

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

Presents

**The One Hundred
Thirteenth
National Specialty Show**

**The Seventy-Ninth
Obedience Trial**

**The Thirty-First Agility
Trial**

**The Thirty-Seventh Herding
Trial**

**The Twenty-Second Rally
Trial**

The Eighth Scent Work Trial

September 24 – October 4, 2026

Purina Farms (Herding, only)

500 William Danforth Way
Gray Summit, MO 63039

Illinois State Fairgrounds

801 E. Sangamon Ave.
Springfield, IL 62702



2026 GSDCA NATIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Subject to Change)

SPECIFIC DAY AND TIMES TO BE LISTED IN JUDGING PROGRAM

Description	Location
Thursday, September 24, 2026	
Herding Test/Trial (C&D Course)(All Breed)*	Purina Farms
Friday, September 25, 2026	
Herding Trial 1 - A and B Ducks, A and B Sheep/ Test HT, PT & PT Boundary Sheep (All Breed)*	Purina Farms
Herding Trial 2 - A and B Ducks, A and B Sheep (GSDCA National)(All Breed)*	Purina Farms
Saturday, September 26, 2026	
Herding Test/Trial (C&D Course)(GSDCA National)(All Breed)*/ HT, PT and PT Boundary Sheep (All Breed)*	Purina Farms
Sunday, September 27, 2026	
Agility Set-Up	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Monday, September 28, 2026	
Agility Trial (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Tuesday, September 29, 2026	
Agility Trial (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Agility "Top 20" Invitational (After Trial)	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Presentations – Agility Victor/Victrix, Agility Top 20 Winner	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Farm Dog Certified Testing	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Versatility and Scent Work Seminar	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Stall move in	Fairgrounds –Barns 25 A, B
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	
Obedience (All Breed x2)*& Rally (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Pre-Show 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy	Fairgrounds - Coliseum
Pre-Show Conformation Specialty	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Judge's Education	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine
Futurity & Maturity Finals	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Conformation Versatility Sweepstakes	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Presentation - Best in Futurity Breeder	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience and Rally Seminar	Expo Building
Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog	Expo Building
Thursday, October 1, 2026	
Conformation Judging National Specialty, beginning with 4-6 month beginner puppies	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience (All Breed x2)* & Rally (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Rescue Dog Presentation	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Club Parade (before Hospitality Night)	Fairgrounds –Expo Building
Parade of Greats, Top 20 and Top 10 Owner Handlers and Peewee Extravaganza (before Hospitality Night)	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Duck Toss to benefit Junior Handlers	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Hospitality Night sponsored by Friends of Frank Fasano	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine
GSDCA Annual Meeting, Town Hall, Club Awards and Membership Elections	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine
Friday, October 2, 2026	
Conformation Judging (Balance of Reg. Classes, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, followed by Veterans)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience (GSD Only) & Rally (GSD Only)	Fairgrounds – Expo Building

Scent Work (All Breed) (Two Trials)*	Fairgrounds - TBD
Gold Page Luncheon	Fairgrounds -Expo Building; Mezzanine
Presentation - Top Ten Junior Showmanship and Best of the Best Competition	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
2025 Top 10 Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Presentation Class	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Bloat Kit Seminar	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Junior Handling Seminar (after the conclusion of judging for the day)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Saturday, October 3, 2026	
Departed Members Remembrance	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Conformation Judging – Best of Breed	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Scent Work (All Breed) (Two Trials)*	Fairgrounds – TBD
Junior Showmanship (during lunch break)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience & Rally Presentations (during lunch break)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Award of Excellence Presentations (during lunch break)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Conclusion of Conformation Judging – Best of Breed	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Best of Breed/Best Opposite/Best of Winners/Best Puppy/Best Bred By Joan Ford Memorial Trophy Presentation	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Victory Dinner	Northfield Inn
Sunday, October 4, 2026	
Scent Work (All Breed) (Two Trials)*	Fairgrounds – TBD

*Preference given to German Shepherd Dogs

CONFORMATION JUDGES – 2026 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

James Moses – Intersex, Best Puppy & Best Bred-by
 Robert Drescher– Dogs; Michel Chaloux – Bitches
 James Moses - Junior Showmanship
 Robert Drescher - Futurity & Maturity Bitches, Best in Futurity & Best in
 Maturity
 Michel Chaloux -Futurity & Maturity Dogs

CONFORMATION ENTRIES

DOGZIBIT, EVENT SECRETARY

PO BOX 2044, WOODINVILE, WA 98072-2044
 LORRAINE YU – 425-765-9146 – ENTRIES@DOGZIBIT.COM

THE JOAN FORD MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Joan Ford Memorial Trophy is awarded at the US National Specialty for the Best Bred-By Exhibitor as judged by the Intersex Judge.

It is our hope the winner of this Trophy will continue to breed wisely and with the same dedication, love, and devotion to the German Shepherd Dog which was continually demonstrated and practiced by Joan Ford.

