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April 6 - 11, 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 14th – Reserved Grooming Opens 12 noon pst
- Jan 28th – Entries Open for all Events
(Elkhound only for performance)
- Feb 2nd – Logo Merchandise Store Opens
- Feb 9th – Performance Entries Open for All Breeds
- Mar 5th – Holiday Inn Room Reservations Deadline
- Mar 8th – Logo Merchandise Store Closes
- Mar 18th – Entries Close for All Events,
Deadline for Catalog Advertising,
Memorial Luminaries,
Dedications to be included in the Catalog
- Mar 28th – RV Reservations Deadline
- Apr 3rd – Awards Banquet Reservation

ENTRIES:

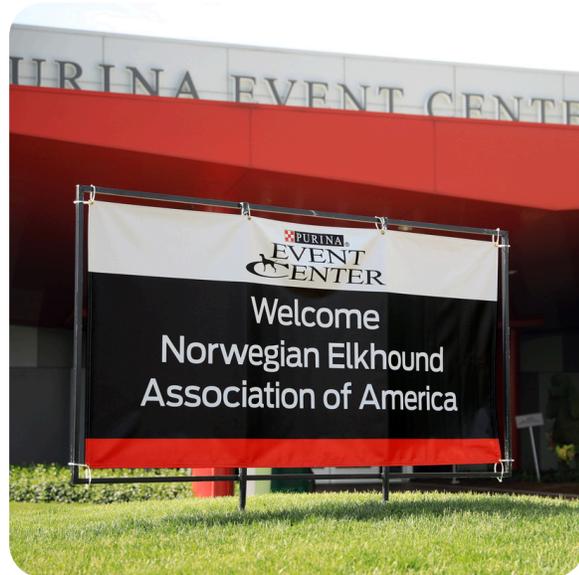
Chris Allen

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ruff.entries@gmail.com](https://run4funtn.net/ruff.entries@gmail.com)

Purina Farms & Event Center
500 William Danforth Way,
Gray Summit, MO 63039
Sponsored by: Purina Pro Plan

CHECKLIST ✓

- Sponsor an Event or Trophy
- Entries – National/Regional/Performance
- Hotel/RV/Grooming/Banquet Reservations
- Breeder Showcase & Catalog Advertising
- Pack Raffle & Silent Auction Items
- Memorial Luminary
- Order Logo Merchandise & Catalog
- Bring Photos/Pedigrees for Breeder Showcase



NEAA EVENTS SCHEDULE

April 2026

MON 6

All - Breed Agility
All - Breed Fast CAT

TUES 7

All Breed Rally & Obedience

WED 8

All Breed Scent Work
Handling Seminar - Linda Richards
"Corrective Breeding" w/ Patricia Trotter

THURS 9

Welcome/ Annual Meeting
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy
National Puppy Sweepstakes
Best of the Best Judging
Breeder's Showcase
National Junior Showmanship
National Veteran Sweepstakes
Best of the Best Awards Celebration

FRI 10

Judges Education - Pat Trotter
National Specialty
Annual Awards Banquet

SAT 11

Regional Sweepstakes
Regional Specialty



Events & Competitions



All Breed Performance!

We are so excited to open our performance to All-Breed Participation again! Agility, Rally, Obedience, Scent Work and NEW THIS YEAR...Fast Cat!

National & Regional Specialties:

4-6 month Beginner Puppy (Nat'l Only)
Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship,

National and Regional Conformation!

NEAA Judge: Mr. John Smedbakken
Koppang, Norway

Regional Judge: Mrs. Paula Nykiel
Washington, MO



Semi-Formal Evening Reception

featuring

Best of the Best

Veterans Sweepstakes

Junior Showmanship

“Peoples Choice Award”

Cash Bar & Hors D'oeuvres



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Special Evening Education Program

**“Corrective Breeding” Seminar
with our very own Pat Trotter.**



Be sure to attend the
Annual Meeting
Thursday Morning



Enjoy a continental breakfast and
take advantage of the opportunity to
have input into your Association

Judge’s Education Seminar

Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter

Judges - Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn
and understand Norwegian Elkhounds with AKC
Best in Show & Breeder/Judge of Vin-Melca
Norwegian Elkhounds.

