

2015 National Specialty

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St Louis, Mo.

With the start of the New Year, the 2015 National Specialty Show is now clearly on the horizon. Please make plans to attend for 3 fun filled days and nights May 1, 2, and 3 at Purina Farms 200 Checkerboard Drive Gray Summit, Mo and for those who need majors to complete championships, this is the place to be. This is "The Gateway Cluster" of All Breed Dog Shows. Rolla Missouri Kennel Club, Inc. on May 1, Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club on May 2, and Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri, Inc. on May 3. These shows will be held indoors and unbenched. The Show Superintendent is Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, www.onofrio.com. Closing time is 04/15/2015@ 12:00pm. This will also be the same closing time for all events being conducted by the Finnish Lapphund Club of America. We are supporting the regular classes on May 2nd as our National Specialty Show, and we are also supporting the regular classes on May 1, and May 3. The judges have already been announced and are, Friday May 1, William Usherwood, Saturday May 2, Raymond Fillburn, and Sunday May 3, Eric Liebes. The judges are hired by, and assigned by the Gateway Cluster of Shows. The Finnish Lapphund Club of America had no input in the judge selection process.

Purina Farms Event Center has a complete and extensive Event Center Information Booklet that can be accessed at www.purinafarms.com/. Please go to this site and browse, as it is just packed with tons of useful information. Click on Visitors and you can download a map of Purina Farms, and download their informative Brochure. If you click on Clubs and Exhibitors you will see the video, Explore the Purina Event Center and get a virtual tour of the facilities. I call your attention to the following items that may be of interest to you:

Directions, Overall Site Map of the facilities, Map of the inside of the event center, Purina Event Center Rules, Emergency Procedures at Dog Show Events, Area Veterinarians, Dining near Purina Farms, and Lodging.

Show Committee

Chair and Show Secretary-Alyssa Garfield, nijishibas@yahoo.com

Treasurer-Tina Larson, tlarson@mmrf.org

Hospitality-Brandi Murray, summereanekennels@yahoo.com, and Blaine Barnett

Awards-Jackie Barbour- risingsunset13@gmail.com

Show Catalog, Advertising, Publicity-Tish [Brockmire -woopak@gmail.com](mailto:Brockmire-woopak@gmail.com)

Lodging

There are more than 600 hotel rooms that accept pets within 15 minutes of Purina Farms. Travelodge Six Flags is the closest to Purina Farms. Holiday Inn in Eureka and Wildwood Hotel are some of the largest hotel options near the property.

DUE TO CHANGES IN SOME HOTEL AND MOTEL POLICIES, BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE HOTEL/MOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE TO SEE IF THEY STILL ACCEPT DOGS AND WHAT THE ASSOCIATED FEES ARE.

At last count there are at least 15 Hotels & Motels that will accept dogs in the immediate area.

Several of our Club members who have traveled to Purina Farms to attend dog shows have stayed at, will be staying at, and recommend:

Budget Lodging 866 South Outer Road St. Clair, Mo www.budgetlodging.com/. The daily rate is \$74.44 per night, plus tax, pet fee waived when you state you are with the Finnish Lapphund Club of America for the dog shows at Purina Farms. This is a very pet friendly motel with a large fenced in exercise area for the dogs. Each room will reserve with their own credit card information. Email, jason@budgetlodging.com or call 636-629-1000 if you are interested in making your reservation here.

NOTE: NO MATTER WHERE YOU STAY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY AS SIX FLAGS AMUSEMENT PARK IS IN THE AREA AND ROOMS WILL FILL UP FAST.

Campgrounds That Will Accept Dogs

KOA Campground

636-257-3018 Old Rt 66 – 10 miles east of Purina Farms

Pin Oak Creek

636-451-5656 4 miles South of Show Site

Robertsville State Park

636-257-3788 10 miles South of Purina Farms

Dining Near Purina Farms

There are at least 14 restaurants in the area not including Fast-food restaurants such as, Subway, McDonald's, KFC, Pizza Hut, Domino's, Imo's Pizza and Burger King.

The restaurants include, Hawthorne Inn, Labadie Market, Pacific Brew Haus, John G's Bier Deck, Los Cabos, Colton's Steakhouse & Grill, Poor Richards, Café Palermo, El Agave, D'Angelos Pizza, Denny's, Super Smokers BBQ, Joe Baccardi's, and Table Three.

Purina Farms Event Center has the Checkerboard Café, and the Visitors Center has a food court.

NOTE: IN THE EVENT CENTER RULES, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING IN OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS.

All food and beverages:

Need to be purchased through the on-site food service and catering company.

No outside food or beverage, is allowed on Purina Farms property.

Bottled water can be brought in for judges and workers only.

Any Club in violation will be reported to the AKC. Each Club is expected to enforce the no food and beverage policy

HOSPITALITY RV

We will have a HOSPITALITY RV parked in the RV parking lot, flying a Finnish Flag to identify it. Drinks, snacks, and food will be served starting Thurs April 30. Stop by after checking in at your motel/hotel and after setting up, sit down, relax, meet with old and new friends and enjoy. Please bring your own chairs.