OBEDIENCE, RALLY & AGILITY SHOW SECRETARY
Vicki Miller, GSD Secretary Services
14301 N Old Number 7, Columbia, MO 65202,
Phone: 573-228-4738 Fax: N/A Cell: 573-228-4738
Email: gsdsecretary@outlook.com
Website: www.gsdsecretaryservice.com

THREE DAYS OF AKC OBEDIENCE TRIALS

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 30 and October 1 and 2, 2026
Two obedience trials on Wednesday and Thursday
All Breed w/preference to GSDs Wednesday and Thursday, GSD Only (Friday)
Rent a ring will be hosted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings;
\$10/10 minutes for obedience and rally.
Obedience and Rally Seminar Wednesday evening.

OBEDIENCE CHAIR

Patricia Schneiderjohn
Phone: 314-503-0640; Email: gardenindalmation@hotmail.com

CLASSES OFFERED

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B,
Preferred Novice, Graduate Novice,
Beginner Novice A & B, Preferred Open, Graduate Open, Preferred Utility,
Versatility
Friday Only: Brace, Veterans, and Team

OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Cheryl Tisdale, 3840 W. Trimble Road, Milton, TN 37118
Barbara Wedekind Selton, 4305 W. 99th St., Bloomington, MN 55437

THREE DAYS OF AKC RALLY TRIALS

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, September 30 and October 1 and 2, 2026
All Breed w/preference to GSDs (GSDs Only Friday)

RALLY CHAIR:

Catherine Mitchell – Bmitchel@htc.net– (618) 830-2663

RALLY JUDGES

Cheryl Tisdale, 3840 W. Trimble Road, Milton, TN 37118
Barbara Wedekind Selton, 4305 W. 99th St., Bloomington, MN 55437

CLASSES OFFERED:

Novice A & B, Intermediate, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B, Masters, Choice,
Rally Pairs (All Breed Day), Rally Team (All Breed Day)
Obedience and Rally Seminar Wednesday evening.

HERDING

Purina Farms, Grey Summit, MO

September 24, 2026

C & D Course

September 25, 2026

A and B Sheep, HT, PT & PT Boundary Sheep, A and B Ducks
Trial 2 A & B Ducks, A & B Sheep (GSDCA National)

September 26, 2026

C & D Course (GSDCA National), A and B Sheep, HT, PT & PT Boundary Sheep

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at Illinois State Fairgrounds

Farm Dog Certified Testing after Agility

Herding Chair

Debbie Ekstrom, (847) 732-1731; debbieekstrom@aol.com

Judge (Purina Farms)

Nancy Ward, 9628 NE 156th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604, 360-772-3064
brigandshideout@gmail.com

Lisa Pruka, 10321 Harrison Rd, Rockton IL 61072 herdtrialsec@gmail.com.
815-494-0384; www.czechmateborders.com/trialservices

Trial Secretary

Kim Broster, 3917 Shoemaker Rd., Hazel, KY 42049, 270-978-5599
kbroster@gmail.com

GSDCA AGILITY TRIAL

AGILITYCHAIR

Christina Ward, 618-854-9074, Email: crissy9128@gmail.com

Monday– Tuesday September 28-29, 2026

All AKC-Recognized Breeds / All American Dogs

German Shepherd Dog Specialty judged within All Breed Trial

Judge: Loretta Zich

Limited to 350 runs per day

Classes Offered

Regular Agility & Preferred Agility

Mon: Standard: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master
JWW: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master, Premier
FAST: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master

Tues: Standard: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master, Premier
JWW: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master, T2B
Agility Glory Runs after the trial.

Agility Top 20 Event -Tuesday, September 29, 2026, Immediately following the Award Presentation

GSDCA Pre-Show Specialty

GSDCA Specialty Show Before the National
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Fairgrounds - Coliseum

Judge: Gloria Birch

4-6 Month Puppy Competition

Separate Premium List Will Be Available at:
www.gsdca.org/event-calendar/

Show Secretary – **DOGZIBIT, EVENT SECRETARY**

PO BOX 2044, WOODINVILLE, WA 98072-2044

LORRAINE YU – 425-765-9146 – ENTRIES@DOGZIBIT.COM

SCENT WORK
TWO TRIALS PER DAY OF ALL BREED TRIALS

October 2, 3, 4, 2026

ALL ELEMENTS (Containers, Buried, Interior, Exterior): Novice through Masters
Detective Handler: TBD

Scent Work Chair

Julie Degen, email: ejdegen@aol.com ph: 651-271-6143

**Trial Secretary: Christine Kozanda, 7918 Frederick Ave., Munster,
IL 46321, 219-616-4010 email: nozk9trials@gmail.com**

Judges:

TBD

GSDCA TEMPERAMENT TEST

Tuesday, September 29, 2026
Illinois State Fairgrounds, near Gate3
9AM – 2PM

Pre-Entry Fee: \$45.00 Entry Fee Day of the Event: \$50.00

GSDCA Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Competition

(Most Versatile German Shepherd Competition at the GSDCA National)

Overview: The *Most Versatile German Shepherd Competition* (“Versatility Competition”) is in memory of Phyllis Dobbs, who bred, owned, and trained the first Triple Champion in the German Shepherd breed. The Versatility Competition recognizes those dogs that exemplify true versatility by successfully competing in a variety of events during the GSDCA National.