JOIN US For BEST OF THE BEST Thursday evening
to see the top winning elkhounds compete!

Handling Seminar

Polish up on your skills and
warm up your puppies
with Linda Morgan Richard!

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET - FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

The Awards Banquet will be held at the:
Holiday Inn Saint Louis West At Six Flags
4901 Six Flags Road
Eureka, MO 63025
April 10th – 6:30pm Cash Bar

7:00pm Dinner
Dinner Buffet – \$45.00



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Don't Forget!



Memorial Luminary

Display Starts WED, APRIL 8th

Celebrate your Norwegian Elkhound friends, breeders, or mentors of the past. Memorialize your heart dog, your foundation Elkhound, or a great contributor to the breed with a luminary to be displayed during the National week.

Each includes an 8×10 sheet with information and/or photo for each memorial. \$25 for first memorial, \$10 for each additional

Contact: Wendy Vise-Wiley dogmomwww@yahoo.com

BREEDERS SHOWCASE - THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Norwegian Elkhound Breeders Showcase

NEAA will again hold a Breeders Showcase! This presents an opportunity to see and examine potential stud dogs and learn about each other's breeding programs.

Each participant will be allocated a 10 X 10 space and provided a 6 ft table to display photos, pedigrees, health information, etc. Plan to provide your own crate(s) and grooming table(s).

Along with your current dogs, please bring information on planned upcoming breedings, frozen semen, pedigrees, health testing, and photos of offspring,

The Showcase will take place on Thursday Afternoon in the Gateway Hall.

Note: There is NO FEE to participate!

Reservations for breeders who wish to participate are not required but will help us with planning.

* Email neaanational@gmail.com with subject line NEAA Breeder Showcase.

* Please include your name, kennel name, name & number of dogs to be showcased.



Silent Auction and Raffle

Each year the NEAA strives to bring a raffle and silent auction that everyone enjoys. We rely on your donations to help make this possible! Suggested donations include Elkhound related items, themed baskets, state or regional foods, spirits, or souvenirs.

Sponsor an Event!

New for 2026!



Support our National Club

Sponsors Announced at each Event, Printed in Catalog & acknowledged in Social Media Announcements

Pat Trotter Seminar

Awards Banquet

Best of the Best/Veteran Sweeps

Bronze
Silver
Gold

\$100
\$250
\$500 +

Raffle/Silent Auction

Memorial Luminary Walk

Breeder's Showcase

Website
neaanational.com

Thank You To Our Volunteers

National Show Coordinator Ken Walker
Performance Events Coordinator Pam Johnson
Conformation Chairperson Cathy Chase
Agility Chairperson Linda Syner
Scent Work Chairperson Holly Lewis
Obedience & Rally Chairperson Renee Schmidt
Fast Cat Chairperson Cheryl Martin
Awards Banquet Debbie Walker
Best of Best of the Best Kathi Molloy
Breeder's Showcase Ken Walker
Catalog Advertising Ken Walker
Chief Ring Steward Cathy Chase
Emergency Responder Kim Chisholm
Judges Education Ed Hall / Debbie Walker

Judges Hospitality TBD
Judges Transportation Lisa & Michael Uxa
Memorial Luminary Wendy Vice-Wiley
Logo Merchandise Kristin Wehking
National Webpage Mary Albee
Publicity Book Annika Wilson / Mary Albee
Raffle Leslie Trapnell
Reserved Grooming Lori Webster
Ribbons Kim Stopyak
Ring Decorations Mary Albee & Leslie Trapnell
RV Parking Purina Farms / Ken Walker
Trophies Annika Wilson
Vendors Ken Walker
Welcome Bags Denise Bristol



Official Photographer

Hounds in Motion

Tori Lee

NEAA 2026



AMERIPRINT
APPAREL & PROMOTIONS

ORDER ONLINE AT: https://stores.ameriprintapparel.com/ness_nationals_2026/shop/home
Store Open: 2/1/2026 – 3/8/2026

WWW.AMERIPRINTAPPAREL.COM
KRISTIN@AMERIPRINTAPPAREL.COM

*For Items picked up at Nationals there is NO shipping charge. All items shipped will arrive after the events week.
Please contact Kristin Wehking with any questions*