**Silent Auction and Raffle-donated items to date and donors from our Awards
Chairperson, Jackie Barbour:**

1. Earth Bath, 2 shampoos, grooming wipes, deodorizing spritz, t-shirt
2. Up Country, 3 toys, 3 collars and matching leads

3. P.L.A.Y., \$50 gift certificate towards the purchase of a bed
4. Zen Dog-tba
5. Isle of Dogs-tba
6. Huggle Hounds-tba
7. Chris Christensen Systems-tba
8. Sugarok Finnish Lapphunds, Large Framed Poster of the Specialty Logo, "This Bud's For You"
9. Reindeer Lanterns (2)

Trophy Donations

Thank you to the following club members have contributed to the general trophy fund:

Cathy Pollack and Lynn Drumm-Yutori, Kit Brillinger-Calaban, Carmen Peterson-Cracar, Debbie Rakes, Julie Steele, Cindy Underhill, Manon Brisebois, Champlin/Baranowski, Jeff Carlson, Pete and Pat Morris, Kay Woodworth, Nora Boiselle

A special prize for the show on May 2 has been donated by Glenda Nunnally, three sets of handcrafted Lappie jewelry, a necklace and set of earrings by Gail Bassett of Penny P & Me, for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Select Bitch.

For the shows on May 1, and May 3, three Reindeer themed wooden serving trays from Pentik Department Store in Helsinki, Finland have been donated by Linda Marden. Large round tray for Best of Breed on Friday May 1, and two rectangular trays for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex for the Sunday show on May 3.

More prizes to be announced later.

Please direct all award questions, donations, raffle-silent auction items to Jackie Barbour, risingsunset13@gmail.com as well as trophy donations and items.

Hospitality Bags for all who attend.

Show Catalogs and Advertising-details to follow.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS-(Events have to be confirmed by the Show Cluster Chair and Purina Farms Event Staff)

Thursday April 30

We will have an easel set up in the grooming area with a Schedule of Events for your convenience, as well as a schedule for you in your hospitality bag.

This is the day to check in to your motel, and set up in the grooming area at the Purina Event Center. Two types of **grooming space** will be available; free space with no electricity, and space with electricity at a one- time charge of \$30 for all three shows. **A form to reserve your grooming space will be available in the show premium list. Space will be assigned by the Gateway Cluster of Shows representative.** Request has been made to please keep all the Finnish Lapphunds together. A grooming space is 5x10. 6 bathing tubs and 2 sinks will also be available for your use.

The building will open for set up at either 12 noon, or 3pm. Please check the premium list for the correct time. Regular show building hours are 6am to 6pm, unless otherwise noted and coordinated with the Purina Farms Staff.

Hospitality Bags will now be available in the grooming area.

Thursday afternoon: Puppy Sweepstakes, B Match and Tournament of Champions. Ring and time to be announced.

Thursday evening, an informal get together with food will be held at the Hospitality RV.

All dogs are required to be on-leash at Purina Farms at all times, (except when crated, as required to be judged, and during grooming).

Next, join us at the Hospitality RV to relax, catch up with old friends and meet new ones, and get to see and play with the puppies.

NOTE: For your convenience, Exhibitor Changing Rooms, Pro Plan Hospitality Room for Pro Club Members and for your dogs, public ex-pens adjacent to the main hall.

ALL RINGS AND TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Friday May 1

Building opens at 6am. **Silent auction and raffle items** will be available at tables in the grooming area and will be ongoing until 12:00 Noon on Sunday, May 3. Hospitality Bags available for those who did not pick one up previously. The Judge today is William Usherwood. We are supporting the regular classes, and offering awards and or Rosettes for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

11:30 am Lunch in the Founders Room on the second floor of the Great Hall. A sign-up sheet/form will be posted which will have choice of meal and cost, and a deadline of April 15, 2015 for you to indicate your choice to the Hospitality Chair, Brandi Murray P.O. Box 353 Columbiana, Al 35051. Payment should be sent directly to the Club Treasurer by April 15 (so we may coordinate with the Purina Event Center) Tina Larson 6520 Lowry Avenue Robbinsdale, MN 55422 and please indicate what the payment is for.

Questions regarding the luncheon to summereanekennels@yahoo.com Brandi Murray

12 noon Annual Meeting, Founders Room.

1:00 pm Breed Seminar Founders Room.

Saturday May 2

Today we will be supporting the regular classes at the all- breed show as our National Specialty. Our judge is Raymond Fillburn. In addition to the Rosettes and Ribbons offered by the show giving club, Awards and or Rosettes are being offered by the FLCA for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Bitch, and First Place in each of the classes. . . .

Parade of Titleholders will be held during the lunch break at the all-breed show, ring to be announced day of show.

Hospitality RV available for snacks, drinks, and relaxation

Sunday May 3

Today we will once again be supporting the regular classes at the all-breed show by offering Rosettes and or Awards for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. Today's judge is Eric Liebes. **The Silent Auction and Raffle will end at 12 noon.**

Thank you for attending and we all look forward to meeting again next year.

FORMS:

1. Reserved Grooming 5x10 with electricity-form will be in Gateway Cluster Premium List
2. Free Grooming no electricity-Premium List
3. Luncheon Sign Up Form
4. T-Shirt Order Form
5. FLCA Puppy Sweepstakes
6. FLCA B Match
7. FLCA Tournament of Champions
8. FLCA Parade of Titleholders and dog biography
9. Trophy Donation
10. Emergency Contact
11. Show Catalog and advertising
12. Regular dog class entry forms from Show Superintendent, www.onofrio.com