

JUDGING PROGRAM

(Unbenched Specialties Licensed by the American Kennel Club, Inc)

Only Belgian Tervuren eligible to compete

American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.



May 6, 2026 Obedience and Rally Trial

Event # 2026131612 (O) Event# 2026131613 (R)

May 7, 2026 Puppy, Veteran and Working Sweepstakes

Event # 2026131623

May 7, 8 & 9, 2026 Conformation Classes, Junior Showmanship,

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy

Event # 2026131618, 2026131619 (BPUP)

AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES

Mercy Health SportsCore2 8800 E. Riverside Blvd. Loves Park, IL 61111



Setups allowed starting Tuesday at 2 pm

Show Hours....7:00 am to 7:00 pm

This Is an Unbenched Specialty Show. All Judging to Be Held Indoors.

Dogs Need Only Be Present for the Judging of Their Class. Dogs Not Needed for Further Judging May Be Excused.

VETERINARIAN

Animal Emergency Clinic 7145 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 (815) 229-7791 - open 24 hours a day

Dundee Animal Hospital 199 Penny Ave., East Dundee, IL 60118 (224)504-1354 - open for emergencies 24 hours a day, 50 minute drive from SportsCore2 in Rockford.

NOTE: Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

DAY OF SHOW CONTACT: Carla Wolter, 815-751-3258

EVENT SECRETARY, DOGZIBIT, www.Dogzibit.com

Lorraine Yu | 425-765-9146 | Entries@DogZibit.com

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS: The American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations will govern this event. Please remember to check the judge's tear sheets before you leave the show to help ensure accuracy in results. The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800.656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club Regulations.

Sheila Goffe, Executive, Secretary

Tentative Schedule of Events

For more information about this National, please visit www.abtcnationalspecialty.org.

- Friday May 1** Herding Trial - Wooden Ewe Ranch, Woodstock, IL
- Saturday May 2** National Herding Trial - Wooden Ewe Ranch, Woodstock, IL
Scent Work Trial - Taylor Farm, Rockford, IL
All Breed FastCAT Trial - Taylor Farm, Rockford, IL
- Sunday May 3** National Scent Work Trial - Taylor Farm, Rockford, IL
Tracking Plotting Deer Run Forest Preserve, Cherry Valley, IL
All Breed FastCAT Trial - Taylor Farm, Rockford, IL
- Monday May 4** All Breed Agility Trial - Forest City Dog Training Club, Loves Park, IL
National Tracking Test - Deer Run Forest Preserve, Cherry Valley, IL
- Tuesday May 5** National Agility Trial - Forest City Dog Training Club, Loves Park, IL
Agility Run For Glory at the completion of Novice JWW
Rent-A-Ring - 4 pm Mercy Health Sportscore2, Loves Park, IL
- Wednesday May 6** All Events going forward – Mercy Health Sportscore2, Loves Park, IL
National Obedience
National Rally
Welcome Reception – Ice Cream Social in the Lobby
Featuring The Top Ten for All Performance Venues
- Thursday May 7** Terv 2-Miler
National Specialty Puppy, Veterans and Working Sweepstakes
National Specialty Conformation Dog Classes plus Veterans
Cocktail Hour – Featuring Honor Parade & Top Ten Conformation and Juniors – Hoffman House, Rockford, IL
Awards Banquet – Hoffman House Rockford, IL
- Friday May 8** National Specialty Stud Dog – Brood Bitch -- Brace
National Specialty 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy
Specialty Conformation Bitch Classes plus Veterans
Annual Meeting – Holiday Inn Rockford By IHG
- Saturday May 9** National Junior Showmanship
National Conformation Best of Breed
Bean Bag Toss will take place between dogs and bitches

* FastCAT is a fundraiser and not a part of the National. It will be open to All Breeds with preference to Tervuren and will not be in the National Catalog.