RV PARKING AT PURINA FARMS There is nothing better than staying on site at Purina Farms in RV Parking! *Note: Due to the early April show date – The water in the RV Lots will not be available. There is a water outlet at the Service Center. Guests are welcome to fill up their water tank on arrival or pull over there anytime during their stay for additional water. The Service Center will be open 24/7 with restroom and shower facilities.*

Inside the Service Center you'll find dog-bathing tubs and showering facilities. Outside, there are two separate fenced-in, well-lit yards for exercising dogs.

All RV spaces have full hookups with 50 amp power and sewer hookup.

The nightly charge is
\$45/night (Row A), \$40/night (Row B) and \$35/night (Rows C & D).
There is no guarantee of site assignment.

Prepare to have extra sewer hose as your hookups might be on the opposite side than your tank.

The first night of your overnight camping reservations for the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America Nationals must start no earlier than **Noon April 5, 2026** and must end by **10a.m. on April 12, 2026**

Email the RV request form to:

rvparking@purina.nestle.com (Form on following page)

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

All requests must be **RECEIVED** by **March 23, 2026** .

If confirmed, you will receive an email confirmation, including a payment link.

Full payment by credit card must be received before the space can be finalized.

Check-in time is 3p.m. on the arrival date shown on your reservation confirmation.

Check-out time is 6p.m. if you depart April 11, 2026

Check-out time is 10a.m. if you depart April 12, 2026

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

Spaces are non-transferable.

Call (866) 979- 2488 or email rvparking@purina.nestle.com with any overnight camping questions.



The first night of your overnight camping reservations for the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America National must start no earlier than **April 5, 2026** and must end by 10a.m. on **April 12, 2026**. **Please email** this request form to rvparking@purina.nestle.com All requests must be RECEIVED by March 23, 2026 in order to be considered.**

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

- Check-out time is 6p.m. if you depart April 11, 2026
- Check-out time is 10a.m. if you depart April 12, 2026

** Water is not available in the Full-Service Purina Event Center RV lot from approximately November 1 through April 14. Due to this, the nightly fee in this lot will be reduced by \$5.*

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Event Affiliation: **Norwegian Elkhound National** (or list here if other) _____

Type of Vehicle (motorhome, travel trailer, fifth wheel) _____

Length of Vehicle/Equipment (unhooked) _____

RV License Plate # and State _____

If rented, name of the supplier *(Rental units must be picked up/dropped in accordance with reservation dates)*

Requested date of arrival _____ **(can arrive after 12p.m. on this day)**

Requested date of departure _____

of nights requested _____

Names of additional guests staying in RV _____

Please put an X next to your preference below. There is no guarantee of site assignment.

Full Service Event Center RV Lot

Row A Premium Parking..... \$ 45/night _____

Row B Premium Parking..... \$ 40/night _____

Rows C & D \$ 35/night _____

Electric Only Main Show Field RV Lot \$25/night _____

HOST HOTEL

**Holiday Inn Saint Louis West At Six Flags
4901 Six Flags Road
Eureka, MO 63025**



NEAA RATE \$132.00+ tax per night
(one to four persons) with 2 queen beds

\$35 one-time non-refundable pet fee
per room per stay;
maximum four dogs per room

Specify: Group: Norwegian Elkhound
Association of America

Reservations will be made by calling the hotel direct at 800-782-8108 or 636-938-6661 and identifying the group name.

NEAA Room Block will be held until March 5, 2026

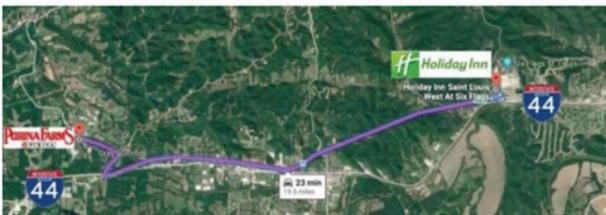
Approximately 1 month prior all guests with this group will pay a \$100.00 deposit that goes towards the balance of their stay.

