2018 Planning Booklet

American Bullmastiff Association

61st Annual National Specialty

September 24-29, 2018

Host Hotel
Capitol Plaza Hotel
1717 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66612
785-431-7200

Hosted By:
American Bullmastiff Association

www.bullmastiff.us
WELCOME

On behalf of the 2018 Show Committee, we would like to invite you to join us this September in the capital city, Topeka, Kansas for an amazing time at the ABA National Specialty

The committee is very excited to host a week long event, including conformation, agility, obedience and rally. Keep in mind, there will be two Independent Specialties held to start the festivities Monday and Tuesday along with our working events. Your Health & Research & Breeder’s Education committees have planned two very exciting seminars that you won’t want to miss.

Our Host Hotel is a very pet friendly hotel that has hosted many National Breed Specialties over the years. Kansas is known as the “Sunflower State” or “Jayhawk State”. Topeka’s name came from an old Indian name that means “a place where we dig potatoes”. Next time you play trivia you will rock that answer! There have been three Navy ships named the USS Topeka after the city. It is also close to its neighboring city, Kansas City, which is called the “City of Fountains” because it has more working fountains than any place in the world, including Rome.

The information in this Planning Booklet will guide you through the scheduled events and provide you with information on how to participate in all of the activities of the Specialty. So, gather your crew, bring an extra slobber towel and come join us for fun in the Land of Oz!

Vicki Allenbrand – Show Chairperson
Suzanne Storms – Assistant Show Chairperson
Distinguished Panel of Judges

Independent Specialty, Monday
  Sweepstakes: Marilyn Deeds
  Regular Classes and Best of Breed: Grace Fritz

Independent Specialty, Tuesday
  Sweepstakes: Michele McGovern
  Regular Classes and Best of Breed: James Moses

National Specialty
Conformation
  Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes: Chris Rasmussen
  Futurity: Julie Ahrens
  Regular, Non-Regular, Best of Breed & Junior Showmanship: Virginia Rowland

Performance
  Agility: Craig Josling
  Obedience & Rally: Jeanne Ramirez
TRAVEL INFORMATION

BY AIR
Kansas City International Airport (MCI) – 60 miles west

BY LAND
TRAVELING EAST ON KANSAS TURNPIKE (I-70): Exit 183, I-70 to West Topeka. Exit I-70 (Exit 363 Expocentre). Follow signs to Expocentre. Turn right on 21st Street to Expocentre. Hotel is adjacent to Expocentre.

TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-75: exit Topeka Blvd (Ave) north to show site. Do not take Bypass.

TRAVELING WEST OR NORTH ON I-70: Exit at 1st St, follow signs to Topeka Blvd (Ave). Follow Topeka Blvd south to show site.

(A special thank you to Shirley Dewitte for the artwork provided in this planning booklet)
ACCOMMODATIONS

HOST HOTEL
Capitol Plaza Hotel – 1717 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66212 – 785-431-7200.
All events will be held at the hotel with the exception of agility which is next to the hotel in Domer Arena.
Room Rates - A deposit is required on all reservations in the amount of one night room fee and tax. Run of House - $109 mention Bullmastiff National for the special rate

CANCELLATIONS: Any cancellation of a guaranteed reservation must be received August 24, 2018 prior to the scheduled date of arrival in order to avoid one night’s room and tax fee.

RV INFORMATION
On-Site RV Parking: There will be an area blocked off for RV parking. Utilities can be provided. There will be a “honey wagon” service available. For more information contact Tina Thompson at tthompson@follysbullmastiff.com. Reservation deadline is August 27, 2018. Payment must be received in full prior to parking on site. An RV reservation form can be found on www.bullmastiff.us
Rates:
30 amp $40 per night
50 amp $45 per night
50 amp with water $50 per night

HOTEL SPECIAL PET REQUIREMENTS

- $75 non-refundable pet fee required at check-in from guests with dogs in room
- Maximum of 4 dogs per room
- Dogs must be crated when left in guest rooms unattended. Housekeeping must check all rooms daily. No grooming or bathing of dogs in guest rooms.
- Plastic is required under crates at all times.
- Dogs must be on leash when walking in public areas. Be respectful of the “No Dogs Allowed” signs inside and outside the hotel.
- Hotel will provide designated area for exercise and dog walk
- Group will assign a liaison to the hotel to work on a daily basis with hotel staff to ensure adherence to special pet requirements by attendees to the event.
- Dog Washing Area will be provided outside the hotel. Please bring your own towels and shampoo.
**2018 SHOW COMMITTEE** – Please be sure to thank a committee member when you see them. It takes a lot of time and commitment to put on our National and we could not do it without them!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 24TH