AMERICAN BELGIAN TERVUREN CLUB, INC.
OBEDIENCE TRIAL - JUDGING PROGRAM

For your convenience, the following class divisions have been carefully tabulated, however, neither the Club nor the Event Secretary assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy. **Breaks Will Be at the Judge and Club's Discretion.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

OBEDIENCE

(33 Dogs/40 Entries, 3 Teams)

JUDGE: Anna Lorenz – RING #1

<u>Time</u>	<u>#Dogs</u>		
8:00 AM	1	Graduate Open	608
	4	Utility B	600, 601, 602, 603
	4	Utility A	604, 605, 606, 607
	5	Open B	600, 601, 602, 603, 608
	1	Versatility	604

JUDGE: Teresa Czaplinski* – RING #2

<u>Time</u>	<u>#Dogs</u>		
10:00 AM	5	Open A	609, 610, 611, 612, 613
	8	Beginner Novice B	614, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630
	2	Beginner Novice A	631, 632
	9	Novice B	614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622
	1	Novice A	623

To follow above classes

JUDGES: Ronda Bermke & Teresa Czaplinski* - RING #1 & 2

#Dogs

3	Team	T1 – Blue Collar Tervs
		T2 – Tervasaurus Rex
		T3 – The Badger Pack

Events

Ice Cream Social
Top Ten Performance

TRANSFERS/MOVE-UPS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THIS TRIAL. Completed, signed forms must be turned into Trial Secretary 30 minutes before the start of the Trial. Online forms [here](#).

Show results at www.DogZibit.com

REFUND FOR BITCHES IN SEASON IN OBEDIENCE/RALLY: If a bitch comes into season after entries close, the Club will refund the entry fee for both Obedience and/or Rally entries, providing the show secretary is notified in writing of the withdrawal at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the show/trials. The refund will be issued to the listed owner of the bitch minus \$5 processing fee. Bitches in season are not allowed to compete in Obedience and/or Rally trials.

AMERICAN BELGIAN TERVUREN CLUB, INC.**RALLY TRIAL - JUDGING PROGRAM**

For your convenience, the following class divisions have been carefully tabulated, however, neither the Club nor the Event Secretary assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy. **Breaks Will Be at the Judge and Club's Discretion.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026**RALLY****(66 Dogs/104 Entries, 2 Pairs, 7 Teams)****JUDGE: Loretta Lazzara - RING #3**

<u>Time</u>	<u>#Dogs</u>		
8:00 AM	3	Choice	500, 501, 502
	23	Master	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522
	22	Excellent B	500, 504, 506, 507, 508, 509, 511, 512, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 533
	4	Excellent A	528, 529, 530, 531
	20	Advanced B	500, 504, 506, 507, 508, 509, 511, 512, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521, 522, 524, 532, 533, 534
	2	Advanced A	536, 537

JUDGE: Ronda Bermke - RING #4

<u>Time</u>	<u>#Dogs</u>		
8:00 AM	8	Intermediate	538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545
	14	Novice B	548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561
	8	Novice A	562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568
	2	Novice Pairs	517/518, 505/569
	7	Novice Team	T1 – RACH Stars
			T2 – Who's Your Mama?
			T3 – RACH-maninoff
			T4 – Who's Your Daddy?
			T5 – Game of Cones
			T6 – Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
			T7 - Tervana

An up to 10-minute walk-through at the start of each Rally class will be allowed for handlers without their dogs. A & B class walk-throughs are combined and will occur at start of B class.

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AMERICAN BELGIAN TERVUREN CLUB, INC.

CONFORMATION - JUDGING PROGRAM –THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

There are 135 Belgian Tervurens entered at this show with a **total entry of 213**. For your convenience, the following class divisions have been carefully tabulated, however, neither the Club nor the Event Secretary assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy. **Breaks Will Be at the Club & Judges' Discretion.**

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

Ring #1 9:00 AM

Judge Teresa Harrison

SWEEPSTAKES (21)

- 1 PUPPY DOG, 6 - 9 MOS
- 2 PUPPY DOG, 9 - 12 MOS
- 2 DOG, 12 – 15 MOS
- 3 DOG, 15 - 18 MOS
- 2 PUPPY BITCH, 6 - 9 MOS
- 4 PUPPY BITCH, 9 – 12 MOS
- 4 BITCH, 12 – 15 MOS
- 3 BITCH, 15 – 18 MOS

Best & Best Opposite in Sweepstakes

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (29)

- 5 VETERAN DOG, 8 - 10 YRS
- 5 VETERAN DOG, 10 - 12 YRS
- 1 VETERAN DOG, 12+ YRS
- 5 VETERAN BITCH, 8 - 10 YRS
- 4 VETERAN BITCH, 10 - 12 YRS
- 4 VETERAN BITCH, 12+ YRS

