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THE VERSATILE—NORWEGIAN NEAA NATIONAL 2024

Event & Information Booklet

National Specialty & Regional Specialty
Junior Showmanship
Conformation & Sweepstakes

Futurity/Maturity "The Breeder's Cup"

"Best of the Best" Invitational

All Breed Agility Trial

Two All Breed Obedience, Rally & Scent Work Trials

May 6th - May 11th, 2024



Purina Farm & Purina Events Center 500 William Danforth Way Gray Summit, MO 63039

Additional information and updates can be found at Neaanational.com







Welcome

Please join us for the 31st NEAA National Specialty as we celebrate the "Versatile Elkhound"

This annual gathering allows us to catch up with old friends, make new friends, and share our love of our "Great Gray Dogs". This is your opportunity to evaluate other Breeder's lines to assist in your plans to protect and preserve our breed in form and function, for future generations.

The week will kick-off with Performance Events on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

All-Breed <u>Agility</u> Trial Two All-Breed Rally Trials <u>Two</u> All-Breed <u>Obedience</u> Trials <u>Two</u> All-Breed <u>Scent Work</u> Trials.

Conformation Events will commence Thursday and conclude Saturday with the awarding of the 2024 National Specialty Winner.

Conformation Events include:

Regional / National Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes
Regional / National Specialty & Junior Showmanship
Futurity/Maturity "The Breeder's Cup"
"Generations" "Best of the Best"

Social & Educational Events include a Welcome / Annual Meeting, Educational Seminar, Veterans Reception, Awards Banquet and Raffle.





NEAA has elected to return to Purina Farms in Gray Summit Missouri for the 31th Norwegian Elkhound National Specialty show.

Purina Farms is a full-service dog event destination and has established a reputation as an extraordinary event center.

Purina Farm & Purina Events Center 500 William Danforth Way Gray Summit, MO 63039





Tentative

Schedule of Events



Monday	All Breed Agility Trial			
May 6				
Tuesday	AM All Breed Rally Trial			
	All Breed Obedience Trial			
May 7				
	PM All Breed Rally Trial All Breed Obedience Trial			
	All breed Obedience Thai			
Wednesday	All Breed Scent Work Trial 1			
1	All levels of containers and all levels of interior			
May 8	All Breed Scent Work Trial 2			
	All levels of containers			
	and novice level of exterior			
	Welcome / Annual Meeting			
Thursday	Regional Sweepstakes			
May 9	Regional Conformation			
	Futurity / Maturity "The Breeder's Cup"			
	Annual Awards Banquet			
Friday	National Puppy Sweepstakes			
May 10	Generations			
	Best of the Best Judging			
	Best Feature Competition			
	Education Seminar			
	Reception			
	National Junior Showmanship			
	National Veteran Sweepstakes			
	Best of the Best Award Celebration			
Saturday	National Conformation			
May 11	Judge's Comments			



NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEERS

National Show Coordinator Ken Walker Conformation Chair Cathy Chase

Performance Events Coordinator

Agility Chair Obedience Chair Rally Chair

Scent Work Chair

Futurity / Maturity Chair Chief Ring Steward

Trophies Ribbons

Judges Transportation
Judges Hospitality

Awards Banquet/Welcome/

Veteran Sweepstakes Reception

Best Feature Contest Best of the Best

Reserved Grooming
Merchandise
Raffle

Vendors

Welcome Bags

Catalog Advertising

Ring Decorations

Publicity Book National Webpage

Emergency Responder

Cathy Chase

Pam Johnson Linda Syner Renee Schmidt Renee Schmidt Holly Lewis

Laura Lewis Cathy Chase

Kim Leslie Kim Stopyak

Lisa & Michael Uxa Pat and Fred Philipp

Debbie Walker

Holly Lewis Erin Olsen

Lori Webster Kristin Wehking Ray Vaturro Ken Walker

Denise Bristol / Reba Bristol

Ken Walker

Mary Albee / Leslie Trapnel

Ken Walker

Mary Albee / Ken Walker

Kim Chisholm





Performance Events

NEAA is holding *All-Breed* Performance Events (Agility, Rally, Obedience, & Scent Work)

Norwegian Elkhounds will compete with all breeds, but will offer Rosettes for Elkhounds only.