The Versatility Competition is open to all AKC registered or listed German Shepherd Dogs. The dogs in the Versatility Competition must be currently owned by at least one member of the GSDCA in good standing. Dogs must compete at the National in a minimum of **three** of the following venues: **Agility, Conformation, Herding, Obedience/Rally, Scent Work/Tracking**. Obedience and Rally are considered one venue since the required skills are similar. Scent Work and Tracking will be considered one venue for the purpose of the Versatility Competition.

To participate in the Versatility Competition, competitors must fill out a Versatility Competition registration form and submit it with the registration fee by August 24, 2026, to ensure being listed in the catalog as being entered in the Versatility Competition. Participants must enter the events in which their dog will compete directly with the appropriate event secretary. There is no registration fee to participate in the Versatility Competition.

During the National Specialty, participants must fill out and turn in a score sheet to the Versatility Competition Chair each day after each sport has been completed. The scoring for the competition ends after the conclusion of the Best of Breed competition; the winner of the Versatility Competition will be announced during the Victory Banquet and be presented with the Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Award. Competing dogs will receive a customized participation rosette. The winner of the 2026 Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Award will receive a cold cast bronze statue of a German Shepherd Dog.

Scoring: The Versatility Competition is based on a point accumulation system based on performance in various events. A dog can earn a maximum of 800 points per sport. Points will be awarded in Conformation for participation and placement. Points will be awarded in each performance event entered based on:

- Qualifying runs
- Maximum of 2 weighted scores (if applicable)
- Additional points may be awarded for certain special achievements (e.g., High in Trial in Obedience).

Although Obedience and Rally are considered a single event for purposes of the three event minimum, competitors can earn points from both Obedience and Rally.

Agility: Any two qualifying runs that receive a score (Standard, Jumpers, FAST, Premier) on Monday and Tuesday will count as weighted scores towards the total points awarded in the Versatility Competition. Versatility points will be computed as RAW SCORE plus points.

Conformation: A dog may compete in both the Versatility Sweeps (a conformation class open only to dogs entered in the Versatility Competition), and in the regular conformation classes. All dogs participating (and not being excused for DQs or temperament), will receive 25 points for participation in the sweepstakes or in any regular conformation class during the National. Class placements will be awarded additional points. Dogs competing in Best of Breed will receive 100 participation points, earning a Select, GV, GVX, or BOB will receive additional points.

Versatility Conformation Sweepstakes: *The purpose of offering a Versatility Sweepstakes class is so all Versatility dogs, even those that are spayed or neutered, may compete and earn participation points in conformation. The sweepstakes will offer two classes, dogs and bitches, and will be judged prior to the Futurity finals. Judge TBD. This is a non-regular class and must be entered and paid for via the Versatility Competition Registration Form.*

Herding: Any two qualifying runs that receive a score (Course A, B, C, D on ducks or sheep) from the GSDCA herding trials will count as weighted scores towards the total points awarded in the Versatility Competition. Versatility points will be computed as RAW SCORE plus points. Although only two qualifying runs receive a weighted score, all other qualifying runs will receive points.

Obedience/Rally: Obedience and Rally are combined as one venue since the skills are very similar. However, dogs may earn 2 raw scores in each event. Any two qualifying runs that receive a score will count as weighted scores towards the total points awarded in the Versatility Competition. Because Obedience scores are based on a 200 point scale (unlike the other performance venues that are a 100 point scale) Obedience Versatility points will be computed as 50% of the RAW SCORE plus points. Rally Versatility points will be computed as RAW SCORE plus points. Although only two qualifying runs from EACH event (Obedience and Rally) receive a weighted score, all other qualifying runs will receive points.

Scent Work: Scent Work is a pass/fail event. A dog may earn points for up to 10 qualifying legs. The dog earns points for Qs along with placements and HITs. You can earn Versatility points in any of the four Scent Work trials on Friday or Saturday.

Tracking: Tracking is the only sport for which points are awarded for previously earned titles. Tracking will only count as one the three required venues if dogs are entered and qualify at the National. To encourage people to enter the Tracking test at the National Specialty, dogs qualifying at the National will earn more points than dogs with a previously earned title. Any update or corrections will be in the 2026 GSDCA Official Premium List.

(A TABLE SHOWING THE SCHEDULE OF POINTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GSDCA.ORG)

2026 GSDCA Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Competition

Registration Form

Please complete and return this form no later than August 24, 2026 to:

Julie Degen, 10361 Heddings Road, Catlett, VA 20119

Telephone: 651-271-6143 -Email: ejdegen@aol.com

No registrations will be accepted after August 24.

Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Registration Fee: Free (does NOT include conformation entry fee). Make check(s) payable for Versatility Conformation to: GSDCA

Registered name of dog & titles (only AKC, CKC and SV titles):		
AKC Registration #:		Call name:
Date of Birth:		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Breeder:		
Sire:		
Dam:		
Owner's name:		
Owner's address:		
Owner's phone:		Owner's email:
Additional owner(s):		
Is at least one owner a member in good standing of the GSDCA (identify owner/member name)?		
Check each venue in which the dog will be entered at the National (must be at least three of the following venues: Agility, Conformation, Herding, Obedience/Rally, Scent Work, Tracking). You must enter each venue checked directly with the event secretary, except for the Versatility Sweepstakes which must be entered via this form.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agility	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformation	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformation: Versatility Sweepstakes (please submit the \$35 entry fee with this form)
<input type="checkbox"/> Herding	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Rally
<input type="checkbox"/> Scent Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking: Please list any tracking titles your dog has already earned:	

I acknowledge that I am the owner of the dog listed above and that the information above is accurate and complete. I understand that to participate in the Versatility Competition, I must enter each event directly with the appropriate event secretary (except the Versatility Sweepstakes, which must be entered via this form); my dog must compete in the venues checked above at the 2026 GSDCA National and that I must fill out and turn in a score sheet to the Versatility Chair each day.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SELECT EXCELLENT AWARD

This award, an enhanced attachment to the Select Award, recognizes the superior mature dog

ELIGIBILITY: Champions with certified hips/elbows, OFA, OVC or SV "a" Stamp Normal certified after the age of 24 mo. who are in competition for and receive the Select rating at the GSDCA National. Dogs/Bitches entered in non-regular classes (Veterans) that move up to BOB competition and Winners Dog/Bitch with certified hips/elbows and receive a Select rating are eligible.

Email certifications to the Chair, Janeane Cappara, 440-227-1111, jrcappara@gmail.com. You must include certificates of hips/elbows, current owner's name, address, phone and email address.

Complete documentation must be received by Friday, September 18, 2026. Winners at the national must give the proper certification to the Chairman by 5:00 p.m. the night BEFORE judging of Best of Breed on Saturday.

After the closing date, dogs still awaiting certification from that period until the National: Required information must be given to the Show Chairman, no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before Best Of Breed judging. Be prepared with needed information as without proper ID, there can be no exceptions. Owners of all dogs/bitches with a Sel. Excellent rating from a past national, will need to send documentation to this year's Chair.

Select Excellent Streamers will be handed out when Select photos are taken.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

If you think your dog is eligible to receive the AOE designation and award given by the GSDCA, contact the AOE Chair:

Dawn VanDyken at aoe@gsdca.org, 616-299-7778

A list of requirements and details can be found on the GSDCA website. Titles must be earned before August 1 and submission much reach the chair by August 15 to be eligible for presentation at the national.

Awards and recognition will be made on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, during the break.

CLOSING DATE IS August 15, 2026

Educational Program

Donna Calabrese, Educational Chair

email: onaluzlead@aim.com

ph: 717-586-7181

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Breed Standard and Hands-On Seminar

This seminar is free of charge to everyone except those who are requesting a Certificate of Participation. Those wanting the Certificate of Participation – fee \$25.00.

Please watch for announcements with links to sign up.

For additional questions email: onaluzlead@aim.com

Bloat Kit Seminar: will be held on Friday, October 2 in the Coliseum after the show.

MEMBER NOTICES

CALLING ALL REGIONAL CLUBS

Grab your club banners and sweatshirts and join us for the Regional Club Parade right before Hospitality Night on Thursday, October 1, 2026.

For additional information contact:

Chairperson: Gail Stiefferman: email: forstknoll@gmail.com

Phone – 314-660-3305

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Fairgrounds –Exposition Building -Mezzanine Level

All GSDCA members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and presentation of awards.

NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED GSDCA MEMBERS

On Saturday, a special tribute and remembrance will be made in honor of our departed GSDCA Members. The year runs from August 29, 2025 to August 28, 2026. Please take a moment to inform us of any GSDCA Member we have lost during the last National year.

Send information to Nikki Glenn,

7315 Free Avenue, Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146.

Phone: 216-774-4901 Nnicholep@yahoo.com

DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION AUGUST 28, 2026

BE PART OF HISTORY

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” Volunteers are welcome and needed in all venues. To get involved with your National and be part of history, please reach out now to Janeane Cappara, Show Chair, 440-227-1111 or jrcappara@gmail.com or Amanda Piala, Performance Co-Chair (262)370-6516 Amzilske@gmail.com if you would like to join the National team.

GSDCA PARADE OF GREATS ENTRIES CLOSE August 1, 2026 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Entries must be SEVEN years of age by August 1, 2026, except GV, GVX, AOE, ROM, and PAM. This parade is an acknowledgment of Great Dogs, their Longevity, and their Accomplishments.

GROUP I – CONFORMATION

1. Former Grand Victors or Victrixes of U.S. or Canada
2. Any AOE Recipient
3. Select Dogs and Bitches (U.S. only)
4. ROM Sires and Dams
5. Champions with an advanced performance title, i.e., UD, AX, AXJ, HX, IPOIII, TDX, VST
6. Former North American Sieger or Siegrems
7. VA's from Germany
8. Highest winning GSD as per AKC records indicating total number of dogs, any breed, defeated in a given year

GROUP II – PERFORMANCE

1. Performance Victors or Victrixes, including Obedience, Herding, and Agility (U.S. only). Dogs must be free of disqualifying faults according to the Breed Standard except for those earning titles in 2013.
2. Performance Award of Merit dogs and bitches
3. Performance Champions, including Obedience, Herding, Agility, and Tracking
4. Schutzhund III dogs and bitches (trained in the U.S. only)

