 - Born October 1 through December 31 Bitches
- Best in Futurity
- 45 Total Dogs

RING ONE

JUDGE: Mr. Tim J. Preston

11:45 AM

Specialty

- Australian Shepherds Maturity
- 4 Division 4 - Born July 1 through September 30 Dogs
- 2 Division 3 - Born April 1 through June 30 Dogs
- 3 Division 2 - Born January 1 through March 31 Dogs
- 5 Division 1 - Born October 1 through December 31 Dogs
- 6 Division 4 - Born July 1 through September 30 Bitches
- 9 Division 3 - Born April 1 through June 30 Bitches
- 5 Division 2 - Born January 1 through March 31 Bitches
- Best in Maturity
- Best of the Best
- 34 Total Dogs

TUESDAY - APRIL 14, 2026

RING ONE

JUDGE: Mr. Jamie Clute

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at his discretion)

9:00 AM

Specialty

- Australian Shepherds Sweepstakes
- 9 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs
- 16 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Dogs
- 4 Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Dogs
- 7 Junior, 15 & Under 18 Months Dogs
- 11 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches
- 27 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches
- 11 Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Bitches
- 9 Junior, 15 & Under 18 Months Bitches
- Best in Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

Specialty

- Australian Shepherds Veteran Sweepstakes
- 6 7 Years & Under 10 Years Dogs
- 1 10 Years & Over Dog
- 7 7 Years & Under 10 Years Bitches
- 4 10 Years & Over Bitches
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
- 112 Total Dogs

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 15, 2026

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Regina Lee Bryant

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

9:00 AM

Specialty

- Australian Shepherds Dog Classes
- 8 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs
- 7 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Dogs
- 4 12 & Under 15 Months Dogs
- 6 15 & Under 18 Months Dogs
- 1 Novice Dog
- 1 Amateur-Owner-Handler Dog
- 13 Bred by Exhibitor, 6 & Under 12 Months Dogs
- 10 Bred by Exhibitor, 12 Months & Over Dogs
- 6 American-Bred Dogs
- 7 Open, Black Dogs
- 7 Open, Blue Merle Dogs
- 8 Open, Red Dogs
- 6 Open, Red Merle Dogs
- Winners Dog
- 5 Veteran, 7 Years & Under 10 Years Dogs
- 1 Veteran, 10 Years & Over Dog
- 2 Herding Titled Dogs
- 7 Stud Dogs
- 6 Brood Bitches
- 2 Braces
- 109 Total Dogs

RING TWO

JUDGE: Mrs. Leslye Pinnell

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

9:30 AM

- 1 Versatility Class Obedience Entries
- Nos 34

9:40 AM

- 7 Utility Class B & Preferred Utility Obedience Entries
- Nos 29 30 31 34 36 35 P37

10:40 AM

- 1 Utility Class A Obedience Entries
- Nos 33

10:50 AM

- 9 Open Class B & Preferred Open Obedience Entries
- Nos P20 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 P37

After Noon

- 8 Open Class A Obedience Entries
- Nos 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 28

After Noon

- 3 Graduate Novice Class Obedience Entries
- Nos 10 23 50

After Noon

A 5 minute walk-thru prior to the start of the Novice Class A will be allowed for handlers without their dogs

Class to Follow

- 2 Novice Class A Obedience Entries
- Nos 5 6

After Noon

- 12 Novice Class B Obedience Entries
- Nos 7 8 9 10 11 12 14 15 16 17 18 19

After Noon

A 10 minute walk-thru prior to the start of the Beginner Novice Class B will be allowed for handlers without their dogs

Class to Follow

- 12 Beginner Novice Class B Obedience Entries

Nos 9 18 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

RING THREE

JUDGE: Mr. Russell Hornfisher

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at his discretion)

9:30 AM

Rally Choice Class Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 6 Rally Choice Class
- Nos 57 61 62 67 78 81

10:00 AM

Rally Master Class Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 23 Rally Master Class
- Nos 56 57 58 60 61 63 92 66 67 69 71 72 73 74 75 76 78 80 81 83 84 93 94

11:30 AM

Rally Excellent Class A Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 2 Rally Excellent Class A
- Nos 86 87

11:50 AM

Rally Excellent Class B Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 29 Rally Excellent Class B
- Nos 56 57 58 60 61 62 63 85 88 64 65 67 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 78 80 81 83 84 89 90 91

After Noon

Rally Advanced Class A Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 5 Rally Advanced Class A
- Nos 50 51 52 53 55

After Noon

Rally Advanced Class B Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 26 Rally Advanced Class B
- Nos 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 80 81 83 84

After Noon

Rally Intermediate Class Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 11 Rally Intermediate Class
- Nos 37 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