- Agility (morning)
- SSBC Independent Specialty & Sweepstakes (afternoon)

Tuesday, September 25TH

- Obedience & Rally (morning)
- ABA Independent Specialty & Sweepstakes (afternoon)

Wednesday, September 26TH

- Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes
- H&R Seminar
- Breeders Education Seminar
- Comedy Show

Thursday, September 27TH

- Judges Education Seminar
- Futurity
- Class Dogs & Veteran Dogs
- Top 25

Friday, September 28TH

- 4-6 Month Puppy
- Class Bitches & Veteran Bitches
- ABA Annual Meeting
- Parade of Rescue, Veterans & Title Holders
- Silent Auction, Art Auction & Dinner

Saturday, September 29TH

- Junior Showmanship
- Best of Breed
- Farewell Party
RESERVE YOUR CATALOG TODAY
A limited number of 2018 catalogs will be printed. Pre-order yours to ensure you will get one by using the Event Registration Form at the end of this planning booklet or in the premium list.
Pre Ordered: $25  Day of Show: $30  Marked Catalogs Mailed: $45
Questions: contact Denise Barton twinpinefarm@gmail.com

CATALOG ADVERTISING
Deadline for Ad Submission is July 30, 2018
Please share your love of your specialty dogs and brags through a 2018 Catalog Ad!
Top 10 Reasons to Place a Catalog Ad
  10. Promote regional and/or national club membership, events and activities
  9. Advertise your kennel, a product or service
  8. Success/participation in performance events
  7. Honor your human friends in the bullmastiff world
  6. Success/participating in conformation events
  5. Sing the praises of a veteran or a new puppy
  4. Brag about you and your dog
  3. It’s a chance for you and your dog to be “famous”
  2. Honor the memory of a 4-legged companion
  1. Just because you have the most wonderful bullmastiff in the world!!

Catalog Ad Rates
  Full page Color: $85
  Two facing pages: $150
  Covers - first come, first-serve basis
    Outside back cover: $400
    Inside front cover: $375
    Inside back cover: $325
  The ad rates include one photo per page. Additional photos are $25 for up to 4 total photos

Please send ad form, photos and payment, made payable to 2018 ABA National. Payment is due with the ad submission. Send all catalog ads to:
  Cheryl Pike amuletbfm@yahoo.com

You may also submit pages print-ready. This means a 300 dpi min. PDF or JPEG file. Bleeds not permitted. Photographs scanned at 300 dpi and typed text is acceptable via email as well. Photos will be returned at the show or include a SASE for return by mail. Remember to put your name on the back of each photo and include your email in case we need to clarify anything for your ad. The ABA reserves the right to decline or alter any ad found to be objectionable or not in good taste.
BASKET RAFFLE

Raffles are a big part of the fun of any National and all the wonderful, donated prizes help to fund all the “extras” that make the Specialty special. Theme baskets are always popular, whether filled with state or regional foods and souvenirs, regional club logo attire, grooming tools & supplies from local vendors, dog toys and even treats. Other favorites are anything bullmastiff related, portable chairs, crates and books.

The raffle will be on display and tickets will be sold throughout the week. Please consider making a donation to the basket raffle on your own or with a group. If you don’t have time to shop but would like to contribute, we’ll gladly accept your monetary donation and shop for you! Contributions of all sizes are greatly appreciated.

Please contact Paula Sturiale at paula.sturiale@usoncology.com to pledge your item(s).

ART AUCTION

Friday, September 28th
Please join us for what is always a great fundraiser for the breed and a great time! We plan to have many extraordinary items and you won’t want to miss the opportunity to outbid your friends! Auction items will be on view prior to the start of the auction.

We are in need of your generous donations of auction items from Bullmastiff Fanciers everywhere. Some outstanding bullmastiff related items that have been favorites in the past years are paintings, portraits, woodworking, jewelry and all types of bullmastiff history related items. Your donation does not have to be bullmastiff or dog related. Anything you can donate will be very much appreciated. Please contact Suzanne Storms suzs600@gmail.com with questions and your donations.

VENDORS

Vendor space is available. Vendors will be allowed to set up on Sunday, September 23rd. For more information contact Christy Atchley, catchsley1@gmail.com, or Cheryl Pike, amuletbmf@yahoo.com
CONCESSIONS

The hotel has a nice restaurant for your dining pleasure. Because we are typically rushed for time during the lunch breaks, they will offer a nice buffet throughout the week to get in and out quickly. This will keep you from being tied up in the dining room when the show starts back up.