GROUP III – SERVICE DOGS – which can include

1. Guide Dog
2. Mobility Assistance Dog
3. Hearing Dog
4. Medical Assistance Dog
 - A. Certified Search and Rescue Dogs (SAR) Requirements Include:
 - 1) Owner must provide a certificate from the SAR team as proof of completion of testing for certification
 - 2) Owner must provide proof that their dog was trained under the guidelines and standards of the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR)
 - 3) Document showing proof of service (ie. Individual SAR team leader, public safety agency representative, or any other agency)
 - B. Categories
 - 1) SAR Dogs
 - 2) Cadaver Dogs (trained to find human remains)
 - 3) Wilderness Search Dogs (trained to find missing persons in the wild and in cities)
 - 4) Drowned Victim Recovery Dogs (trained to work in and around water searching for human remains)

- 5) Urban Search Dogs (trained to search for victims of natural or man-made disasters)

GROUP IV – THERAPY DOGS

1. Dogs who have earned an AKC therapy title (ThD)
2. Therapy dogs who have made 50 visits that are certified by AKC-approved therapy dog Organizations (ex., TDI, Delta, etc._
3. Psychological Therapy Dogs

PARADE OF GREATS - General Information

1. If an animal is in poor health (lame) it can still be presented, BUT NOT GAITED
2. The acquired title must be officially awarded by August 15, 2026, and the verification of that title will be included with the entry
3. A FEE of \$50 will be charged to cover the cost of Rosettes and Page in the National Catalog. **Please pay through the GSDCA store.**
4. Rosettes must be picked up at the National Specialty, none will be mailed
5. Dogs must be presented in the Parade to have their presentation speech read
6. Only AKC, CKC, and WDA titles will be listed in the catalog and on the Presentation Ribbon
7. Dogs must have individual handlers and be presented one at a time
8. Dogs shown in the Parade of Greats CANNOT be shown in Best of Breed competition at that year's National

Send a 100-Word Resume, a digital image (preferably a 4 x 5 at 300dpi minimum) and a 25-word Presentation speech and of your dog's accomplishments to be read as your dog enters the ring and email to:

Janeane Cappara, 7799 King Memorial Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060
telephone: 440-227-1111, jrcappara@gmail.com

PARADE OF GREATS ENTRY FEE - \$50.00

Entries Close August 1

Email all entries with photos and resume to:

Janeane Cappara, telephone: 440-227-1111, jrcappara@gmail.com

Please go to the GSDCA store to pay your entry fee.

Name of dog & titles

OFA#'s

DOB & Registration #

Breeder Name

Sire

Dam

Owner's name

Owner's address

Phone _____ Email _____

Phonetic pronunciation of dog's name _____

Spell out titles (CD=Companion Dog, TD= Tracking Dog, etc.) This is for the announcer only.

EARLY CLOSING DATE
2025 TOP TEN STUD DOG & BROOD BITCH PRESENTATION CLASS

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 24, 2026 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Eligible dogs include: 2025 Top Ten Futurity/Maturity Sires & Dams and all Register of Merit Sires & Dams still alive as of Jan.1, 2026.

All living Sires must be present and represented by at least three progeny.

All living Dams must be present and represented by at least two progeny.

If one of the Top Ten Futurity/Maturity Sires or Dams is deceased, their winning progeny may be shown in this class. (Progeny must be Champions, Best or Best of Opposite Sex Futurity/Maturity winners, major or major reserve winners.)

Owners of eligible sires and dams should contact the owners of all eligible progeny to encourage their participation in this prestigious class. Entries must be made by the owners of the progeny.

A list of the top ten futurity sires and dams appears on the next page.

Complete this form, including all titles and mail with four-generation pedigree & check to:

Janeane Cappara, 7799 King Memorial Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060
telephone: 440-227-1111, jrcappara@gmail.com

This class will be presented on Friday, October 2, 2026.

Name of ROM sire or dam

Name of Futurity/Maturity sire or dam

Name of progeny entered

Show at which your major win, Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex or Futurity/Maturity win was obtained.

(Chairman must be able to confirm win before closing date)

Name of Owner

Address

City, State & Zip

Telephone _____

Email _____

Entry fee \$50.00 for stud dog/brood bitch only.

Please go to www.gsdca.org/store/ to pay entry fee. Please print off your receipt and place order # here: _____.