After Noon

Rally Novice Class A Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 11 Rally Novice Class A
- Nos 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 14 15 16 17

After Noon

Rally Novice Class B Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 19 Rally Novice Class B
- Nos 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

THURSDAY - APRIL 16, 2026

RING ONE

JUDGE: Mr. Dana P. Cline

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at his discretion)

9:00 AM

Specialty

- Australian Shepherds Bitch Classes
- 11 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches
- 22 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches
- 10 12 & Under 15 Months Bitches
- 10 15 & Under 18 Months Bitches
- 2 Novice Bitches
- 2 Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
- 16 Bred by Exhibitor, 6 & Under 12 Months Bitches
- 27 Bred by Exhibitor, 12 Months & Over Bitches
- 11 American-Bred Bitches
- 14 Open, Black Bitches
- 10 Open, Blue Merle Bitches
- 9 Open, Red Bitches
- 2 Open, Red Merle Bitches
- Winners Bitch
- 8 Veteran, 7 Years & Under 10 Years Bitches
- 5 Veteran, 10 Years & Over Bitches
- 1 Herding Titled Bitch

160 Total Dogs

RING TWO

JUDGE: Mr. Russell Hornfisher

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at his discretion)

9:00 AM

- 7 Utility Class B & Preferred Utility Obedience Entries
Nos 29 30 31 34 35 P37 P38

10:00 AM

- 1 Utility Class A Obedience Entries
Nos 33

10:10 AM

- 1 Graduate Open Class Obedience Entries
Nos 36

10:20 AM

- 10 Open Class B & Preferred Open Obedience Entries
Nos P20 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 P37 P38

11:35 AM

- 9 Open Class A Obedience Entries
Nos 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

After Noon

- 3 Graduate Novice Class Obedience Entries
Nos 10 23 50

After Noon

A 5 minute walk-thru prior to the start of the Novice Class A will be allowed for handlers without their dogs

Class to Follow

- 2 Novice Class A Obedience Entries
Nos 5 6

After Noon

- 9 Novice Class B Obedience Entries
Nos 7 8 9 10 11 14 15 18 19

After Noon

A 10 minute walk-thru prior to the start of the Beginner Novice Class B will be allowed for handlers without their dogs

Class to Follow

- 10 Beginner Novice Class B Obedience Entries
Nos 9 18 39 40 41 42 43 46 48 49

RING THREE

JUDGE: Mrs. Leslye Pinnell

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

9:00 AM

Rally Choice Class Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 5 Rally Choice Class
Nos 57 67 78 81 93

9:30 AM

Rally Master Class Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 25 Rally Master Class
Nos 56 57 58 60 61 63 92 66 67 69 71 72
73 74 75 76 78 79 80 81 83 84 94 95 96

11:05 AM

Rally Excellent Class A Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 2 Rally Excellent Class A
Nos 85 86

11:25 AM

Rally Excellent Class B Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 30 Rally Excellent Class B
Nos 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 88 64 65 66
67 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 78 79 80 81 83
84 89 90 91

After Noon

Rally Advanced Class A Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 5 Rally Advanced Class A
Nos 50 51 53 54 55

After Noon

Rally Advanced Class B Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 28 Rally Advanced Class B
Nos 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67
68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 78 79 80 81 82
83 84

After Noon

Rally Intermediate Class Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 12 Rally Intermediate Class
Nos 37 38 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

After Noon

Rally Novice Class A Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 10 Rally Novice Class A
Nos 5 7 9 10 11 14 15 16 17 18

After Noon

Rally Novice Class B Walk Thru

Class to Follow

- 18 Rally Novice Class B
Nos 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 28 29 30 31
33 34 35 36 37 39

FRIDAY - APRIL 17, 2026

RING ONE
MENTOR: Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter

8:00 AM

Pee Wee Class

To be followed by:

RING ONE
JUDGE: Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon
break at her discretion)

Junior Showmanship Competition

2 Novice

11 Open

1 Master

Best Junior Handler

Specialty

Australian Shepherds

95 Best of Breed Competition (60-35)

109 Total Dogs

JUDGES

Ms. Tina BeckGold Hill, OR 97525
Ms. Regina Lee BryantGalt, CA 95632
Mr. Dana P. ClineAlbany, GA 31705
Mr. Jamie CluteWilliamston, SC 29697
Mr. Russell HornfisherMaryville, TN 37803
Mrs. Leslye PinnellLawrenceville, GA 30044
Mr. Tim J. PrestonJacksonville, IL 62650
Mrs. Patricia V. TrotterCarmel, CA 93922