Best & Best Opposite Veteran Sweepstakes

WORKING SWEEPSTAKES (19)

- 2 WORKING 1 DOG
- 3 WORKING 2 DOG
- 2 WORKING 3 DOG
- 3 WORKING CH DOG
- 2 WORKING 1 BITCH
- 3 WORKING 2 BITCH
- 1 WORKING 3 BITCH
- 3 WORKING CH BITCH

Best & Best Opposite in Working Sweepstakes

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

Ring #1 1:30 PM

Judge: Elizabeth (Elly) McCarthy

BREED (132)

DOGS (20)

- 1 PUPPY DOG, 6 – 9 MOS
- 2 PUPPY DOG, 9 - 12 MOS
- 1 DOG, 12 – 15 MOS
- 3 DOG, 15 - 18 MOS
- 1 AOH DOG
- 2 BRED-BY EXHIB ADULT DOG
- 4 AMERICAN BRED DOG
- 6 OPEN DOG

WINNERS DOG

- 2 VETERAN DOG, 8 - 10 YRS
- 5 VETERAN DOG, 10 - 12 YRS
- 1 VETERAN DOG, 12+ YRS
- 1 HERDING TITLED DOG

Events

Thursday – Awards Banquet
Honor Parade
Top Ten and Juniors

AMERICAN BELGIAN TERVUREN CLUB, INC.
CONFORMATION – JUDGING PROGRAM – FRI & SAT, MAY 8 & 9, 2026
 Breaks Will Be at the Club & Judges' Discretion.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

Ring #1 9:00 AM
Judge: Rhonda Bermke

- 4 STUD DOG
- 4 BROOD BITCH
- 2 BRACE

Judge: Elizabeth (Elly) McCarthy

10:00 AM

4-6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY (1-3)

Best of Breed & Best Opposite Sex BPUP

10:15 AM

BITCHES (38)

- 1 PUPPY BITCH, 6 – 9 MOS
- 3 PUPPY BITCH, 9 – 12 MOS
- 2 BITCH, 12 – 15 MOS
- 1 BITCH, 15 - 18 MOS
- 2 BRED-BY EXHIB PUP BITCH
- 7 BRED-BY EXHIB ADULT BITCH
- 11 AMERICAN BRED BITCH
- 11 OPEN BITCH

WINNERS BITCH

- 2 VETERAN BITCH, 8 - 10 YRS
- 2 VETERAN BITCH, 10 - 12 YRS
- 4 VETERAN BITCH, 12+ YRS
- 2 HERDING TITLED BITCH

Event
 Annual Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

Ring #1 9:00 AM
Judge: Elizabeth (Elly) McCarthy

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (5)

- 1 OPEN SENIOR
- 2 NOVICE INTERMEDIATE
- 2 NOVICE JUNIOR

Best Junior & Reserve Best Junior

To Follow

55 **BEST OF BREED (26/29)**

Best NOHS

Event
 Saturday – Bean Bag Toss (between Dogs and Bitches)

American Kennel Club Schedule of Points for Belgian Tervuren – Division 15 – Effective May 12, 2025

1 POINT		2 POINTS		3 POINTS		4 POINTS		5 POINTS	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	4	3	5	4	6	6	8	9

Show results at www.DogZibit.com

Official Photographer

Greyhaus Photography and Design, LLC

Alyse Henderson & Samantha Charles

support@greyhausphoto.com

greyhausphoto.com

The event photographer covers Agility, Scent Work, Conformation, Juniors, Obedience, Rally, and Sweepstakes. A win photo includes the judge, dog, and rosette. Only official photos will appear in the National Specialty TNT issue. Please support the photographer by taking your win photo. Photo substitutions are at the editor's discretion.

By virtue of attending the ABTC National Specialty, all participants acknowledge that any photographs taken by the official show photographer may be published in Tervuren News Tales, the official publication of the American Belgian Tervuren Club. This includes, but is not limited to, images of award winners, competition participants, and candid event moments.

Only the official show photographer may enter the judging rings and take win photos. Commercial photography or distribution by any other party is strictly prohibited without prior written permission. Requests must be submitted before the show—no exceptions. Personal photography using phones or handheld devices is allowed for non-commercial use only.