Dogs need not be entered in any class in this show

All rosettes must be picked up the day of the event.
All entrants will receive confirmation by August 27, 2026

TOP TEN FUTURITY SIRES & DAMS

Top Sires

SIRES	Pts	Rank
Wolf Creek Levi	49	1
Kenlyn Marquis' Oh What a Night V Hoyle	35	2
Signature's Frank Tagliano	24	3
She-Rock's Speak of the Devil	22	4
Karizma's Estonia Von Loar	21	5a
Kenlyn Marquis' Scorpion King	21	5b
Norberge's C'Est Si Bon Of Clayfield PT	21	5c
Gero Contra Sa Juga	18	8a
Kaleef's Mayhem	18	8b
Camareigh Almar's Phineas Winsome	17	10a
Kis Malchik Van Contra Haus	17	10b

Top Dams

DAMS	Pts	Rank
Signature's Bell Bottom Blues	24	1
Amber's Honey Comb Of Jo-Els	21	2a
Clayfield C'est La Vie Of Norberge HT	21	2b
Karizm'a Princess Elsa	18	4
Norberges Kiss Me Under The Mistleto Of Clayfield	17	5
Signature's Harper Rose	16	6
Kenlyn Marquis' Oops!...I Did It Again v Hoyle	13	7
Kennelwood's My Maria of Mazerick	12	8a
Ranita's Wolf Creek Jochebed	12	8b
Bloomsberry's Ms Millie Of Rosewood	11	10a
Osar-Vera Wang of Norberge	11	10b

GSDCA TEMPERAMENT TEST ENTRY		
German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL by Gate 3 Tuesday, September 29, 2026 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pre-Entry Fee: \$45.00 Entry Fee Day of the Test: \$50.00 Pre-Entry fee must be paid through the GSDCA Store. Please enter Paid Order # in space provided below. No checks for pre-entries. Email Scanned form to: temperament@gsdca.org or mail to: Gail Stiefferman, 9500Rainbow Acres, Dittmer, MO 63023 ph: 314-660-3305 Mailed entries must be received by Wednesday, September 9, 2026 THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR YOUR CERTIFICATE, PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS ACCURATE AND LEGIBLE.ORDER #		
CALL NAME:		
DOG NAME		BREED
AKC REGISTRATION #	FOREIGN REG # & COUNTRY	PAL REG. #
DATE OF BIRTH:	COUNTRY OF BIRTH:	MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>
ACTUAL OWNER(S):		
OWNERS ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIPCODE:
In consideration of being permitted to participate in a Temperament Test sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc., the undersigned agrees that the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. is not responsible for any injuries or damage suffered by persons or animals participating in the Temperament Test during, before or after the actual test. By acting as a spectator and/or participating, in any capacity, I waive any right of action against the GSDCA and will hold the GSDCA harmless if any action, or lack of action by my dog(s) or by me results in any action against the sponsoring club.		
SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT:		
Phone:		Email:

Dogs must be 1 year of age to enter Temperament Test

Certificates will be issued the day of the test for those who have pre-entered. Certificates for dogs entered the day of the test will be available in the GSDCA Store on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Certificates **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please pick up your certificate or make arrangements to have it picked up for you. If you are participating in other events, please let us know so that you may be accommodated with your entry, we will not chase you down to remind you. German Shepherd Dogs will get first priority; bitches in season will go last. Any dog is eligible to participate, they do not have to be registered to test, they just need to be a canine.

**2026 NATIONAL CATALOG ADVERTISING
AD DEADLINE: AUGUST 19, 2026
(NO EXCEPTIONS – NO FAXES)**

Make all checks payable to: The German Shepherd Dog Club National Specialty
Credit card payment is accepted through the GSDCA Store website. U.S. FUNDS
ONLY (No Foreign Funds); E-mail all advertising (Ad Copy and Photos) to:

Holly Bryan

Cell phone (612) 239-5293 Email hollybryan1@aol.com

ADVERTISING RATES

2026 National Catalog Ad Rates

**Member
Rate**

**Commercial
Rate**

SPECIAL COVER AD PLACEMENTS**

Inside Front Cover (Full Page)(Color)	\$350	\$600
Inside Back Cover (Full Page)(Color)	\$350	\$600

PREMIUM AD PLACEMENT PAGES**

Each section of the Catalog (all venues, conformation and performance) will have available 1 Full Page ad to be placed before each section. See below for Premium Placement section availability and rate.

Premium Placement Rates

**Member
Rate**

**Commercial
Rate**

Beginning of 4-6 Month Puppy Class	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Conformation Dog Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Conformation Bitch Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Best of Breed	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Junior Showmanship	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Obedience Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Rally Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Futurity/Maturity	\$125.00	\$250.00

Advertising Section

Full Page	\$ 80.00	\$160.00
1/2 Page	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00
Business Card (1/4 Page)	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
Breeders Directory Listing	\$ 20.00	n/a
Handlers Directory Listing	\$ 25.00	n/a

All Ad sizes: Full Page 4 ½ x 7 ½; Half Page 4 ½ x 3 ¾; Quarter Page 4 ½ x 1-7/8.

**Special Cover Ad and Premium Ad Placement pages are for Full Page ads only and will be on a first-come/first-serve basis. Cover ads are color; all other ads are black and white.

Camera-ready ads submitted by email must be at the specified size @300dpi (.jpgor .pdf file format) and should be sent to hollybryan1@aol.com. NO placements will be reserved without receipt of full payment. Any reduction or enlargement of logos or artwork will be charged. Order placement for all ads will be available on the GSDCA website ONLY beginning June 1, 2026 at 8PM (Eastern Time.)

