

ENTRIES CLOSE WED, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm PT

**PREMIUM LIST
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(Unbenched Licensed by the American Kennel Club, Inc.)

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

(Member of the American Kennel Club)



Pre-Show Specialty

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

With Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Beginner Puppy

Event # 2026009324, 2026009325 (BPUP)

The One Hundred Thirteenth National Specialty Show

Thursday, September 24, 2026—Sunday, October 4, 2026

With Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Beginner Puppy

AKC National Owner-Handled Series

Event # 2026009326, 2026009327 (BPUP)



Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62702

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EVENT SECRETARY, Valerie Harrington c/o www.DOGZIBIT.com

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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

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TO BE ACCEPTABLE FOR ENTRY, ALL ENTRIES AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EVENT SECRETARY NO LATER THAN 6 PM PT, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, OR BEFORE ENTRY LIMITS ARE REACHED.

After which time no entries can be accepted, canceled, changed, substituted, corrected, completed or signed and no entry fees refunded. Any change or cancellation must be made in writing and received prior to closing, except as provided in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the American Kennel Club Dog Show Rules and Regulations. When entering online, you will receive email acknowledgement of entries immediately. Once payment is received and entry is confirmed, you will receive an ENTRY CONFIRMATION email, no later than end of closing day. Mail-in entry acknowledgment will be made as soon as possible or after entries have closed. Should such acknowledgments not be received by the exhibitor within a reasonable time, check your junk email box and/or email Entries@DogZibit.com or call 425-765-9146. Judging Programs emailed at least a week prior to show.

PLEASE INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS ON ENTRY FORMS. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES AND JUDGING SCHEDULES WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY. POSTAL DELIVERY BY REQUEST ONLY

ENTRY FEES

NOTE: When a dog is entered in more than one class, the highest price class is considered the first entry
(An AKC Recording Fee and AKC Event Service Fee of \$4.50 per entry is included.)

CONFORMATION

BEST OF BREED.....	Pre-Show \$50.00/National \$75.00
EACH ENTRY OF A DOG (Conformation other than Best of Breed)	\$50.00
ADDITIONAL ENTRY (of same dog in same event)	\$25.00
4-6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY.....	\$25.00
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP.....	FREE

TRANSFER POLICY FOR TRIALS: The Club will permit a transfer to the next level class in accordance with AKC regulations. The request for a Transfer must be made in writing and presented to the Event Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the specified event, show or trial. Transfer forms will be available at the Event Secretary's Table or online at: <https://www.dogzibit.com/transfer-form/> or scan the QR code on the right.



Effective immediately, AKC's new Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy prohibits leaving dogs unattended in vehicles that are fully enclosed or do not have adequate ventilation and airflow. Simply having fans, air conditioning, temperature monitors, remote alerts, or other electronic devices does not, by themselves, make a vehicle safe for an unattended dog. Owners and handlers are responsible for ensuring dogs are kept in conditions that protect them from heat-related illness, distress, injury, or death.

Violating this policy is considered conduct prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, the sport of purebred dogs, and the American Kennel Club and may result in disciplinary action under the AKC Charter and Bylaws.

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Entry form on page 18 with additional entry and contact information.

All premium lists are on the GSDCA website

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
Tracking plotting	Jim Edgar Panther Creek
Sunday, September 27, 2026	
Agility Set-Up	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Tracking Test	Jim Edgar Panther Creek
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/ Rent-a-ring	Expo Building
Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog	Expo Building
Thursday, October 1, 2026	
Conformation Judging National Specialty, beginning with 4-6 month beginner puppy	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience (All Breed x2)* & Rally (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Temperament Test *New Date!*	Fairgrounds – Gate 3
Rescue Dog Presentation	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Club Parade/Competition (before the Cocktail Party)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Parade of Greats, Top 20 and Top 10 Owner Handlers and Peewee Extravaganza (before Cocktail Party)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Duck Toss to benefit Junior Handlers	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Rent-a-ring	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Cocktail Party with light snacks	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine
Bloat kit seminar	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine
GSDCA Annual Meeting, Town Hall, Club Awards and Membership Elections; starting at 6:00 pm	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
Presentation - Top Ten Junior Showmanship and Best of the Best Competition	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
2025 Top 10 Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Presentation Class	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Junior Handling Seminar (after the conclusion of judging for the day)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Friends of Frank Fasano Celebration	Fairgrounds Expo – Mezzanine
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	Artisan Building
Sunday, October 4, 2026	
Scent Work (All Breed) (Two Trials)*	Fairgrounds – TBD

*Preference given to German Shepherd Dogs

AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES

(Remember to check the box at the bottom of the entry form)

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 using the check box on the entry form. Eligible dogs will be identified by an asterisk in the judge's book & 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 this competition.**



Owner-Handled Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and undefeated winners of the non-regular classes. This excludes all dogs defeated during class and winners competition for the regular show.