***PROVISIONAL/PERMIT JUDGE - SEE ASSIGNMENTS**

IMPORTANT - TRANSFERS of dogs from regular classes to Best of Breed/Variety Competition (Ch. 11 Section 6, AKC Rules) MUST be made to the Superintendent/Show Secretary at least one half hour prior to the start of any regular conformation judging at this show. TRANSFERS by Junior Handlers from Novice to Open Class or from the Open to Master Class MUST be made to the Superintendent/Show Secretary prior to the judging of the class at the show. SUBSTITUTIONS of Junior Showmanship dogs must be made prior to the judging of the class at the show. TRANSFERS OF DOGS IN OBEDIENCE/RALLY CLASSES (Ch. 1 Section 16 of Obedience Regulations) The request for transfers must be in writing and presented to the Superintendent/Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Transfers for Obedience may be approved, provided the next level class and judge are available and the class has not reached its limit.

NOTE:

**AKC Weekend Club Hotline: (919) 816-3955 or visit the AKC Event Cancellations page at:
<https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/> for event cancellation information.**

The full policy and list of Table and Ramp eligible/required breeds is available on the AKC website at:

https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table_breeds.pdf

Judges may request the ramp to judge any breed in emergency situations; if granted, unless the use of a ramp has been indicated in the premium list, an exhibitor has the option of withdrawing their entry and receiving a refund. Junior Showmanship judges should follow the above.

NOTICE

Junior Handlers who win a third Novice Class with competition present or a first place in Novice without competition leading to a Best Junior award with competition would count as one win towards moving to Open, after the closing of entries for a show, **ARE REQUIRED TO TRANSFER** their entry from the Novice Class to the Open Class. **MUST NOTIFY** the Superintendent/Show Secretary prior to the judging of the class at the show.

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 SHOWMANSHIP ONLY AND JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP 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.

Event Photographers

Please Note: USASA is not responsible for any photographer who is not listed below as being under contract with USASA.

Conformation Photographer

Photography by Teddy Lei
8727 Argyle Ave., St. Louis, MO 63114
(626) 747-2241 • E-mail: teddyspic77@gmail.com
website: teddylei.shootproof.com

Performance Photographer

Aaron Gold Photography
(618) 954-9292
E-mail: aarongoldphoto@gmail.com

(Only the Official Photographers may take win pictures.)

Event Videographer

ShowDogVideoPros, 6237 Recoleta Rd., Las Cruces, NM 80012
Phone (575) 993-3460 • E-mail: Showdogvideopros@gmail.com
Website: www.showdogvideopros.com

EXCITING NEWS: ShowDogVideoPros will be videoing and live streaming the Conformation portion of our show. Packages will be available to purchase.

Freelance Photography

Photography by any other person(s) or company for commercial purposes or distribution of any kind is strictly prohibited, except with the express permission of the official Photographers and the Show Chair. Written request must be received by the Show Chair, Martha Beale, (mshelbybeale@me.com) prior to March 26, 2026, NO EXCEPTIONS. **A maximum of 2 Conformation Ring Side Photographers (other than the Official Photographers), Fee is \$150.00 for the week.** Photography using iPhones, Android phones, tablets, iPads or other handheld devices only for strictly personal, non-commercial purposes, is permitted.

Video Service information:

The professional video services and live streaming at this show are governed by an exclusive video contract with the Club. No other commercial video recording, video recording from a tripod, monopod or other supported camera/device, or any video recording or streaming of large parts or whole classes shall be permitted. The contract terms permit individuals to record small bits of video of their own dogs only, and using handheld devices only (e.g. phone, tablet or small camcorder). Individuals may post recorded videos of their own dogs to social media (Facebook, YouTube, etc.). However, during show hours LIVE Broadcast Streaming to social media (e.g., Facebook Live) is not permitted. Submission of an entry form and/or physical presence on the show grounds shall constitute both implied and real consent for both the handler and the dog to be professionally video recorded and streamed live only by the professional video services as contracted by the Club for this show.

All rights to video record and live stream or otherwise exploit this event and/or the persons or animals participating in it, including the names, likenesses and biographical matter of dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the event shall belong solely to the show giving Club and/or the American Kennel Club, Inc. No spectator, participant, owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall make commercial use of any video recordings of any person or animal participating in this event without prior written approval from the Club. This event may not be broadcast to social media (e.g. Facebook Live, etc.) without prior written approval from the Club.

Show Veterinarian On Call

Washington Veterinary Clinic
Dr. John Stoltz, DVM
15585 E Highway 100, Washington, MO 63090
(636) 239-5445

24 Hour Emergency Clinic

Veterinary Specialty Services
1021 Howard George Dr.
Manchester, MO 63021
(636) 227-6100 (Please call ahead)

Directions to Washington Veterinary Clinic: Take I-44 to Exit 252 (Highway 100). Go west on Highway 100 for 8½ miles. At stop light (Target on Left) turn right onto Brookview Dr. & then immediate right into gravel driveway. Washington Veterinary Clinic sign on driveway.