ALL ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT OR PAYMENT PROCESSED THRU GSDCA STORE PAGE (<http://gsdca.org/store/>)
(see form below for ads being sent via mail)

ALL ADS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 19, 2026

We hereby authorize the insertion of our ad in the Official National Catalog of the 113th Annual National Specialty Show and Obedience Trial to be held September 30 through October 2, 2026. It is further agreed that this order contains all the terms of the contract and is not subject to cancellation.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

SIGNATURE _____ PHONE _____

BREEDER'S DIRECTORY LISTING - \$20.00

A Breeder's Directory with listings order under home state will appear in alphabetical order. Available services are listed by code.

Kennel Name _____

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Website _____

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY: A=Adult, P=Puppies, S=Stud Service, H=Handling, G=Grooming, B=Boarding, T=Training, C=Conformation, O=Obedience, K=Tracking, G=Agility, X=Schutzhund, +=Signer Breeders Code, *=Written Guarantee, HR=Herding, R=Rescue

HANDLER'S DIRECTORY - \$25.00

(Send Business Card if Available)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

VENDORS – Contact Lisa Reynoldson –970-889-4809,
lmreynoldson1110@gmail.com for a contract and additional information.

STALLS/GROOMING – Bathing areas are available in the barns. Shavings for stalls must be purchased from the site. If you utilize shavings, there is an additional fee of \$25.00 for cleaning by the site.

GOLF CARTS – The Illinois State Fairgrounds has an exclusive contract with Battery Specialists for golf cart rentals. Golf Cart Rentals are as follows:

- 2 Passenger - \$60.00/per day
- 4 Passenger or Box car - \$75.00/per day
- 6 Passenger - \$110.00/per day

DELIVERY FEE - \$30.00/for orders more than five working days in advance/
\$50.00 delivery fee within five working days before delivery date.

If you are interested in renting a golf cart, please phone BATTERY SPECIALISTS GOLF CARTS AT 217-824-3943. Rentals must be secured and pre-paid with a credit card at least 5 working days before delivery date. All golf carts must be picked up and returned to the Fairgrounds Security Office.


RV Information

Purchase through the GSDCA Store www.gsdca.org/store/

Anita Clouse

217-816-2597

ranita.kennels@yahoo.com



Make plans now to attend the
Victory Dinner
Saturday, October 3, 2026
Northfield Inn



“Best of the Best Juniors Competition”

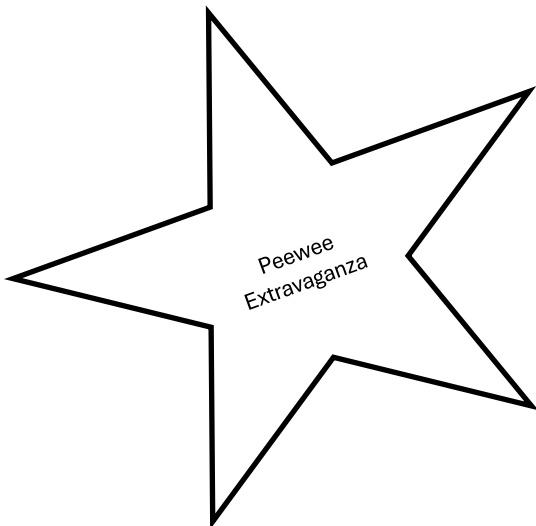
The Top Three Juniors will advance to compete in the “Best of the Best” competition. During this exciting event, juniors will showcase their talents, skills, and dedication as they compete for the top honor. Three distinguished judges, who will be announced the night of the competition, will evaluate each junior and select the overall winner.

Peewee Extravaganza

Thursday, October 1

ages five through eight years old

For more information, please contact Lindsey Hudspeth or Nikki Bedea.



HOTELS

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (next to the Crowne Plaza)
3050 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703
Phone Reservations – 217-529-7771

*Residence Inn – (7 miles from show site)
2915 Stanford Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-527-1100
Studio Suites - \$169.00/night + Tax, One Bedroom Suites - \$179.00/night + Tax
Pet Fee – \$100.00/stay (Large Grassy Area)
Cutoff Date – 09/08/2026

*Northfield Inn & Suites – (1 mile from show site)
3280 Northfield Drive. Springfield, IL 62702, 217-523-7900
King Room - \$139.00/night + Tax (no pets)
Cutoff date – 9/09/2026

*Microtel Inn & Suites – (7 miles from show site)
2636 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-753-2636
Two Queen Rooms - \$94.00/night + Tax, One Queen Room - \$84.00/night + Tax, Suite
rooms, \$104.00 + Tax
Pet Fee - \$15.00 per day
Cutoff date - 9/15/2026

*Candlewood Suites – (7 miles from show site)
2501 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 217-522-5100
Studio Suite w/1 King, 1 Queen or 2 Double beds- \$134.00/night + tax
(large grassy area)
Cut-off date – 9/1/2026

Comfort Suites
2620 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703 (217) 753-4000
<https://www.choicehotels.com/illinois/springfield/comfort-suites-hotels>

La Quinta Inn & Suites
1121 Lejune Drive, Springfield, IL, 217-697-5686
Large Grassy Area

Hilton Garden Inn
3100 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL, 217-529-7171

***Hotels Contracted with GSDCA – Please mention you are with the GSDCA when booking! Please note the cut-off dates for reservations with the contracted hotels!**

National Mentoring Program Announcement

YOU BELONG HERE.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America launched a Mentoring Program in 2025 — designed to welcome, support, and encourage both new and experienced fanciers in the German Shepherd community. The Mentor Committee's mission is to foster a culture of community through our mutual love of the German Shepherd Dog. We aim to provide guidance, resources, and opportunities that empower each member to become active and engaged; by nurturing a collaborative and inclusive environment, building strong connections, sharing valuable knowledge, and inspiring one another to achieve excellence in all our endeavors.