- If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handled competition eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety.
- If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is not eligible for Owner-Handled competition and the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety is eligible, the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety will compete against the eligible exhibits of the other sex to determine Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety.
- If neither the Best of Breed/Variety nor the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety are Owner-Handled competition eligible and Select Dog & Select Bitch are both eligible, the judge is to choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the Selects and eligible Winners Dog or Winners Bitch.
- If one of the Selects is eligible, excuse all Champions and non-regular class winners of the same sex and then choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible Winners.
- If Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety, Select Dog & Select Bitch are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog who competed in Best of Breed/Variety including Winners Dog or Winners Bitch as the Best of Breed/Variety for the AKC National Owner-Handled Series.
- If the Best of Winners is eligible, the other Winner is ineligible since it was defeated.
- No class dogs other than the Winners Dog & Winners Bitch are eligible to return to the ring.

* 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 show during the cluster/weekend.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC

Member of the American Kennel Club

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Veterinarian (Emergency)

Animal Emergency Clinic, 821 S. Durkin Dr, Springfield, IL 62704
217-698-0870

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

Directions to **Animal Emergency Clinic** from Show Site: Take E. Sangamon Ave and Browning Ave to IL-29 N/State Rte 4 S/Veterans Pkwy, Turn Left onto IL-29N/State Rte 4 S/Veterans Pkwy. Turn left onto W. Lawrence Ave. Turn Right onto S. Durkin Road.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT CHAIRS

Advance Sales/Reservations	Lynn Goswick, Lisa Reynoldson
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First Aid Station	Show Office
Futurity/Maturity	Joan Intersimone
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Judges Seminar	Sheree Moses Combs
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Mentoring	Steve Bloom, Mishka Glaser
Official Photographer	Valerie Harrington
Opening Ceremonies/Presentations	Janeane Cappara, Cyndi Flautt
Parade Of Greats	Janeane Cappara
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RV & Stall Reservations	Anita Clouse
Regional Club Parade	Gail Stiefferman
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Ribbons and Trophy Donations	Steve Bloom, Holly Bryan
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch	Janeane Cappara
Temperament Test	Butch Stiefferman
Vendors	Lisa Reynoldson
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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.

JUDGES

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

GLORIA BIRCH	COTATI, CA
<i>Pre-Show: All Regular/Non-Regular Classes, Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy</i>	
MICHEL CHALOUX	VILLE LORRAINE, QC, CAN
<i>Futurity & Maturity Dogs</i>	
ROBERT DRESCHER	FORT RIPLEY, MN
<i>Futurity & Maturity Bitches, Best in Futurity & Best in Maturity</i>	

Thursday - Saturday, October 1-3, 2026

ROBERT DRESCHER	FORT RIPLEY, MN
<i>Regular & Non-Regular Class Dogs, Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy</i>	
MICHEL CHALOUX	VILLE LORRAINE, QC, CAN
<i>Regular & Non-Regular Class Bitches</i>	
JAMES MOSES	WOODSTOCK, GA
<i>Intersex, Best Puppy, Best Bred-By Exhibitor</i>	

RIBBON PRIZES – ALL EVENTS

REGULAR CLASSES

First Place	Blue Ribbon/Rosette
Second Place	Red Ribbon/Rosette
Third Place	Yellow Ribbon/Rosette
Fourth Place	White Ribbon/Rosette
Winners	Purple Rosette
Reserve Winners.....	Purple & White Rosette
Best of Breed	Purple & Gold Rosette
Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed	Red & White Rosette
Best of Winners.....	Blue & White Rosette
Select Dog & Bitch	Lt. Blue & White Rosette
Best Puppy.....	Dark Green Rosette
Best Opposite Sex Puppy.....	Dark Green Rosette
Best Bred-By Exhibitor.....	Dark Green Rosette
Best Veteran	Pink & Green Rosette
Best Opposite Sex Veteran.....	Pink & Green Rosette