High in Trial awards for Elkhounds will be awarded as in all previous National

Performance Events.







Conformation Events

In addition to the Regional & National Specialties, plan to showcase your Breeding Programs in the Puppy/Senior Sweepstakes, Generations, and the "The Breeder's Cup" Futurity/Maturity.

Recent Specialty Best of Breed winners will again be invited to compete to be awarded the "Best of Best".

"Our children are our future"
Be sure to encourage our "Junior Showmanship" competitors.









VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for PERFORMANCE EVENTS



We need your help!

NEAA is holding ALL-BREED Agility, Obedience, Rally and Scent Work Trials.

These ALL-BREED trails will help offset the cost of our National Specialty Week.

More Volunteers will be needed ... Please Volunteer

Agility Trial Volunteers

We ALWAYS need volunteers to help with equipment and setup for the agility trial. No experience necessary.

Come join in on the fun!

Contact Linda Syner at Jagman3@comcast.net





Obedience and Rally Trial Volunteers

Ring Stewards needed. No experience necessary.

Come join in on the fun!

Contact Renee Schmidt at chiefdogz@aol.com

Scent Work Trial Volunteers

FIRST TIME for HOLDING ALL-BREED SCENT WORK!

Do you have experience in:

Gate Stewarding, Set up, Timer, Registration, Ring Stewarding?

Are you ready to LEARN!!!

Contact Holly Lewis at holly.lewis603@gmail.com







Your donations enable the Club to purchase the trophies and ribbons that mark the wins at the National & Regional Specialty
Conformation & Performance Events.

Whatever the amount, your gift is appreciated. Your gift of trophy sponsorship will be acknowledged in the catalog along with any specific dedications. Each trophy may be dedicated in memory, in thanks, or in recognition of a kennel, person, or dog.

We will do our best to honor a specific trophy request, but may need to move donation to another trophy, since some requests are by mail and may be duplicate.

Our patron list appears on a feature page of the catalog, along with your special dedications!

Please note In order to be listed in the catalog your dedications must be received by <u>April 17th</u>

Reserve your Trophy and pay online at neaanational.com or submit your request on the All-in-One Form.

Agility Trial	Amt.	Rally Trial	Amt.
High Scoring in Trial	\$75	High Combined Rally (Advanced B & Excellent B)	\$75
First in each class	\$30	High Combined Rally Triple Score (Advanced B, Excellent B, Master)	\$75
	700	First in each class	\$30
Obedience Trial	Amt.	Scent Work Trial	Amt.
High in Trial	\$75	High in Trial Advanced	\$50
High Combined (Open B & Utility)	\$75	High in Trial Excellent	\$50
First in each class	\$30	High in Trial Master	\$50
		High in Trial Novice	\$50
		First in each class	\$30

<u>Performance</u> Events





Conformation Events



National Specialty	Amt.	Regional Specialty	Amt.
Best of Breed	\$100	Best of Breed	\$100
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed	\$75	Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed	\$65
Best of Winners	\$50	Best of Winners	\$50
Select Dog	\$50	Select Dog	\$50
Select Bitch	\$50	Select Bitch	\$50
Winners Dog	\$50	Winners Dog	\$50
Reserve Winners Dog	\$40	Reserve Winners Dog	\$30
Winners Bitch	\$50	Winners Bitch	\$50
Reserve Winners Bitch	\$40	Reserve Winners Bitch	\$30
First in each class	\$30	First in Each Class	\$30
National Junior Showmans	ship	Regional Junior Showmansh	i <u>p</u>
Best Junior Handler	\$50	Best Junior Handler	\$40
First in each class	\$20	First in each class	\$20

Official Photographer



Hounds in Motion Photography by Tori Lee, is a freelance photographer based out of Missouri.

