

2026 Planning Booklet

Leonberger Club of America

2026 National Specialty Show

AKC Conformation w/NOHS, LCA Club Show, Draft, Canine Good Citizen Testing, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, Puppy Sweepstakes, Top 20 Gala, Veteran Sweepstakes, Versatile Parade, Rescue, Therapy & Veteran Parades.



May 5th – May 9th, 2026

BOULDER FALLS EVENTS CENTER
605 Mullins Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355

Host Hotel

BEST WESTERN PREMIER BOULDER FALLS INN
505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, Oregon 97355

Events to take place indoors unless otherwise noted

<https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

You are cordially invited to attend the 39th Annual LCA National Specialty which will be held in Lebanon, Oregon.

Lebanon, OR, known for its small-town charm and access to abundant outdoor recreation, has a history rooted in the timber and agriculture industries. Surrounded by the scenic Willamette National Forest and the South Santiam River, this vibrant community is now home to several healthcare colleges and is the world headquarters of Entek.

Parks and walking trails are plentiful so be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to explore the area with your dog. Once you've hiked to exhaustion, visit downtown Lebanon with its cute shops and restaurants to relax over a snack and a craft beer or two.

All shows, seminars and dinner events will be held at the Boulder Falls Event Center in Lebanon. Draft tests will be held at beautiful Timber Linn Park in nearby Albany, Or.

We look forward to having you join us as we celebrate our 39th National.

Your Hosts, the LCA Show & Event Committee

INTRODUCTION

We have prepared this booklet to assist you as you plan for your trip to attend. Our event takes place in Lebanon, OR from Tuesday, May 5th to Saturday, May 9th, 2026.

ACCOMODATIONS

BEST WESTERN PREMIER Boulder Falls Inn

505 Mullins Drive,
Lebanon, Oregon 97355
Phone: 541-451-1000

Room rates:

Non-Pet and Pet Rooms are \$135/night + taxes*

One time \$100 charge will be added per room for rooms with dogs – limit 4 dogs/room

*Room rate includes hot buffet breakfast

Room block is CALL IN ONLY: Leonberger Club of America and Final Date for discount is 04/03/2026

In the event of a problem, with your hotel booking, contact Ginny at vbartholomay@gmail.com

RV Space

There are several RV parks located a short distance from the show site. You will find the information at:

<https://www.lca-specialty.com/rv>

Weather Averages: May - 70 degrees for the highs and 45 degrees for the lows with 3 days of rain.

Mild cool and breezy, PERFECT Leonberger weather!

FIRST TIME ATTENDING THE LCA NATIONAL OR NEED A REFRESHER COURSE?

- This booklet is intended to help guide you through the process. If at any time you have a question, please contact Ginny Bartholomay at vbartholomay@gmail.com

There will be a **Rookie/Newbie & Mentor Reception** starting at 3:00 pm on Tuesday afternoon.

REGISTRATION

Registration, ads, grooming space, merchandise, trophy ordering and entries are on-line. Links are shown below:

- 1: Registration for the national including parades and purchases of ads, merchandise, trophy sponsorships, seminars, clinics, and workshops can be found at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>
- 2: Opening of entries for the LCA Club show, AKC shows, and obedience & rally will be announced and a link published.
- 3: Opening of entries for the Draft Tests will be announced and a link published to the National Specialty website.
- 4: Opening of entries for CCA Testing will be announced and a link published to the National Specialty website.

We are looking forward to a wonderful event and hope to see you there.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES & GENERAL INFORMATION

CLOSING DATE DEADLINES

March 11	Entries Open
March 11	General Registration Opens
March 16	Ad material submission ends
March 31 - FIRM No Exceptions	Embroidered Merchandise Orders close – and will need to be picked up at the National or shipped for an additional fee paid at purchase.
April 3	Last Day to book discounted block rate rooms at the show hotel
April 15	Draft Test Entries Close
April 15	Parades close – Draft [Parade and Costume Contest], Veteran, Rescue, Versatility & Therapy to be included in program. Late additions will be accepted but will not be listed in the program.
April 15	General Registration Closes
April 15	LCA Club Show Entries Close
April 15	AKC Entries Close - Conformation, Obedience, Rally Obedience
May 31	Last day to order Regular Show Merchandise - Embroidered items not included.

Late Registration will be available during the event only during posted Registration Booth hours.

Note: Seminars and Workshops will be open only to Registered "badged" Attendees

Merchandise and Meal purchase for late registrants will be *subject to availability*.

Late Registration: \$40/single and \$50/family

To Register go to: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

Trophy and Ribbon sponsorship is very important to the success of the shows. Please consider sponsoring and dedicating a trophy at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/trophies>

CATALOG ADVERTISING: Deadline for Ad Submission is March 16th

Please consider featuring your special Leo, product, or regional club in the 2026 National Specialty Program! It's a wonderful way to reach Leonberger enthusiasts in the US and abroad. Introduce your latest Champion, show off your new puppy and/or next generation of Leos, brag about your dog's accomplishments in breed/performance rings, pay tribute to your veteran dog.

All ads will be printed in color format. Submit a camera-ready ad or have your ad designed.