NON-REGULAR CLASSES

First Place	Rose Ribbon/Rosette
Second Place	Brown Ribbon/Rosette
Third Place	Lt. Green Ribbon/Rosette
Fourth Place	Gray Ribbon/Rosette

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Best Junior Rosette.....	Dk Blue, Blue & Silver
Reserve Best Junior Rosette	Dk Blue, Blue & Silver

OTHER

Veteran Participation (Conf/Obed)...	Blk & Red Rosette
GSDCA Select	Blk & Red Rosette
Futurity Victor/Victrix	Blk & Red Rosette
Maturity Victor/Victrix	Blk & Red Rosette

BEGINNER PUPPY

Best of Breed BPUP.....	Orange Rosette
Best Opp Sex BPUP	Lavender Rosette

Prizes will be awarded in the judging rings to the person exhibiting the dog, who will be considered to be the owner or agent of the owner. All claims for trophies and other prizes must be made in the judging ring before the completion of the judging of the breed, and the Event Secretary advised at once in the event of any discrepancy. No award will be mailed. If a trophy listed is unavailable, a trophy of equal or greater value will be awarded.

CLASSIFICATIONS

REGULAR CLASSES

PUPPY DOG, 6 mos and under 9 mos.	PUPPY BITCH, 6 mos and under 9 mos.
PUPPY DOG, 9 mos and under 12 mos.	PUPPY BITCH, 9 mos and under 12 mos.
BRED-BY EXHIBITOR PUPPY DOG	BRED-BY EXHIBITOR PUPPY BITCH
DOG, 12 mos and under 15 mos.	BITCH, 12 mos and under 15 mos.
DOG, 15 mos and under 18 mos.	BITCH, 15 mos and under 18 mos.
NOVICE DOG	NOVICE BITCH
AMATEUR OWNER HANDLED DOG	AMATEUR OWNER HANDLED BITCH
BRED-BY EXHIBITOR ADULT DOG	BRED-BY EXHIBITOR ADULT BITCH
AMERICAN BRED DOG	AMERICAN BRED BITCH
OPEN DOG	OPEN BITCH
OPEN DOG (Long Coat)	OPEN BITCH (Long Coat)
WINNERS DOG	WINNERS BITCH

NON-REGULAR CLASSES INVOLVING SINGLE DOG ENTRIES – Both Shows

VETERAN DOG, 7 yrs & under 9 yrs	VETERAN BITCH, 7 yrs & under 9 yrs
VETERAN DOG, 9 yrs & older	VETERAN BITCH, 9 yrs & older

A neutered male may enter the Veteran Dog Class & a spayed bitch may enter the Veteran Bitch Class. 1st placements in each class may compete for Best of Breed provided they have not been defeated in another class.

BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

The following categories of dogs may be entered in this competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record. Dogs which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owners' records. To be eligible to receive a GSDCA Select Dog or Select Bitch placement, the owner or co-owner must be a GSDCA member.

GSDCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY AWARD OF MERIT

This award is given at the discretion of the Judge and will be awarded to outstanding entries that are NOT judged to be Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Select Dog or Select Bitch. All other dogs remaining in the competition are eligible. The number of awards will be a TOTAL of three. The judge may award all three awards to either dogs or bitches, or the judge may divide the three awards between the dogs and bitches. An Award of Merit is a club award and the Select is an official award of the AKC, the Select is of greater precedence than the Award of Merit.

BEST PUPPY JUDGING

Winners from the Puppy classes (6-9, 9-12 months, Bred-By-Exhibitor Puppy) will compete for Best Puppy. If a puppy dog/bitch is awarded Winners or Reserve Winners the other class winner of the same sex will automatically be ineligible for Best Puppy competition. Best Opposite Sex Puppy is also awarded.

BEST BRED-BY EXHIBITOR JUDGING

Winners from the Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy and Bred-by-Exhibitor Adult classes will compete for Best Bred-By Exhibitor in Breed. If a Bred-By Exhibitor puppy/adult dog/bitch is awarded Winners or Reserve Winners, the other class winner of the same sex will automatically be ineligible for Best Bred-By Exhibitor competition.

BEST VETERAN JUDGING

Winners from the Veterans classes will compete for Best Veteran in Breed. If a Veteran is awarded Best of Breed, the other class winner of the same sex will automatically be ineligible for Best Veteran competition. Best Opposite Sex Veteran is also awarded.