Cancellations less than 2 weeks prior to arrival, this deposit is non-refundable.

Check-in 4:00 p.m.; check-out 11:00 a.m.

Dogs are always to be leashed when outside a guest room. Dogs left unattended in a guest room must be secured in a crate. Plastic sheeting should be placed under each crate in the guest room.

Exhibitors are expected to maintain their premises & their dogs (both at hotels & on the show grounds) in a quiet, clean & well kept manner.



Directions from Hotel to Purina Farms Event Center 12 min (9.8 miles)

***Holiday Inn Saint Louis West at Six Flags
4901 Six Flags Rd, Eureka, MO 63025***

Get on 1-44/US-50 W from Allenton Rd
2 min (0.4 mi)

Follow I-44/US-50 W to MO-100 E/Old Rte 66 E
in Gray Summit.

Take exit 253 from I-44/US-50 W 7 min (8.0 mi)

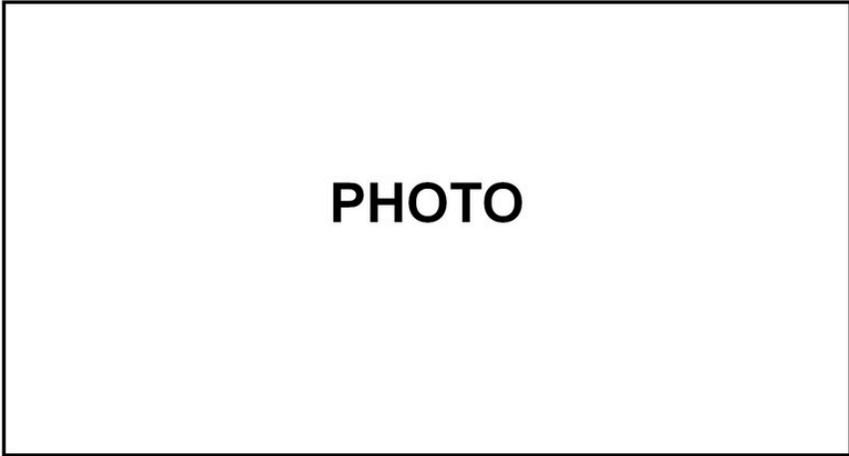
Take Hwy Mm to William Danforth Way 3 min (1.4 mi)

***Purina Farms
500 Willian Danforth Way
Gray Summit, MO 63039***

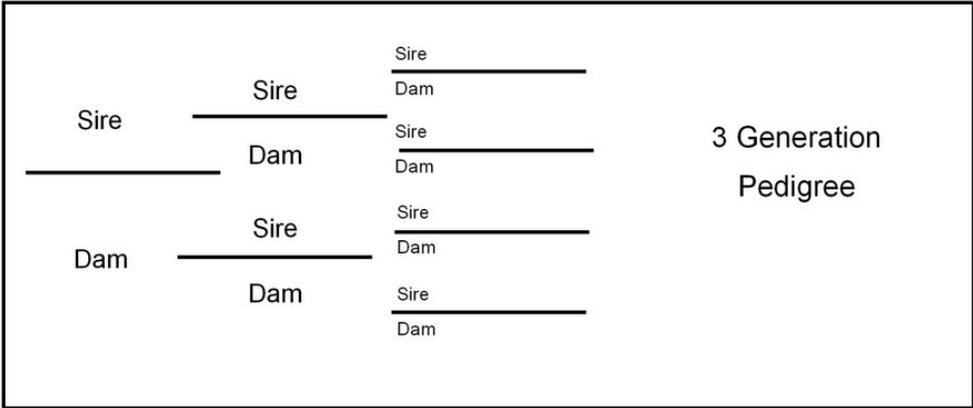


**A SPECIAL "BREEDER'S SHOWCASE" AD SECTION,
 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL CATALOG.
 THESE ADS ARE OFFERED AT A SPECIAL PRICE OF \$40 IN A STANDARD FORMAT,
 AND MUST INCLUDE A 3 GENERATION PEDIGREE AND HEALTH INFORMATION.
 DEADLINE MARCH 18TH**