Directions to Veterinary Specialty Services: Leaving Purina turn right on Country Road "MM", to right on Manchester/Hwy. 100 - turn left on to Hwy. 44 east. Take Exit 272 from Hwy. 44 to north on Hwy. 141, take right on Howard George Dr./S. Outer Rd. in Manchester, 1021 Howard George Dr., will be on the left. 27 min.

"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."



ALL PRO PLAN AWARDS, IF NOT PRESENTED IN THE RING, MUST BE PICKED UP DURING THE EVENT AT THE PRO PLAN BOOTH. PRESENTATION OF THE WINNING RIBBON IS REQUIRED. PURINA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE AWARD SUBSTITUTIONS OF EQUAL OR GREATER VALUE IF LISTED AWARD IS NOT AVAILABLE.

AKC National Owner-Handled Series

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 and 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:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-owner-handled-series/>

**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.*

NO PRACTICING ALLOWED IN RINGS AT ANY TIME.

Dogs May Arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. **Dogs not required for further judging will be excused.**

Judges Will Not Wait for Any Dog Holding Up a Class. Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging ring when their classes are called to be judged.

All Dogs Present must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged or when in the exercising ring.

No gasoline or diesel generators are permitted inside any building or within 100 feet of any tent in which this dog show is conducted.

As specified in Chapter 12, Section 4 of the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows, information contained on the entry form is required to be published in the club's show catalog. This information is also subject to publication in other media.

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 the event's Show Committee. If because of riots, wars, strikes, civil disturbances, national emergencies, health emergencies, and the dictates of law enforcement or of the owner(s) of the grounds and/or facilities 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. Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to, snow storms, hurricanes, lightning, extreme heat, heavy rains, or other circumstances including, but not limited to, the condition of the facilities or grounds and/or the ingress and egress from the grounds, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors and spectators. The well-being of dogs, exhibitors and spectators is of paramount importance and, in the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the show before completion, no refund of entry fee will be made.

OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS INFORMATION

The building is available for set ups on Monday, April 13th at 10:00 A.M. CDT.

Ring-side crating will be allowed at these trials. Please refer to the Notice to Exhibitors - Show Site.

Please bring crates and water for your dogs and clean up supplies.

**For additional announcements of "Breaking News"
regarding the 2026 National Specialty, visit the USASA website at
www.australianshepherds.org**

A heartfelt thank you to Shelly Hollen for sharing her beautiful puppy painting with us and allowing it to become our logo image. We also greatly appreciate Adrienne Tullier's wonderful design work in getting the logo ready for print.



JUNIORS!

Are you entering Agility, Scentwork, Herding, Obedience and/or Rally? Please be sure to visit the USASA website to complete the Junior HIT form. This form is simply for tracking purposes, but it is a requirement to be in the running for High in Trial/High Scoring Junior for each venue.

Highest Scoring Junior in Obedience & Rally will receive a 2026 USASA Duffel Bag & Aussie Item (Value Greater than \$12.00) on National Day.

Attention

- The building is available for set ups on **Monday, April 13th at 10:00 A.M. CDT.**
- Ring-side crating will be allowed at these trials. Please refer to the Notice to Exhibitors - Show Site.
- Please bring crates and water for your dogs and clean up supplies.

Pee Wee Class - Friday, April 17, 2026

- ★ For kids from 5 & Under 9 years of age (with a parent or guardian)
- ★ All dogs must be at least four (4) months of age to be exhibited.
- ★ All dogs must wear a proper collar with leash.
- ★ Entry Fee is FREE

The Pee Wee Event is for children from the ages of 5 to under 9 years of age. Children younger than 5 cannot participate in the Pee Wee Class. Safety is a primary concern. Each Pee Wee class consists of the child and a responsible adult which must be in the ring with the Pee Wee. The dog must be at least 4 months of age and have the proper lead and collar. The responsible adult is responsible for the control of the dog outside the ring. Clubs must provide an additional lead if the mentor inside the ring feels that it is necessary for the safety of the dog and the Pee Wee. A Release of Liability must be completed before the Pee Wee may enter the Pee Wee Event. For more information on the Pee Wee Event, please refer to the AKC website at:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/junior-showmanship/pee-wee-special-attraction-guidelines/>

Pee Wee entries are open to all Australian Shepherds that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number.