POINTS AVAILABLE FOR RESERVE

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc will award at its specialties a three-point major to Reserve Winners Dog if the Regular Class Dog entry is twice the required number for a five-point major in the division where the National Specialty is held.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc will award at its specialties a three-point major to Reserve Winners Bitch if the Regular Class Bitch entry is twice the required number for a five-point major in the division where the National Specialty is held.

FOUR-TO-SIX MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY COMPETITION – Both Shows

The Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition consists of one combined class (not divided by sex) for German Shepherd Dogs that are four months of age and over but under six months on the day of the event. AKC registration number or an AKC litter number will be required for entries of an AKC recognized breed as listed in Chapter 3, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. A foreign-born dog may enter this class if they are registered in the country of origin. All entrants are to be vaccinated (including rabies) in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol.

Entries are to be made on an official AKC Entry Form.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY SHOW SECRETARY NO LATER THAN CLOSING

6:00 PM PT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026. No Day-of-Show Entries.

ENTER ONLINE (www.DogZibit.com) or VIA MAIL using entry form in Premium.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION – Both Shows

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 at least one-half hour prior to the scheduled start of Junior Showmanship judging at the show.

NOVICE CLASS: For boys and girls who are at least 9 years and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close have not won three first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class.

OPEN CLASS: For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show, and who, at the times entries close, have won three first place awards in a Novice Junior Showmanship Class with competition present at a licensed or member show. Juniors which according to their records have completed the requirements to compete in the Open class but whose status is unconfirmed by the American Kennel Club are limited to competing in the Open Class for a period of 60 days from the date of the show where the Junior completed the requirements according to their records.

MASTER CLASS: For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years on the day of the show, and who have won 10 Best Junior wins with competition. The calendar for this class will be consistent with the eligibility dates for the AKC National Championship. All Juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed all participants return to the Open Class to compete for the following year.

NOVICE AND OPEN CLASS DIVIDED:

- Junior-9 years old and under 12 years old on the day of the show
- Intermediate-12 years old and under 15 years old on the day of the show
- Senior-15 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show

AKC Junior Handler Numbers are now required for entry in Junior Showmanship Competition. Numbers may be obtained from the AKC Phone (919) 233-9767. Entry form must be filled out with the necessary information, otherwise the entry in Junior Showmanship will not be accepted.

Please refer to AKC Rules for Junior Showmanship Conformation, Junior Showmanship Regulations, Guidelines for Judging Juniors in Conformation, Juniors in Performance Event Regulations for the most current Rules and Regulations.

2026 PURINA NATIONAL TROPHIES



Best of Breed: (1) Purina Pro Plan Best In Show Grooming Bag offered by Pro Plan

(3) Large Bags Purina Pro Plan offered by Pro Plan

Grand Victor/Victrix: (1) Purina Pro Plan Grooming Table Pad and Loop offered by Pro Plan

Select Dog: (1) Purina Pro Plan Garment Bag offered by Pro Plan

Select Bitch: (1) Purina Pro Plan Garment Bag offered by Pro Plan

Winners Dog: (1) Purina Pro Plan Garment Bag offered by Pro Plan

Winners Bitch: (1) Purina Pro Plan Garment Bag offered by Pro Plan

Best Puppy: (1) Purina Pro Plan Rolling Duffel offered by Pro Plan

Best Veteran: (1) Purina Pro Plan Rolling Duffel offered by Pro Plan

Conformation Class Winners: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00
from Pro Plan (Turvis Tumblers)

Best Junior/Reserve Best Junior in Showmanship: (1) Purina Pro Back Pack offered by Pro Plan

Obedience/Rally/Agility/Herding:

High in Trial Preferred Classes – Obedience: (1) Purina Pro Plan Leather Lead offered by Pro Plan

High in Trial Regular Classes – Obedience: (1) Purina Pro Plan Leather Lead offered by Pro Plan

High Combined Obedience: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 offered by Pro Plan

Excellence in Agility Preferred: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 offered by Pro Plan

Excellence in Agility Regular: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 offered by Pro Plan

Agility Class Winners: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 offered by Pro Plan

Obedience Class Winners: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 offered by Pro Plan

High Combined Rally: (1) Purina Pro Plan Leather Lead offered by Pro Plan

High Triple Rally: (1) Purina Pro Plan Leather Lead offered by Pro Plan

Rally Class Winners: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 from Pro Plan

Herding Victor/Victrix: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 from Pro Plan

High Scoring/Reserve High Scoring GSD: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 from Pro Plan

High Combine All Stock: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 from Pro Plan

HIT/RHIT Herding: Product and/or gift valued at more than \$5.00 from Pro Plan

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

This is a **Condensed Premium List** and additional prizes are offered. Please contact Show Chair Janeane Cappara at phone/email above for a complete list of specialty prizes to be offered.

GSDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY FUTURITY & MATURITY FINALS COMPETITION

Best In, Best of Opposite Sex and the Reserve winners from each region shall be eligible to compete at the GSDCA National Specialty Show for the title of GSDCA Futurity Victor & Victrix and Maturity Victor & Victrix as determined by sex. **THESE DOGS MUST BE OWNED OR CO-OWNED BY A GSDCA MEMBER.** Dogs and bitches eligible for the National finals and owned or co-owned by a GSDCA member are automatically entered. No additional entry is required.

Three ROM points will be given to the sires & dams of the Best in Futurity, Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity, Best in Maturity & Best Opposite Sex to Best in Maturity at the National Specialty Show.

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 months 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 or mail the certifications to the Chair, **Janeane Cappara, 440-227-1111, jrcappara@gmail.com**. Must include certificates of hips/elbows, current owner's name, address, phone and email address. To be eligible to receive a GSDCA Select Excellent Award, the dog must also be owned or co-owned by a GSDCA member.

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 Show Chairs, 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 Select Excellent rating from a past national, will need to send documentation to this year's Chair.

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.

DONATIONS

*A **BIG Thank You** to those who have already donated to our National Specialty.*

All donor names will be listed either in the National catalog or the individual catalogs, as long as your donation reaches us by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**. We are still able to place a memorial along with the donor's name should you choose. A big thank you to those who have donated to our National Specialty.

We cannot thank you enough for making this national so special!

Make checks payable to GSDCA

or

Donate on the GSDCA website by going to

<https://gsdca.org/national-specialty-shop/>

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 drvandyken@gmail.com, 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 *must* reach the chair by August 15 to be eligible for presentation at the national. **CLOSING DATE IS August 15, 2026**

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

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.

National Mentoring Program

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

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Educational Programs

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.

*All attending please register with

Donna Calabrese, Educational Chair onaluzlead@aim.com 717-586-7181

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.

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

GROOMING: Bathing areas are available in the stalls. Shavings 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 rental. 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 of 4 cars or less, \$50.00 for orders of five cars or more.

If you are interested in renting a golf cart, please phone **Battery Specialists Plus 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 cars must be picked up and returned to the Fairgrounds Security Office.

MEMBER NOTICES

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

CALLING ALL REGIONAL CLUBS

Grab your club banners and sweatshirts and join us for the Regional Club Parade right before the cocktail party on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Please plan to attend.

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

PLAN TO ATTEND

GSDCA 2026 National Victory Banquet

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Artisan Building – Illinois State Fairgrounds

Please join us for a great evening with food, drink and friends!

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

GSDCA Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Competition

(Most Versatile German Shepherd Competition at the GSDCA National)

Overview: In memory of Phyllis Dobbs, who bred, owned, and trained the first Triple Champion in the German Shepherd breed, the Most Versatile German Shepherd Competition at the GSDCA National recognizes those dogs that exemplify true versatility by successfully competing in a variety of events at 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.

During the National Specialty, participants must fill out and turn in a score sheet to the Versatility Chair immediately following the completion of each sport. The scoring for the competition ends after Best of Breed and the winner of the Versatility Competition will be announced at the Banquet and 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, with points being awarded according to schedule of points available from the chairperson and on the website, based on performance in various events. Generally, 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) from the two GSDCA specialty days, 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 on the GSD only days (Thursday & Friday) will receive points.

Conformation: A dog may compete in both the Versatility Sweeps (a non-regular 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 class. 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 Conformation 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 via the Versatility Competition Registration Form.

Herding: Any two qualifying runs that receive a score (Course A, B, C, D on ducks, sheep, or cattle) 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 from the GSDCA obedience or rally trials, 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.

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, 2026.

Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Registration Fee: Free (does NOT include conformation entry fee.)