Kennel Name or Dog Name



**Information Example (Dog Name/ Wins, Age, Number of Champions Produced)
 Heath Testing (OFA/Chic/etc,)**



Kennel Name / Owner / Breeder Information

**EMAIL COMPLETED AD IN .JPG FORMAT OR SUBMIT YOUR AD COPY AND
 PHOTOS AS SEPARATE FILES. (.JPG FOR PHOTOS AND .DOC FOR AD COPY)
 TO: NEAANATIONAL@GMAIL.COM
 (NOTE CATALOG AD IN SUBJECT LINE)**

RESERVED GROOMING RESERVATIONS OPENS JAN 14TH @ NOON PST

ORDER AND PAY ONLINE AT NEAANATIONAL.COM

Reserved Grooming Space

NEAA is offering 5x10 Grooming Spaces for \$60.

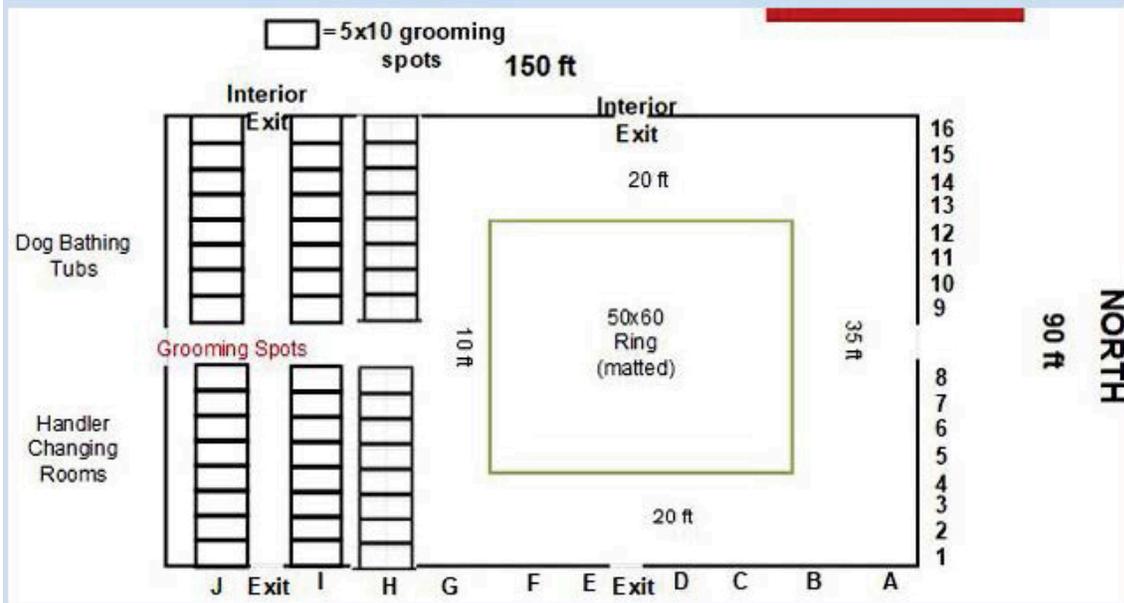
Grooming Space is LIMITED.

The grooming area will be available for setup between 3:00pm and 6:00pm, Tuesday April 7th; and between 6:00am and 6:00pm on Wednesday April 8th.

You must reserve and pay online at neaanational.com.

There will be a small amount of unreserved grooming space available. In this area, crates must be side-by-side in 5-foot designated rows. If needed, some crates may need to be double-stacked in the unreserved or day crating area.

NO DOGS WILL BE LEFT IN THE BUILDING OVERNIGHT.