Tori says ...

"I photograph a variety of canine-related events with a focus on ringside photography. Win photos, ringside, performance, private portrait sessions, you name it. If there is a dog involved (or animals in general) I will gladly point my camera at it!"

Reserved Grooming Space

NEAA is offering 5x10 Grooming Spaces for \$40.

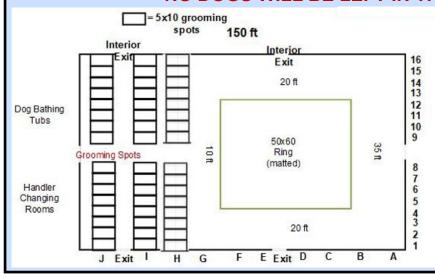
Grooming Space is LIMITED.

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

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.

You must reserve and pay online at <u>neaanational.com</u>.

NO DOGS WILL BE LEFT IN THE BUILDING OVERNIGHT.























2024 Norwegian Elkhound National Specialty "Best Feature Competition"

Each dog can be entered in as many categories as the exhibitor selects.

Judging will be based on the Norwegian Elkhound standard by selected breeders, judges/breeders in training in the breed as both fun & educational.

Support Judges education & feature your dogs top qualities!!!

Categories:

- Highlights of the Head
- Talented Tails
- Featured Feet
- Components of the Coat
- Excellent Ears
- Best Gait



All Elkhounds welcome (rescue, veteran, altered)

Be on the lookout for more information Entries: \$5 entry/category/dog (space will be limited)

This event will be held Friday

Placements include: Best and Reserve Best in each category



2024 Apparel & Logo Merchandise Store

Store Opens February 19, 2024 Store Closes April 7, 2024



ORDER ONLINE AT: AMERIPRINTAPPAREL.COM/NEAA_NATIONALS_2024
Opens: 2/19/2024 - Closes 4/7/2024

(608) 837-5010 - INFO@AMERIPRINTAPPAREL COM
WWW.AMERIPRINTAPPAREL.COM - 1708 SUNFIELD ST. SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53590

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 questions or special requests at kristin@ameriprintapparel.com



Welcome & Annual Meeting



Wednesday Evening

Come and pick up your "Welcome Bag" Meet and Great Old and New Friends

Enjoy some snacks!

Stay for the Annual Membership Meeting

Take advantage of your best opportunity to have input into your association's matters



Semi Formal Reception & Celebration

Friday Evening

We will be hosting a Reception to celebrate our Veterans and "Best of the Best"!

Our National Specialty Junior Showmanship competition will begin the evening!

You won't want to miss celebrating the Best of our Breed, honor our veterans, and encourage the future breeders and handlers of our beloved Elkhound.



Semi formal attire is encouraged.

Hors D'ourves & Cash Bar





NEAA Annual Awards Banquet & Celebration

Thursday May 9, 2024 - 6:30pm
Founders Room at the Purina Event Center



Celebrate our members that are recognized for their accomplishments in and out of the show ring.

Buffet includes

HARVEST GARDEN SALAD

Mixed Harvest Greens, Grape Tomatoes, English Cucumbers, Garlic Croutons, Shaved Parmesan Cheese & Red Wine Vinaigrette

BRAISED BEEF BRISKET

Slow Braised Brisket of Beef with Roasted Tomatoes

GOURNAY STUFFED CHICKEN

Breast of Chicken filled with Fresh Gurney, Spinach, Sundried Tomato

ROASTED POTATO MEDLEY

Tri Colored Potatoes with Brown Butter

HARICOT VERTS

Sauteed Petite Green Beans with Sea Salt and Cracked Black Pepper

NEW YORK STYLE CHEESECAKE

Beverage Station Include Freshly Brewed Iced Tea & Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee

CASH BAR SERVICE

\$48.00 per person

Make your Reservations online at
neaanational.com or through the All-In-One Form.