Make checks 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: ☐ Male ☐ Female
Breeder:		
Sire:		
Dam:		
Owner's Name:		
Owner's Address:		
Owner's Phone:	Owner's Email:	
Additional Owners:		
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, Scentwork/Tracking). You must enter each venue checked directly with the event secretary, except for the Versatility Sweepstakes which must be entered via this form. ☐ Agility ☐ Herding ☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Scentwork ☐ Conformation ☐ Conformation: Versatility Sweepstakes (please submit the \$35 entry fee with this form) ☐ 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: _____

2026 GSDCA National Temperament Certification

Thursday, October 1, 2026 **New Date!**

Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave.

Springfield, IL (By Gate 3)

Pre-Entry: \$45.00. Day of test: \$50.00

Pre-entries **must** be received by **Wednesday, September 9, 2026** and paid for through the GSDCA.org store.

1) **Email** scanned form to: temperament@gsdca.org

or

2) **Mail to:** Gail Stiefferman, 9500 Rainbow Acres, Dittmer, Mo 63023

If you have any questions please call: 314-660-3305

- Dogs must be 1 year of age on day of test to enter the GSDCA Temperament Certification.
- German Shepherd Dogs will get first priority in entries received.
- Any canine is eligible to participate; a registry is not required.
- Bitches in season will go last.
- Printed Certificates will be available on Friday October 2, 2026 at the GSDCA Parent Club Table for **ALL** those dogs passing that want a printed certificate. *(No Certificates WILL BE MAILED. Please pick up your certificate or make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you if you did not request emailed.)*
- Email-requested Certificates will be sent on or after October 6, 2026.

GSDCA TEMPERAMENT CERTIFICATION TEST ENTRY

German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL (By Gate 3)

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pre-Entry Fee \$45.00. Day of test: \$50.00

Pre-Entry fee must be paid through the GSDCA Store.

(Space provided below for Order #)

Email scanned form to: temperament@gsdca.org **OR**

Mail to: Gail Stiefferman, 9500 Rainbow Acres, Dittmer, Mo 63023

Phone: 314-660-3305

All pre-entries must be received by Wednesday, September 9, 2026

THE BELOW INFORMATION IS USED FOR YOUR CERTIFICATE, PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL
INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND LEGIBLE.

ORDER# _____ (if paid thru the GSDCA store)

REG NAME:

CALL NAME:

BREED

AKC REG #

FOREIGN REG # & COUNTRY

PAL REG. #

DATE OF BIRTH:

COUNTRY OF BIRTH:

MALE

☐

FEMALE

☐

ACTUAL OWNER(S):

OWNERS ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIPCODE:

HAS YOUR DOG HAD ANY TEST RESULTS ALREADY REGISTERED WITH OFA? Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ Hips ☐ Elbows ☐ Thyroid ☐ Eyes ☐ Dentition ☐ DM ☐ Cardiac ☐ Other

In consideration of being permitted to participate in a Temperament Certification 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 TC Test during, before or after the actual test. By acting as a spectator and/or participant in any capacity, I waive any right of action against the GSDCA, Inc and will hold the GSDCA, Inc harmless if any action, or lack of action by my dog(s) or by me results in any action against the sponsoring club.

SIGNATURES OF: Owner & Handler Day of Test:

Phone:

Email:

DO YOU WANT YOUR TEMPERAMENT TEST CERTIFICATE EMAILED ☐ Yes ☐ No

2026 NATIONAL CATALOG ADVERTISING

AD DEADLINE: August 19, 2026 - (NO EXCEPTIONS – NO FAXES – U.S. FUNDS ONLY)

Make all checks payable to: The German Shepherd Dog Club National Specialty

Credit card payment accepted thru the GSDCA Store website:

<https://gsdca.org/national-specialty-shop/>

Holly Bryan

Cell phone (612) 239-5293

Email hollybryan1@aol.com

ADVERTISING RATES

2026 National Catalog Ad Rates	Member Rate	Commercial Rate
Inside Front Cover (Full Page)(Color)	\$ 350.00	\$600.00
Inside Back Cover (Full Page)(Color)	\$ 350.00	\$600.00

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. This is for Full Page ads only and will be on a first-come/first-serve basis. See below for Premium Placement section availability.