Official Videographer

Show Video Pros

Store: sdvp-dvdstore.com

www.showdogvideopros.com

showdogvideopros@gmail.com

(207)200-3837

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, owner, 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 the 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.

THERE WILL BE NO RESERVED GROOMING
There will be NO electricity available inside or outside!

Crates, tables and chairs will be allowed inside the building, but no blow dryers. This will be an old-fashioned dog show! First come, first serve. Please be considerate of others and make room as needed. You are expected to keep the hair you brush out of your dog picked up and thrown in the trash receptacles. If you have a small generator, you are welcome to use it at your car.

DO IT YOURSELF DOG WASH FACILITIES

Pampered Pets 3702 N Main St. B, Rockford, IL (815)282-9663 is 16 minutes west of SportsCore2 on Riverside Blvd. You must call ahead for an appointment.

Rainstorm Car Wash 5902 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL is dog friendly with a self-serve dog wash station. No reservations are needed.

Rainstorm Car Wash 5051 E. State St, Rockford, IL is dog friendly with a self-serve dog wash station. No reservations are needed.

Remember... Tervs Leave No Traces!

Let's all practice good sportsmanship and ensure we leave the space as clean as we found it. Thank you for your cooperation!

SELF-CLEANING SHOW

This is a SELF-CLEANING SHOW - both inside and outside.

This means Exhibitors/Dog Owners are responsible for picking up after themselves and their dogs on the show grounds, including all rings - and at every lodging location.

You are responsible for keeping your crating/grooming area clean and swept, with trash removed at the end of each day. No grooming tables, pens, or exhibitor set-ups will be allowed in the aisles, and all grooming must be done in the areas designated by the Show committee. Private x-pens will be set up in areas designated by the Show Committee.

Non-compliance will be reported. Consequences may include a Bench Show Committee hearing. Please be considerate of others and of our hosts. Clean up after yourself and your dogs.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATIONS

Rockford sits in the center of Illinois with I-39/90 running along the eastern edge of the city and approximately 17 minutes from the Wisconsin state line.

Below are hotels that accept well-mannered dogs. You are expected to clean up after your dogs when they exercise. There may be an additional charge for dogs.

Host Hotel - Holiday Inn Rockford by IHG - Host Hotel 7550 E State St, Rockford, IL (815) 398-2200
\$125.00 per night plus a 1 time \$50 Pet Fee 4 Dog maximum

Other lodging options. Dogs may not be allowed:

Holiday Inn Express 7552 Park Place, Loves Park, IL 815-654-4100

Holiday Inn Express 3022 Ford St, Beloit, WI 53511 608-519-4040

Baymont Inn 662 N Lyford Rd. Rockford, IL 61107 815-229-8200

Days Inn and Suites 220 S Lyford, Rd, Rockford, IL 61108 815-332-4915

LaQuinta Inn 7401 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-227-1300

Super 8 7646 Coliseum Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 815-229-5522

RV Sites:

RV camping at **SportsCore2**, please check the National Specialty Website at ABTC.org

Rock Cut State Park Campground Office 7223 West Lane Rd, Loves Park, IL 61111

Reservations for Rock Cut must be made at camp.explormorell.com

Chicago Northwest KOA Holiday 8404 S Union Rd, Union, IL 60180 (800) 562-2827

Airports

Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) Approximately 1:15 from the host hotel. ORD is a major international airport known for being one of the busiest and most connected airports in the world.

Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE) Approximately 1:31 from the host hotel. The largest airport in Wisconsin with easy access to I-94, offering nonstop flights to over 30 cities and connections to destinations worldwide.

Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) Approximately 22 minutes from the host hotel. RFD is a small regional airport and is served by Allegiant Air. Depending on where you live you can get some good deals.