Whether you are:

- New to the breed
 - Interested in conformation, performance, or breeding
 - Looking to improve handling skills
 - Learning about pedigrees, conditioning, and grooming
 - Hoping to build friendships and confidence in the sport
- ...our mentors are here to help guide you every step of the way.

National Program Highlights

One-on-one guidance
Breed education & show support
Handling and ring procedure tips
Networking with experienced exhibitors
Encouragement in a welcoming environment

No question is too small — we all started somewhere.

Interested in being paired up with a mentor during the National?

Contact: Steve Bloom or Mishka Glaser Steve: 218-269-5999;
bloomsberrys@yahoo.com Mishka: 317-504-5658; mishka.glaser@gmail.com

Learn. Connect. Grow. Succeed.

ADVANCED SALES
DINNER TICKETS, CATALOGS, ETC

Pre Order Closes August 20, 2026

Ringside Table with 6 Chairs	\$660.00
Reserved Seating (ringside, two rows, ground level, no risers)	\$55.00
Banquet Dinner Tickets Saturday Evening	\$60.00
Banquet Dinner Tickets, Table of 8	\$480.00
Gold Page Luncheon	\$40.00
Reserved Stalls – Tuesday to Saturday	\$150.00
Reserved Stalls – Wednesday to Saturday	\$125.00
Pre-Ordered Catalog for Show (limited availability at show @ \$40.00)	\$35.00
Pre-Ordered Catalog (not marked) – Mailed	\$45.00

Go to the GSDCA Store to place your order www.gsdca.org/store/ Make sure to print off your receipt, as you will need your receipt to pick up your tickets for all items purchased.

Orders will be available at the show site Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 30 through October 2, 2026 from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Orders not claimed by Friday at 10:30 A.M. will be forfeited with no refund. No refunds or adjustments to orders will be made after September 20, 2026. Unclaimed catalogs WILL NOT be mailed.

For additional information or questions please contact:

**Lynn Goswick, Phone: 409-770-6310, Email: gsdog@wt.net
Lisa Reynoldson, Phone: (970) 889-4809
Email: lmreynoldson1110@gmail.com**

Online: www.gsdca.org/store/

***All reservations are on a first-come /first-served basis.** *If you want to sit next to a friend, PLEASE make sure ALL seats are purchased in the same order.

Gold Page Luncheon

Friday, October 2, 2026

Take a small break and join GSD friends and family for delicious luncheon fare, a cash bar and take home a 2026 National keepsake as a thank you for your support of the GSDCA National Specialty.

Exposition Building – Mezzanine Level

Please contact Erin Nellis for more information.

e_nellis@yahoo.com

GSDCA 2026 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIRS

Janeane Cappara, Chair

Amanda Piala, Performance Co-Chair

SHOW COMMITTEE

Valerie Harrington, Debbie Ekstrom, Patricia Schneiderjohn, Christina Ward,
Cathy Mitchell

EVENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Janeane Cappara
7799 King Memorial Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060, 440-227-1111,
jrcappara@gmail.com
Cyndi Flautt, Amanda Piala, Erin Nellis

PERFORMANCE CHAIRS

Agility:	Christina Ward	Rally:	Cathy Mitchell
Obedience:	Patricia Schneiderjohn	Scent Work:	Julie Degen
Herding:	Debbie Ekstrom	Versatility:	Julie Degen

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Advance Sales/Reservations	Lynn Goswick, Lisa Reynoldson
Advertising/Catalog	Holly Bryan
Announcers	Tony Szczuka
Building and Grounds	Deb Norman
Chief Ring Steward	Dr. Thomas Mesdag
Decorations	Janeane Cappara, Erin Nellis, Leslie Beccia, Carol Grossman, Deb Norman
Education	Donna Calabrese, Sheree Moses Combs
First Aid Station	Show Office
Futurity/Maturity	Joan Intersimone
Hotel Liaison	Leslie Beccia
Judges Hospitality/Transportation	Show Committee
Judges Seminar	Sheree Moses Combs
Junior Handlers	Nikki Bedea, Lindsey Hudspeth
Mentoring	Steve Bloom, Mishka Glaser
Official Photographer	Valerie Harrington
Opening Ceremonies/Presentations	Janeane Cappara, Cyndi Flautt
Parade of Greats	Janeane Cappara
Ready Ring/Ribbons	William Petterson
RV & Stall Reservations	Anita Clouse
Regional Club Parade	Gail Stiefferman
Ribbons and trophies	National Committee Chairs
Ribbon and trophy donations	Steve Bloom, Holly Bryan
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch	Janeane Cappara
Temperament Test	Butch Stiefferman
Vendors	Lisa Reynoldson
Videographer	White Noise Productions
Website	Lynn Goswick & Committee