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 4½ 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 (.jpg or .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 (<https://www.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 - October 2, 2026. It is further agreed this order contains all the terms of the contract and is not subject to cancellation.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

SIGNATURE _____ PHONE _____

2026 NATIONAL CATALOG ADVERTISING (continued)

BREEDERS DIRECTORY - Breeder's Directory Listing - \$20.00

A Breeder's Directory with listings in alphabetical order under home state. 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 _____

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
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/national-specialty-shop/ 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 end 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: <https://gsdca.org/national-specialty-shop/>

***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.**

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Each party entering competition directly or indirectly at these EVENTS shall assume sole responsibility for themselves and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the GSDCA, Inc. and The Illinois State Fairgrounds from a) any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of the party's dog(s) while in or about the fairgrounds or near any entrance thereto and b) from any claim for loss, injury or damage to the party's dog(s) and c) all loss, expense (including legal fees) for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including themselves, or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of participation in LICENSEE's event, however such injuries, death or property damage may be caused and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of OWNER or any of its employees, agents, or any other persons.

- Exhibitors must comply with all canine health rules and regulations issued or imposed by the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture. Current Health Certificates and rabies vaccination required for all dogs on the grounds.
- Here is a website to check each individual state. USDA APHIS | Travel with your pet state to state (Interstate)
- Stalls are available Tuesday Morning, September 29, 2026.
- No motorized vehicles allowed in stall isles.
- All dogs must be on leash at all times.
- Outside shavings and bedding prohibited, must be purchased on site from Evans Bedding & Feed, an additional cost of \$25 must be paid if used in a stall (for cleanup charge)
- No Double Parking or blocking vehicles, doorways, stall isle opens allowed.

ONLY THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER IS ALLOWED TO TAKE WIN PHOTOS WITH THE JUDGE.
ALL PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY REQUIRES PERMISSION FROM THE SHOW GIVING CLUB.

HOTELS – SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS 2026

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 - \$84.99/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 - 9/01/2026

*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!**

RV RESERVATIONS

\$55/night

Anita Clouse 217-816-2597 • ranita.kennels@yahoo.com

Purchase RV Spot thru the GSDCA Store, <https://gsdca.org/national-specialty-shop/>



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Read Carefully
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boxes indicate
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to the information
needed in that box.
(PLEASE PRINT)

Official American Kennel Club Entry Form
ENTRIES CLOSE 6:00PM PT, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Event # Pre-Show: 2026009324, 2026009325 (BPUP); Natl: 2026009326, 2026009327 (BPUP)

September 30 - October 3, 2026

Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62702

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR SHOW(S) YOU WISH TO ENTER. YOU MUST ENCLOSE ALL ENTRY FEES.

- ☐ Pre-Show Specialty ☐ Junior Showmanship ☐ Natl Specialty ☐ Junior Showmanship
☐ Pre-Show: 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy ☐ Natl: 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy

ENTRY FEES FOR EACH EVENT, EACH DAY

\$75.00	• Conformation-First Class – Best of Breed (National Only)
\$50.00	• Conformation-First Class
\$25.00	• 4-6 month Beginner Puppy • Each additional entry of same dog in any one event, each day
FREE	• Junior Showmanship

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BREED [5] GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG		VARIETY [1]		SEX	
DOG SHOW CLASS [2,3]			CLASS DIVISIONS [3] Weight, Color, Etc.		
ADDITIONAL CLASSES					
JR SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		JR HANDLER NAME		JR HANDLER NUMBER	
FULL NAME OF DOG					
☐ AKC# ☐ PAL# ☐ FOREIGN REG# & COUNTRY ENTER # HERE:		PLACE OF BIRTH (list country)		DATE OF BIRTH	
BREEDER					
SIRE					
DAM					
ACTUAL OWNER(S) [4] Please Print					
OWNER'S ADDRESS					
CITY, STATE, ZIP					
NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT [IF ANY] AT SHOW					
I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.					
SIGNATURE of the owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry					
PHONE #		Are you a new exhibitor? ☐ YES ☐ NO		Owner-Handled Series Eligible? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
EMAIL ADDRESS (acknowledgment or entry receipt will be sent to this email address):					

AGREEMENT

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INSTRUCTIONS

- (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e, age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
- Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please enter the following information.

AKC Junior Handler Number		Junior's Date of Birth	
<i>The Junior Handler number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, it may be obtained from the American Kennel Club, phone (919) 233-9367.</i>			
Junior Handler Address			
City		State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
		Country (if not USA)	

By signing the entry form, I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

■ If this Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner? _____