Special diet requests:

Contact: Debbie Walker—djwalkerneaa@bellsouth.net

Reservation Deadline April 17, 2024



HOST HOTEL



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

NEAA RATE \$130.95+ 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

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 April 5, 2024

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 guiet, 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 I-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 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO 63039



RV PARKING AT PURINA

There is nothing better than staying on site at Purina Farms in the RV Parking. Purina Farms has full service amenities Service Center that is open 24/7. 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, water and sewer hookup. The nightly charge is \$50/night (Row A), \$45/night (Row B) and \$40/night (Rows C & D). NOTE: Row A sites are limited and are pre-assigned to the Show Chairs and Show Secretary. Full payment by credit card must be received before the space can be confirmed and finalized. 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 May 4, 2024 and must end by 10a.m. on May 12, 2024. Please 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 April 22, 2024. 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 May 11, 2024

Check-out time is 10a.m. if you depart May 12, 2024

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.

Please call (866) 979- 2488 with any overnight camping questions.

NOTE: If you plan to attend the All Breed Shows May 3rd – May 5th – enter your early arrival date on your reservation form and indicate "All Breed Shows /Elkhound National" under Event Affiliation. The RV parking coordinator will group early arrival Elkhound competitors on "Full Service Row C" and assign your requested "Row" site for the NEAA show dates. You may move to the NEAA site when it becomes available or remain at the Row C site for the duration of your stay.



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- Check-out time is 6p.m. if you depart May 11, 2024
- Check-out time is 10a.m. if you depart May 12, 2024
- * 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			
City	State		Zip
Cell			
Email			
Event Affiliation: N	lorwegian Elkhound	Nationals (or list h	here if other)
Type of Vehicle (m	otorhome, travel tra	ailer, fifth wheel) $_$	
Length of Vehicle/	Equipment (unhook	ed)	
RV License Plate #	and State		
Rental or Owned			
If rented, name of	the supplier (Rental (units must be picked	up/dropped in accordance with reservation dates)
Requested date of	arrival		(can arrive starting at 3p.m. on this day)
Requested date of	departure		
# of nights reques	ted		
Please put an X ne	ext to your preferen	ce below. <u>There is</u>	no guarantee of site assignment.
Full Service Event	Center RV Lot		
	mium Parking mium Parking D		
Electric Only Main	Show Field RV Lot	\$25/night	



Silent Auction & Raffle

Silent Auction & Raffles are fun!

Every year the NEAA strives to bring you a bigger and better Raffle.

This year we are relying on you to help us.
We need lots of wonderful items to be donated as prizes to help us reach our goal.

Themed baskets are always popular, whether filled with state or regional foods and souvenirs, regional club clothing, grooming tools and supplies from local vendors, or dog toys and treats.



Concessions

The Checkerboard Café, adjacent to the Great Hall, provides food service at all shows. A nice little cafe in the event center at Purina Farms. Open for breakfast & lunch. They provide free refills on ice, soft drinks, and iced tea each day.

The Checkerboard Café is recommended over leaving the dog show to drive to a restaurant.

No outside food is allowed in the Purina Event Center.







Catalog Advertising

Advertising Deadline April 10th, 2024

** A FREE WEB AD IS AVAILABLE WITH A PAID FULL PAGE CATALOG AD (a \$45 value)

NEAA reserves the right to reject any advertising and disclaim any responsibility for accuracy of ad contents.

Prepare copy in a word processing program; email the file to neaanational@gmail.com (Note Catalog Ad in subject line)

Email completed ad in .jpg format or submit your ad copy and photos as separate files. (.jpg for photos and .doc for ad copy)

Send to:
Ken Walker
208 Grey Rd Pelzer, SC 29669
neaanational@gmail.com

NEAA Events Secretary

Christine Allen NEAA Show/Trial Secretary 322 Tooley Branch Road Westmoreland, TN 37186 (615) 406-8220



NEAA Show Secretary Scent Work
MARTI KINCAID
3849-B North 3700 East
Hansen, ID 83334
Denmarelkhounds@gmail.com
208-420-4750





Vendors

We are hoping to have new and exciting vendors, as well as those we have come to expect and look forward to seeing every year.