MB-F, THE CLUB(S) AND/OR EVENT SECRETARY caution all persons entering the show site and show grounds against all hazards which may exist, including, but not limited to: Condition of the site/grounds, parking/loading/unloading areas, entrances, floors, stairways, elevators, escalators, floor coverings, walkways, tenting/canopies, electrical appliances/cords and fittings, exercise pens, drones and the presence of animals. All persons should take into consideration this is a sporting event and dress, act and exercise caution appropriate for the activity involved. All persons should exercise caution and common sense in any interaction with any animal present. All persons entering the show, grounds, site, ring and any show areas for whatever purpose do so entirely at their own risk. By virtue of entering the show, the entrant has indicated their acceptance of the terms listed in the premium list, judging program, and on the entry form and assumes all risks involved.

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB 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.

ATTENTION OWNERS/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.

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.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday 4/10/26	Aussie Only Agility Trials - 2 Rings - 700 Runs Judges: Ms. Kim Crenshaw & Ms. Cindy Deak	Walk through 8:30	9:00 A.M.
Saturday 4/11/26	Aussie Only Agility Trials - 2 Rings - 700 Runs Judges: Ms. Kim Crenshaw & Ms. Cindy Deak	Walk through 7:30	8:00 A.M.
Sunday 4/12/26	* Aussie Only Agility Trials - 2 Rings - 700 Runs Judges: Ms. Kim Crenshaw & Ms. Cindy Deak	Walk through 7:30	8:00 A.M.
Monday 4/13/26	* Aussie Only Herding Trial Location: Purina Farms Herding Arenas Judges: Ms. Marie Koebke & Mr. Alan Koebke Futurity - Judge: Ms. Tina Beck Maturity - Judge: Mr. Tim Preston 30 Minutes after Futurity Scent Work: See Performance Premium List FastCat		8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. TBA
Tuesday 4/14/26	Sweepstakes - Judge: Mr. Jamie Clute All Breed Herding Trials Location: Purina Farms Herding Arenas Judges: Ms. Marie Koebke & Mr. Alan Koebke Chuck a Duck - During Lunch Break Scent Work: See Performance Premium List FastCat		9:00 A.M. 8:00 A.M. TBA TBA
Wednesday 4/15/26	MVA Evaluation - Judge: Ms. Tina Beck Regular Dog Classes to WD, Veteran Dogs, Stud Dogs, Brood Bitches, Brace Judge: Ms. Regina Lee Bryant * Obedience Aussie Only - Judge: Ms. Leslye Pinnell * Rally Aussie Only - Judge: Mr. Russell Hornfisher Chuck a Duck - During Lunch Break FastCat TOP 20 Competition ** Gala, Including Juniors Year End Awards **		8:00 AM 9:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. TBA TBA TBA
Thursday 4/16/26	Regular Bitch Classes to WB, Veteran Bitches - Judge: Mr. Dana Cline MVA Awards - During Lunch Break Chuck a Duck - After MVA Awards - During Lunch Break * Obedience Aussie Only - Judge: Mr. Russell Hornfisher * Rally Aussie Only - Judge: Ms. Leslye Pinnell Judge's Education - Rhonda Silveira Annual Membership Meeting - 30 min after conclusion of conformation judging. Location: TBA		8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. TBA
Friday 4/17/26	Junior Showmanship & Pee Wee - Judge: Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter BEST OF BREED - Judge: Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter - immediately following Juniors.		8:00 A.M.

**Schedule is subject to change due to number of entries,
weather, emergencies, and Acts of God, among other circumstances.**

Top 20 Event and Gala

The 2026 National will celebrate the top dogs of both 2024 and 2025 with a combined event. Judging will take place during the day. The Gala event will include dinner, presentations of the dogs, and announcement of the winner.

Additionally, the USASA Foundation will hold both their silent and live auctions at the Gala.

Juniors Awards will be presented after dinner and before the evening presentations of the dogs.

Judges: Three (3) Judges selected by an independent Judge's Selection Committee will oversee the Top 20 Competition. They include an AKC All-Breed Judge, a Breeder Judge, and a Professional Handler Judge. The Judges' names will be kept confidential until the Top 20 Competition.

Top 20 Winners: The dogs with the highest overall score (for Top 20 and OH Top 20) will be the Top 20 Winners for each year.

People's Choice Winner: The dog receiving the highest number of People's Choice ballots will be named the People's Choice Winner for each year.

Scores will not be published. All placement records will be kept confidential.