DEDICATIONS

ORDER AND PAY ONLINE AT NEAANATIONAL.COM
EMAIL DEDICATION TO: NEAANATIONAL@GMAIL.COM

NAME:

PHONE

EMAIL:

SPONSOR AN EVENT: GOLD. SILVER. BRONZE

CIRCLE EVENT: PAT TROTTER SEMINAR, AWARDS BANQUET, BEST OF THE BEST/VETERANS, BREEDER'S SHOWCASE, SILENT AUCTION/RAFFLE, MEMORIAL LUMINARY WALK

SPONSOR A TROPHY
WRITE IN TROPHY:

DEDICATION: WRITE IN OR ATTACH WORD DOC TO EMAIL



PRICE LIST

ORDER AND PAY ONLINE AT NEAANATIONAL.COM

AWARDS BANQUET - \$45

MEMORIAL LUMINARY- \$25, \$10 Additional Luminaries

SHOW CATALOG - \$30 at show, \$40 if mailed

BREEDERS SHOWCASE AD - \$40 (Showcase participation is free)

CATALOG ADVERTISING - \$50 Full Page, \$30 Half Page, \$15 ¼ Page

SPONSOR AN EVENT - \$500 Gold, \$250 Silver, \$100 Bronze

TROPHY SPONSOR

National/Regional Conformation

BOB \$100
 BOS \$75
 BOW \$50
 SD \$50
 SB \$50
 WD \$50
 RWD \$40
 RWB \$40
 1ST \$30

JR Showmanship

BEST JR \$50
 RESERVE JR \$30
 1ST \$20

Agility

HIT \$75
 HIT PREFERRED
 \$75
 1ST \$30

Obedience

HIT \$75
 HIGH COMBINED
 \$75
 \$1ST \$30

Rally

HIGH TRIPLE Q
 \$75
 HIGH COMBINED
 \$75
 1ST \$30

Scent Work

HIT MASTER
 HIT EXC
 HIT
 ADV
 HIT NOVICE



ORDER FORM

ORDER AND PAY ONLINE AT NEAANATIONAL.COM

NAME:

PHONE

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

| DESCRIPTION | UNIT PRICE | QTY | TOTAL |
|----------------------|------------|-----|-------|
| AWARDS BANQUET | -- | | |
| SHOW CATALOG | -- | | |
| MEMORIAL LUMINARY | -- | | |
| BREEDERS SHOWCASE AD | -- | | |
| SPONSOR AN EVENT | -- | | |
| TROPHY SPONSOR | -- | | |
| CATALOG ADVERTISING | -- | | |

TOTAL \$

Order Online/Pay Online

Order Online/Mail Check

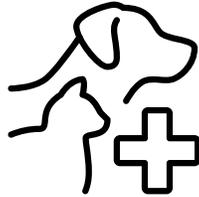
Mail Form & Check

Mail to: NEAA

c/o Mary Jo Benedetti

6 Pinewood Terrace, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Veterinarians



Veterinary Specialty Services

**1021 Howard George Dr,
Manchester, MO 63021**

(636 227-9400

Open 24 Hours

**Directions from show site:
(24.3 miles)
Get on I-44 E/US-50 E from Hwy
Mm and Old Rte 66 W
(1.6 mi)**

**Follow I-44 E/US-50 E to MO-141 N in Meramec
Township. Take exit 272 from I-44 E/US-50 E
(18.9 mi)
Follow MO-141 N to Howard George Dr in
Manchester
(3.8 mi)**

Pacific Animal Hospital

**450 West Flier Drive
Pacific, MO 63069**

(636) 257-2100

Hours:

**Monday 7 AM–6 PM
Tuesday 7 AM–5 PM
Wednesday 7 AM–6 PM
Thursday 7 AM–6 PM
Friday 7 AM–5 PM
Saturday 7 AM–12 PM
Sunday Closed**

Directions from show site:

- Exiting the Purina Farms facility, turn right on Highway MM.
- Turn right on Highway 100.
 - Cross over I-44
- Turn left on US-66 Osage Road for 2.7 miles.
 - Turn right on Flier Drive.
- Pacifica Animal Hospital Clinic is the first building on right.

Volunteers Needed for Performance Events!

NEAA needs your help!

**Agility Trial Volunteers - contact Linda Syner at
Jagman3@comcast.net**

**Obedience & Rally Volunteers - contact Renee Schmidt at
chiefdogz@aol.com**

**Scent Work Volunteers - contact Holly Lewis at
holly.lewis603@gmail.com**

**FastCat Volunteers - contact Cheryl Martin at
clmartin703@gmail.com**



**NEAA would like to acknowledge and thank
Mandy Smithers and Andréa Davies
for their work on the development of the
logo for our 33rd National Specialty.**

Thank You