EVENTS & BANQUETS

Make your reservations on the event reservation form at the end of this planning booklet or in the premium list.

Wednesday, September 26th
Yes, you are reading this correctly! Come join us for a night of comedy! Our two opening acts and feature act will have you laughing all night.

Friday, September 28th
Art Auction & Silent Auction Dinner – we will offer dinner prior to the start of the auction. There are excellent dinner choices that can be found on the event registration form. For questions contact Mary Barbara Walsh marybwalsh@aol.com

Saturday, September 29th
Annual Awards & Farewell Banquet – This wraps up the end of our memorable week. There will be plaques available to be picked up, other awards presented and the Top 25 People’s Choice Winner will be announced. Plus, the information for the 2019 National will be shared. Again, please make your reservation on the event registration form.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Wednesday, September 26th
Health & Research Presentation - IMMUNOTHERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF CANINE CANCER

SPEAKER: REBECCA FULTON VMD

Learn about the newest advances in treating several types of canine cancers (osteosarcoma, lymphoma, certain types of hemangiosarcoma) using immunotherapy. Immunotherapy is NOT chemotherapy but is comprised of a variety of modalities including monoclonal antibodies and vaccines. It utilizes the body's immune system to recognize and eradicate cancer cells. Unfortunately, most of us have had to deal with these terrible diagnoses but with new and advanced treatments, there is hope in our Breed's future.

Breeder’s Education Presentation - FOCUS ON TEMPERAMENT

SPEAKER: DR. MONA LINDAU

Author of “Bringing Up a Bullmastiff Puppy”

Mona has been training bullmastiffs since 1980 (have yet to succeed)

She will discuss the bullmastiff temperament, and what has changed/not changed over the past. Discover how to “read” your bullmastiff’s facial expressions.
SPEAKER: MRS. LYNN SPOHR

Lynn has been breeding and showing bullmastiffs for over 30 years. Her focus will be on temperament testing and how to best place the right puppy with the right owner.

Thursday, September 27th
Judges Education Seminar - The ABA’s judge’s education committee will be holding a seminar for aspiring bullmastiff judges during this time. (aspiring judges only)

PARADES

Friday, September 28th
Veterans Parade (no entry fee) – Has your bullmastiff celebrated their sixth birthday? The Parade of Veterans is a wonderful way for ALL of us to celebrate the dogs of our breed that have attained Veteran’s status. It’s always emotional to watch the older dogs get out there and move around the ring. Don’t miss this opportunity to show off your Veteran! Contact Valerie Vessey at v_vessey@yahoo.com or Cindy & Marko Urukalo at murukalo@mc.net for more information.

Parade of Titleholders (entry fee required) – Has your bullmastiff earned an AKC, CKC, International or other title in the variety of rings offered to us? Here’s a great opportunity to let your champion or performance dog strut their stuff around the ring. You must enter with Onofrio to participate in this event. Each dog will be presented with a rosette. Contact Valerie Vessey or Cindy & Marko Urukalo for more information.

Rescue Parade (no entry fee) – Year after year we continue to have dog come into our rescue program. You will hear about the history of these dogs, stories from their new owners and information on rescue dogs that are awaiting their forever homes. As a club, we are very proud to be able to save and help so many dogs across the country. We would not be able to do this without the donations from caring individuals. Come enjoy meeting these beautiful animals and learn how important this is to our organization. Melissa Bausman at linmor2@aol.com or Cindy & Marko Urukalo for more information.

*All parade entries should follow instructions that will be provided in the premium list.
2018 ABA NATIONAL EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this form to sign up for all of the events for the week. Make your check payable to 2018 ABA National, in US funds. Mailing address: Vicki Allenbrand, 24779 Harmony Road, Paola, KS 66071. Or pay via PayPal to 2018abanational@gmail.com. **This form must be included with your payment.** If you are paying via PayPal, email the form to Vicki. For more information check the Facebook group page “2018 ABA National” or the ABA website [www.bullmastiff.us](http://www.bullmastiff.us). Any questions, contact Vicki at blackjackdogs@earthlink.net.

*Reservations for the Top 25, Dinner-Art Auction & Farewell Party must be received by September 16, 2018.*

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ROOM RAFFLE

Enter to win a free room - 6 NIGHTS!
At this year’s ABA National Specialty in Topeka Kansas
September 24-29

$25 per Ticket

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By check:
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24779 Harmony Road
Paola, KS 66071

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