Additional details on entries, catalog, judging procedure, gala tickets, etc., will be provided on the USASA website: www.australianshepherds.org

2026 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TOP 20 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Martha Shelby Beale, Kristina Churchill, Derek Johnson, Kate Johnson, Sarah Kalkes, Danielle McJunkins, Hope McQueen, Bridgid Nolan, Robin Prouty & Joyce Siddall

2026 Best Junior Handler Scholarship Award

In order to support the future education of the Junior Handlers who are participating in the Sport of Dogs, a \$500.00 Scholarship will be offered by the United States Australian Shepherd Association (USASA) Juniors Committee to the Best Junior Handler at the 2026 National Specialty held Friday, April 17, 2026, at Purina Farms.

Scholarship winners must be a current USASA Junior member. Juniors must be a member prior to the date of Junior Showmanship competition at the National Specialty. Should the winner of Best Junior not be a current USASA Junior member, the scholarship will not be awarded that year.

These Scholarship Certificates may be redeemed to attend an accredited, approved, post-secondary educational institution.

Attendance at an accredited, approved, post-secondary educational institution: Upon appropriate notification including a copy of a document of registration and a point of contact at the post-secondary educational institution, the USASA Juniors Committee will disperse the scholarship money directly to the recipient's institution of choice OR with appropriate receipts the \$500.00 may be dispersed to the student directly for books, academic supplies and/or materials at the discretion of the USASA Juniors Committee.

Definitions and limitations:

The recipient must redeem the Scholarship by age 21 or the monies will be forfeited and placed back into the USASA Juniors Committee.

If for any reason the Junior Handler is disqualified from their win, the Scholarship will be considered void.

An "accredited, approved, post-secondary educational institution" is generally considered to constitute a college, university or trade school of higher education. Each institution must be approved by the USASA Juniors Committee. Other Technical or trade schools may be considered, evaluated and approved by the USASA Juniors Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Scholarships must be kept responsibly in a safe place and not lost. They are considered by the USASA Juniors Committee to have value to the person it is issued to (only) and it must be physically redeemed by the specific individual it is issued to in order to be used.

Junior Awards will be presented at the Gala on Wednesday, April 15th.

Please contact Dr. Ben Swanson (wbentons@umich.edu) with questions and for scholarship redemption, per the terms outlined above.

GALA

Visit www.australianshepherds.org and go to the Nationals Page for more information.

***Come one! Come all, to the Gala!! Support the Foundation at a fun evening of Aussies and Fundraising!
Live and Silent Auction.....Bid! Bid! Bid!***

Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 30 minutes after conclusion of conformation judging • **Location:** To be announced.

Food Concessions

The Purina Checkerboard Café is available for food and beverage purchases. Purina **prohibits** exhibitors from bringing their own food or beverages into the Event Center. Violators will be reported to the American Kennel Club.

Souvenir & Logo Items

A selection of souvenir and logo items will be available for purchase at the show.

Judges' Education Schedule

For additional information, please E-mail: jec@australianshepherds.org

The United States Australian Shepherd Foundation

Please join us for an exciting evening at the Gala Event. The Foundation underwrites breed education programs. USASA members also receive discounted health testing through the Foundation's subsidies. Learn more at www.usasfoundation.org



Canine Health & Genetics

Offerings will be available on the website <https://australianshepherds.org>

Catalogs

Catalogs will be available for purchase starting at 8:00 A.M.
on Tuesday, April 14, 2026
at the USASA Logo table located in the Great Hall.

CGC and Trick Dog Testing

We hope to offer CGC & Trick Dog Testing throughout the week.
Sign up sheet and additional information will be
posted at the event center.

Most Versatile Australian Shepherd (MVA)

There will be an entry fee of \$25.00 for the Most Versatile Australian Shepherd Conformation Evaluation. In addition, the MVA Entry Form must be filled out and submitted with the fee by the deadline. The form is used to to prepare scoring sheets.

For rules, entry fees & score sheets see: <https://www.australianshepherds.org/shows-events/mva-program>

Calling All Members!

The future of the breed is in our hands!

Encourage junior handlers to take advantage of USASA's

(free) Junior Membership to be eligible for year-end awards and scholarship opportunities.

For more information please visit our website at: <https://australianshepherds.org/programs/juniors/overview>



AGILITY TRIALS

Refer to separate premium for details

Friday, April 10, Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12, 2026

AKC registered Australian Shepherds only

For additional information contact: Jim Payne

1139 Mary Jane Ln., Beach Park, IL 60099-4617 • (224) 303-4010 • E-mail: jim@jpawsagility.com

HERDING TRIALS

Refer to separate premium for details

Location will be Purina Farms Herding Arenas,
Gray Summit, MO

Monday, April 13, 2026 - Australian Shepherds only

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - All Breed Herding

For additional information contact: Kim Broster

3917 Shoemaker Road, Hazel, KY 42049

(270) 978-5599 • E-mail: kbroster@gmail.com

SCENTWORK

Refer to separate premium for details

Monday, April 13, 2026 & Tuesday, April 14, 2026

For additional information contact: Elizabeth Dinkins

4600 Hockaday Pl., Columbia, MO 65202

(573) 355-6342

FastCAT

FastCAT events will be offered Monday, April 13; Tuesday, April 14; and Wednesday, April 15, 2026. There will be two events per day, for a total of six runs over 3 days. The event location is at the Working Dog Field at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO.