THE ABTC 2026 NATIONAL SPECIALTY COMMITTEE MANDATES THE FOLLOWING RULES ON BEHALF OF ALL THE VENUES WELCOMING US ONTO THEIR PROPERTIES:

- Attendees will abide by all security, fire control, parking, and other related site policies adopted by the venue in use.
- Outdoor generators will be permitted, but respectful distances must be maintained between for the safety of dogs left in vehicles.
- There is no smoking inside the building at the Taylor Residence, Forest City Dog Training Club or at SportsCore2. Smoking inside personal vehicles is permitted.
- Each person is responsible for controlling littering at each of the properties. **PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!!**
- All exhibitors are required to maintain a clean grooming area throughout the event. Loose hair must be picked up, and exhibitors must leave them in the same state. Each person is responsible for the cleanliness of their grooming space during the event and upon departure.
- All children under 12 must be supervised. They are not to have free run of the facility at any time.
- The indoor turf is NOT a designated exercise or play area for off-leash dogs. Any unauthorized use of the indoor turf will result in a \$500 fine.
- To protect the turf at SportsCore2, only chairs with feet that have plastic or rubber bottoms are permitted. Chairs with hard or exposed metal feet are not allowed. The Show Committee will ask exhibitors with unsuitable chairs to substitute them.
- Shoes must be clean and dry before stepping on the turf.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED ON TURF** (except water).
- **DO NOT** throw bait. Anyone throwing bait is subject to excusal with no refund and subject to bench committee action.
- Do not bring litters of puppies to the show site.
- All dogs must always be on leash unless in a designated off-leash area or as needed for judging.
- Non-ABTC members attending the 2026 National Specialty will adhere to all rules.

POLICY ON STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR BY ABTC MEMBERS ATTENDING NATIONAL (AND OTHER) SPECIALTY SHOWS

The ABTC has an excellent history of maintaining its specialty headquarters and show site in good condition. rings, grooming areas and hotel rooms occupied by its members are expected to be left with no appreciable damage and as clean as possible, after the specialty is over. As a measure of insuring that this standard will be met, the Club, as a matter of policy sets forth the following standards of behavior:

- No dog should be left uncrated in a hotel room in the absence of the room occupants at any time.
- Dogs that constitute a nuisance to other occupants of the hotel by continually barking or howling, may subject their owners to being removed by the hotel.
- There will be no extensive grooming of dogs in the hotel rooms. Grooming will be permitted only in the areas set aside for that purpose.
- No dogs should be washed in hotel bathtubs and hotel towels should not be used on dogs for drying them or any other purpose.
- The external and internal premises of the hotel and show site shall be kept free of debris and feces caused by the presence of dogs attending the Specialty.
- The Club will provide a committee to inspect rooms upon member checkout, either separately from or in concert with, designated members from the hotel staff. Should any room or its contents exhibit signs of unusual wear or damage because of the presence of a dog or dogs, the occupant of that room may be held up to censure by the Club and shall compensate the hotel for all damages. Offenders may be censured, held in suspension of membership or expelled from membership in the ABTC should the circumstances warrant.

While the ABTC cannot assume legal responsibility for the actions of individual persons attending one of its national specialties, it assumes ethical responsibility for their actions. It will make every effort to assure that any offending person makes redress to the hotel or show site if he/she is responsible for damage to the premises.

- The ABTC urges its members to carefully inspect their rooms prior to checkout.
- Exhibitors are not to bring litters of puppies to the Show Headquarters.
- Non-ABTC members attending the ABTC national Specialty will adhere to these standards.
- All dogs are to be on a leash at all times.
- By exhibiting at the National Specialty, you agree to abide by the rules established by the show committee and the host hotel. Failure to follow these rules will result in removal from the host hotel.

ABTC DISCLAIMER & NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- Grooming tents are NOT provided
- No space for unentered dogs
- There is no admission fee for spectators. However, spectators are asked to leave their pets home, as unentered dogs are not allowed on the show grounds.
- There is no charge for parking, with the exception for RV Camping.
- The American Belgian Tervuren Club (ABTC) assumes no responsibility for any personal injury or death to any person, theft, damage or loss of personal property, or injury or death to any animal at or on the show grounds.
- The ABTC reserves the right to bar participation in its National Specialty show to any individual in debt to ABTC and to any individual who has failed to pay an ABTC National Specialty show photographer, videographer, hotel or similar vendor, absent proof of a bona fide dispute with them. ABTC's ability to contract with these entities in the future mandates that all our members and non-members pay debts incurred in conjunction with ABTC's National Specialty show.
- The ABTC will not allow aggression reinstatement procedures to be performed during this Specialty. No dogs currently disqualified by AKC for aggression will be allowed to enter, participate in this event or be on the show grounds.
- The ABTC does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC entry for this event.