Vendor Booths are a 10 x 10-foot space at a cost of \$125 per space and includes a table plus electricity. Vendor space will be in the Gateway Hall and will be available for set up on Monday, May 8th.

Each Vendor may submit a JPEG image (no larger than 1250×1250) to Ken Walker for inclusion on the NEAANATIONAL.COM webpage and inclusion in the Specialty Catalog.

Per Purina Rules:

No dog food or treats that would be considered competitive with Purina Products.

Vendor Chair: Ken Walker – neaanational@gmail.com (864) 915-7426

Plan to attend these All-Breed Shows at Purina Farms prior to our Specialty Week







Friday May 3rd - Rolla Missouri Kennel Club Saturday May 4th - Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club Sunday, May 5th - Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri

For additional information contact:
Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., Superintendent
PO BOX 25764
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73125-0764
(405) 427-8181
mail@onofrio.com



2024 NEAA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW ALL-IN-ONE FORM

Show Catalog

To Ensure y	ou have a (Catalog - Ord	ler in advance

	Quanty	Price	Total
Pick up at Show		\$20.00	\$
Mailed After Show with Results		\$30.00	\$
		Total	\$

Awards Banquet - Thursday May 9th

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	Quanty	Price	Total
Banquet		\$48.00	\$
		Total	\$

Show Catalog Advertising

Prepare copy in a word processing program; email the file to neaanational@gmail.com (Note Catalog Ad in subject line) Email completed ad in pdf or .jpg format or submit your ad copy and photos as separate files. Send to:
Ken Walker
208 Grey Rd Pelzer, SC 29669
neaanational@gmail.com

	Quanty	Price	Total
Full Page (one photp) 5" x 8"		\$45.00	
Additional Page		\$45.00	
Additional Photo	_	\$5.00	
Half Page		\$20.00	
Quarter Page (no photo)		\$10.00	
		Total	\$

Best Feature Competition

Call Name of Dog	<u>Categories</u>	Price	Total
	Highlights of the Head	\$5.00	
	Talented Tails	\$5.00	
	Featured Feet	\$5.00	
	Components of the Coat	\$5.00	
	Excellent Ears	\$5.00	
	Best Gait	\$5.00	
		Total	\$



2024 NEAA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW ALL-IN-ONE FORM

	Trombus	Donation	Denote before 4/45 to be listed in the Show Catala	
			s - Donate before 4/15 to be listed in the Show Catalo neaaanational.com to ensure you trophy choice is available	g
			r make a donation for the general trophy fund	
	<u>National</u>	<u>Regional</u>	Description of Trophy	Donation Amo
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2nd Choice	·			\$
3rd Choice				\$
			Donation to NEAA General Trophy Fund	\$
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		-	Show Catalog \$	
			Show Catalog Advertising \$	
			Best Feature Competition \$	
			NEAA Banquet \$	
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Veterinarians

Pacific Animal Hospital	Hours:	
	Monday	7 AM-6 PM
450 West Flier Drive	Tuesday	7 AM-5 PM
Pacific, MO 63069	Wednesday	7 AM-6 PM
(636) 257-2100	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.

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)





GRAY SUMMIT & ST. LOUIS INFORMATION



Gray Summit Missouri is located about 40 miles west of Downtown St. Louis.

St. Louis is full of unique attractions. Most people are familiar with the symbolic Gateway Arch on the Mississippi River, but St. Louis has many attractions worthy of a side trip while you are in Missouri.

Union Station, a National Historic Landmark, opened to the public on Sept. 1st in 1894 and was once the biggest and busiest train terminal in the nation. Now, Union Station is a popular family entertainment complex that includes a hotel, mini-golf course, mirror maze, the St. Louis Wheel (200-foot-tall observation wheel), and a world class aquarium is scheduled to open in December 2019. Admission to the St. Louis Zoo is free and Forest Park, host to the 1904 World's Fair, is regarded as one of the most beautiful urban parks in the world.