Entries will open to Australian Shepherds only starting on February 16, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. EST. Entries will open to All Breeds on February 28, 2026, at 12:00 Noon EST. Pre-entries closed on March 25, 2026 at 12:00 Noon EST. Day-of-show entries will be allowed only if the entry limits have not been previously reached.

We highly recommend that you enter early as we anticipate that our 150-run limit per test will fill fast. Bitches in Season are not allowed to run in AKC FastCAT events. If an entered dog comes into season before the event, the handler will receive a refund minus service fees.

Qualifying Ribbons and Title Rosettes will be offered.

Even if your dog has never run FastCAT, your dog will have an opportunity to earn its BCAT title by entering all eight events.

Stay tuned for the FastCAT premium list which will include AKC event numbers, entry, and trial information and all the details you will need to attend this event.

Anyone wanting to volunteer to help or have any questions, please contact one of the Trial Chairs, Jess Kachur, jkachmath@gmail.com and David Esherrick, dekinet@aol.com

Grooming Space

Reservations Opened February 16, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. CDT. Reservations Closed March 25, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. CDT or until sold out. Grooming Spaces will be available: Sunday, April 12, 2026, after Agility finishes and we are able to mark off the spaces. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Main Grooming Room Only! Great Hall Grooming opening time to be announced at Nationals and is assigned by Show Committee only.

Main Grooming Room spots are assigned by date/time reservation was received. No Special Requests!

Any PayPal or check reservations received before February 14, 2026 will not be accepted.

NO Fax or Telephone Reservations. **NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS.**

10' x 10' Grooming spots, full electricity. Dog bathing and handler changing rooms provided.

Grooming Rates: MEMBER Weekly \$150.00, Daily \$40.00 ~ *Non Member Weekly \$175.00, Daily \$45.00.

Reservations are limited to two spaces per person.

Group Reservations: Via PayPal or Mail must be submitted together. We will try to accommodate but not guarantee. Max 10 spots requested together by 5 people.

Reservations will be confirmed by E-mail. Make sure to fill in your E-mail address legibly.

Security will be present Starting SUNDAY, April 12th allowing exhibitors to leave crated dogs overnight. **Emergency contact information REQUIRED on each crate.**

No exercise pens allowed in the Event Center, only designated outdoor areas. Please keep the x-pens off grassy areas. Free outdoor grooming restricted to the permanent tents at the Main Show Field where we have held past Nationals. No grooming on the grass.

Outdoor grooming in the RV Parking Area restricted to spaces with paid RV reservations. Violators will be asked to move.

Questions: Vicki Tullier, E-mail: Vicki.tullier@gmail.com or (281) 541-3158 (evenings).

SEE PAGE 21 OF THE PREMIUM LIST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Purina Farms Overnight Camping Reservation Request Information

Thank you for requesting an overnight camping space in one of the Purina Farms designated RV lots. Reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis and are assigned based on length of equipment (rig) and space availability. If confirmed, you will receive an E-mailed confirmation and a payment link so you can pay at your convenience. Our RV Engagement Specialist will respond back to your reservation request within 5-7 business days to let you know whether your reservation is confirmed. Full payment must be received before the space can be finalized.

Purina Farms offers 2 different RV lots on property. The Full Service Purina Event Center RV lot offers 30 and 50 amp electric, water and sewer. The Electric Only Main Show Field RV lot offers 30 and 50 amp electric.

The nightly charge is \$55/night (Row A), \$50/night (Row B) and \$45/night (Rows C & D) in the Full Service Purina Event Center Lot* and \$25 in the Electric Only Main Show Field RV Lot. Full payment by credit card must be received before the space can be finalized. **There is no guarantee of site assignment.**

Any RVs bigger than 50' must reserve a spot in the full-service Purina Event Center lot. Max size of an RV on property is 55'. Tow vehicles are not factored into the length of the spaces as they must be unhooked.

Spaces are refundable if cancelled more than 3 days out from the arrival date listed on the reservation confirmation. Otherwise, no refunds will be given. Spaces are non-transferable.

Please note that RV reservations are only accepted for those entered (or those who have dogs/cats entered) in an event that has contracted space, which includes the overnight camping lots.

