

SEATTLE KENNEL CLUB INC.

DOG SHOW

74th ANNUAL SEATTLE KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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Show Hours 8 am to 6 pm

Tickets available at the show

Adults - \$10.00

Seniors 62+ - \$5.00

Juniors 4-14 yrs. - \$5.00

Children under 4 yrs - Free

CONFORMATION COMPETITION

Showing dogs is a great sport where the thrill of competition is combined with the joy of seeing beautiful dogs. To be eligible to compete, a dog must be

- individually registered with the American Kennel Club
- be 6 months of age or older
- be a breed for which classes are offered at a show
- meet any eligibility requirements in the written standard for its breed.

Dog shows, or “conformation” events, are the signature events of the AKC. They highlight the distinctive features of purebred dogs and help to preserve these characteristics by

providing a forum at which to evaluate breeding stock. Judges examine the dogs, then give awards according to how closely each dog compares to the judge's mental image of the "perfect" dog as described in the breed's AKC official standard, which is established for the AKC-recognized breeds by their parent clubs. These written standards describe the ideal size, color and temperament of each breed, as well as correct proportion, structure and movement.

The judges are experts on the breeds they are judging. They examine ("go over") each dog with their hands to see if the teeth, muscles, bones and coat texture conform to the breed's standard. They view each dog in profile for overall balance, and watch each dog gait ("move") to see how all of those features fit together in action.

AGILITY

What is dog agility? Dogs and handlers must execute intricate obstacle courses, which include jumps, tunnels, and all sorts of contact obstacles (including a teeter-totter!). AKC agility trials have three levels of competition: novice (beginners), open (intermediate), and excellent (advanced). Dog agility is intense and exciting at the Seattle Kennel Club show, where dogs and handlers perform on an indoor, carpeted course just a few feet away from hundreds of spectators.

We're lucky in the Northwest to have some of the best agility competitors in the country. Expect to see some of the top agility competitors at the Seattle Kennel Club trial. If you've watched some of the national dog agility competitions on TV, you'll recognize some of the dogs and handlers

OBEDIENCE

Obedience trials test a dog's ability to perform a prescribed set of exercises on which it is scored. The basic objective of obedience trials, however, is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions.

The performance of dog and handler in the ring must be accurate and correct according to the Obedience Regulations. It is also essential that the dog demonstrate willingness and enjoyment while it is working and that a smooth and natural handler be given precedence over a handler moving with military precision and using harsh commands.

In each exercise, you must score more than 50 percent of the possible points and get a total score of at least 170 out of a possible 200. Each time your dog gets at least a 170 qualifying score, he's earned a "leg" toward his title. Earn three legs and your dog has just earned an obedience title! There are 3 levels at which your dog can earn a title and each is more difficult than the one before it. The classes are divided into "A" and "B" at an obedience trial; "A" classes are for beginners whose dogs have never received a title and "B" classes are for more experienced handlers.

The best part of watching a trial is to see the close bond that has developed between the dog and handler. Their total concentration on the task at hand gives way to the sheer delight of accomplishment that can be seen on the faces of both - and in the wag of a tail.

RALLY

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. Any faults in traditional obedience that would be evaluated and scored as a one-point deduction or more should be scored the same in Rally, unless otherwise mentioned in the Rally Regulations. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

Rally provides a link from the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program to obedience or agility competition, both for dogs and handlers. In addition, rally promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels of competition.

MEET THE BREED

A special attraction is "Meet The Breed". Pre-selected breeds are presented by knowledgeable owners/handlers, showcasing their breed's specific characteristics. A great opportunity to get to know these breeds on an "up close and personal" basis.

See the Meet the Breed schedule that is available at Ring 43.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

Another special attraction is the "Performance Ring Area". A schedule of performances by groups like K-9 Nose Works, Ewe-topia Herding Training School and Seattle Police Department Canine Unit will perform at the Show on a daily basis.

See the Performance Ring schedule at Rings 41, 42.

SHOW TOURS

Ever wondered what's REALLY going on at a dog show? Did you ever ask, "What *is* that judge doing in the show ring?" Or why did that dog go through the tunnel before he went on the see-saw? Or why is that dog's hair cut that way? Our complimentary show tours are your opportunity to get the answers to these questions and many more, while learning the basics of this fascinating sport that we share with our pets. Our tours run every hour on the hour between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13.

Each tour is led by a seasoned member of Seattle Kennel Club who has been involved in dog shows for decades. In an effort to cater each tour to accommodate the unique interests of our tour attendees, we limit the size of each tour to six children and adults (total) with special consideration allowed for large families and groups in attendance.

Book your free tour NOW by emailing: [Tours at Seattle Kennel Club](#). Certificates for home-school units and field-trip accreditation is available but only when booked before March 10. Day-of-Show sign-ups will be available on a space-available basis (no certificates) at the Seattle Kennel Club Information Table near the main entrance.