The Purina Farms RV lots are only open to vehicles specifically designed with overnight sleeping accommodations including motorhomes, fifth wheels and travel trailers.

Quiet time in the RV area is from 11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

If you have an RV rental, you must ensure that the RV is dropped off and picked up in accordance with your reservation dates and times. Plan accordingly with the supplier.

Contact us at rvparking@purina.nestle.com or (866) 979-2488 with any questions about overnight camping in the Purina Farms RV lots.

In case of emergency while on-site at Purina Farms, please call Site Security at (314) 982-2222 or 911 and then Site Security depending on the nature of the emergency. For non-emergencies, contact Site Security at (636) 221-1428. A blue light call box is located near the South doors of the Purina Event Center if needed.

Any false or inaccurate information provided when booking a reservation will result in the reservation being null and void with no refunds given.

The first night of your overnight camping reservations for the United States Australian Shepherd Association Nationals must start no earlier than April 9, 2026 and must end by 10:00 A.M. on April 18, 2026. Please E-mail the request form to rvparking@purina.nestle.com All requests must have been RECEIVED by March 26, 2026 in order to be considered.**

Water is not available in the Full Service Purina Event Center RV lot during this event. See the reduced nightly rates (with no water) below for the Full Service Purina Event Center Lot* If confirmed, you will receive an E-mail confirmation, including a payment link. Full payment by credit card must be received before the space can be finalized.

• Check-out time is 6:00 P.M. if you depart April 17, 2026

• Check-out time is 10:00 A.M. if you depart April 18, 2026

** Water is not available in the Full-Service Purina Event Center RV lot from approximately November 1 through April 14. Due to this, the nightly fee in this lot will be reduced by \$5.00.*

***E-mailed requests are preferred. If mailing, send the request to "Purina Event Center, ATTN: RV engagement specialist, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039"*

Contact us at rvparking@purina.nestle.com or (866) 979-2488 with any questions about overnight camping in the Purina Farms RV lots.

SEE PAGES 22 & 23 OF THE PREMIUM LIST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Campgrounds That will accept dogs

Jellystone Park Campground, 5300 Fox Creek Rd., Eureka, MO 63069.....(636) 938-5925
St. Louis West/Historic Route 66 KOA Campground, 18475 Old US Hwy. 66.....(636) 257-3018
Pin Oak Creek, 1392 Highway AT, Villa Ridge, MO 63089(636) 451-5656
Robertsville State Park, 900 State Park Dr., Robertsville, MO.....(636) 257-3788

Accommodations

Hotels & Motels That Will Accept Dogs

DUE TO CHANGES IN SOME HOTEL & MOTEL POLICIES, BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE MOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE TO SEE IF THEY STILL ACCEPT DOGS.

DOGS MAY NOT BE LEFT IN ROOMS UNATTENDED.

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!

Holiday Inn Six Flags (Nationals Host Hotel)	(800) 782-8108 or (636) 938-6661
I-44 & Allenton, 4901 Six Flags Rd., Eureka, MO 63025	
Washington Super 8	(800) 800-8000 or (636) 390-0088
4050 Bielser Rd., Washington, MO 63090	
Eureka Super 8	(800) 800-8000 or (636) 938-4368
1733 W 5th St., Eureka, MO 63025	
Pinemark	(636) 629-1000
866 S I-44 Outer Rd., St Clair, MO 63077	
Motel 6	(636) 587-7000
15 Hilltop Village Center Dr., Eureka, MO 63025	
Best Western Plus	(636) 390-8877
2621 E. 5th St., Washington, MO 63090	
Super 8	(636) 390-0088
2081 Eckelkamp Ct., I-44 Exit 251 Hwy. 100, Washington, MO 63090	
Comfort Inn	(636) 257-4600
1320 Thornton St., I-44 Exit 257, Pacific, MO 63069	
Quality Inn	(636) 257-8400
1400 West Osage St., Pacific, MO 63069	
Drury Inn & Suites Southwest	(636) 861-8300 or (800) 267-6355
I-44 & Hwy 141, 5 Lambert Drury Place, Valley Park, MO 63088	
The Wildwood Hotel	(636)733-9100
2801 Fountain Place, Wildwood, MO 63040	

ANY DAMAGES TO MOTELS BY EXHIBITORS CAN RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE SHOW COMMITTEE

Routes to the Show

I-44 From East or West - Take Gray Summit Exit #253 (Hwy. 100 E). Turn north on Hwy. 100 E. Go approximately ½ mile to Country Road “MM” & turn left. There are small Purina signs on the corner. Entrance to the Farm is less than one mile on the left and the entrance address is 500 William Danforth Road. You will see the Event Center on the hill.

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