Ad Submission—Online: Pay by credit card at the LCA online store at <https://www.lca-specialty.com/ads> Design work will not begin until your ad space has been paid. Questions? Contact Ginny Bartholomay at vbartholomay@gmail.com

Email final ad submissions and all ad design layout materials to Maria Nelson at doggeddesign@icloud.com with "2026 Catalog Ad" in the subject line.

2026 LCA National Specialty **New** Ad Size & Pricing

4.375"(w) x 7.5"(h)

4³/₈"(w) x 7¹/₂"(h)

Ad Pricing:

- \$50 - Purchase of ad space only, Print-ready pdf supplied for placement: \$50
- \$90 - Purchase of ad space & design services, Images/materials supplied for design services: \$90

If you are sending a final ad (\$50.00):

- Print-ready pdf (No design services required)
- Resolution: High (300dpi/ppi)
- Size: 4.375"w x 7.5"h
- Bleed: None

If you are sending materials for an ad to be designed (\$90.00):

- Design services required
- High resolution image(s), jpegs (300dpi/ppi), if possible
- Logo, if applicable
- Ad copy/text (ie. Congratulations / Good Luck / Upcoming Breeding / Contact info, etc.)
- Layout / Sketch / Concept Idea

When submitting your ad/materials, please specify the exact format in which you would like to be listed in the Advertisers Index of the National Specialty program:

- Last Name, First Name / Kennel
- Last Name, First Name
- Kennel Name

Submit Final ads and all ad materials to Maria Nelson doggeddesign@icloud.com

If you would like to upload large files please use this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/UefwqXmMQbKkoUVYyunc>

CRATING AND GROOMING

No indoor grooming space will be available. Outdoor grooming space only. No electrical service will be provided. Exhibitors may set up small tents in the north parking lot next to the Event Center and should plan to bring a generator if electrical power is needed. Bathing tubs and a hose will be available on site.

MEALS

Menus will be found at <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

- Trivia Night Dinner – Wednesday – Buffet
- Top 20 Dinner – Friday – Buffet
- Awards Banquet – Saturday - Buffet

Meals can be purchased at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

MERCHANDISE

Deadline for Embroidered or Special merchandise is March 31st.

Deadline for Regular national merchandise purchase is May 31st.

You can see sample photos and order merchandise at. <https://www.lca-specialty.com/merchandise>

CCA TESTING

The Non-Competitive Conformation Assessment Program for Leonbergers offered by the LCA will allow for a Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) to be earned by all Leonbergers over the age of 18 months that are AKC registered and those who are registered with the AKC as PAL/ILP dogs. Spayed and neutered animals are permitted to participate, as are dogs owned by non-members of the Leonberger Club of America.

Register your dogs for the CCA at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

PARADES – Calling all Versatile, Veteran, Rescue and Therapy dogs! We want to honor you!

- **Versatile, Veteran, Rescue and Therapy - Friday Evening during Top 20 Intermission**

<https://www.lca-specialty.com/> Dogs may be added after April 15th but will not be listed in the program.

RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS – 3 ways to do it

1. Order your raffle item online and have it sent to LCA Specialty Raffle, c/o Nadine Love-Filer, N 6044 Johnson Road, Burlington, WI 53105-2911 (**must arrive before April 21**). Include a gift card with your info and email Wendy Jones at wendyruhl@comcast.net to let her know it is coming.
2. Let Wendy shop for you! Email Wendy at wendyruhl@comcast.net for information on where to send money.
3. OR bring it with you. Send an email to Wendy at wendyruhl@comcast.net to let her know what you are bringing.

Some helpful tips for items:

- Reach out to any vendors you frequent (this is advertisement for them—Human and Dog alike)
- What does your Leo love
- What is your favorite Leo item
- What is your favorite training item

- What is something you wish you had
- What would you like to try
- Share your Talent with all of us!!! What are you good at?

TOP 20 GALA - Friday 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – with Buffet Dinner

Veteran, Rescue and Therapy Dog Parades during intermission

The Top 20 Competition offers all who attend a chance to view the very best Leonbergers in the country based on their competitive standings in AKC breed points and the automatic qualifiers (BISS & BOS in AKC National and LCA Club Show) from the previous year. It is intended to showcase excellence in Leonbergers, and to educate and entertain judges, exhibitors, breeders and fanciers. Using a score sheet and point system, each dog will be evaluated independently by three judges as to how closely it conforms to the breed standard.

Audience members also get to vote on their favorite dogs. The People's Choice Awards will be announced Friday evening after completion of the Top 20 competition. During intermission, you will get to see parades for Veteran, Therapy and Rescue dogs while we await the People's Choice Award Results. Top 20 Winners will be announced on Saturday during the awards banquet.

Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

MEET THE BOARD, SEMINARS and CLINICS

Tuesday – 5:00 pm Handling Clinic: Tips on how best to present your dog in the show ring

Wednesday – 6:30 pm Meet the Board: A buffet dinner and Trivia with the Board. It should be a fun, informal way to get to know the LCA board members. Now is your chance to put a face to a Board member's name, introduce yourself, ask questions about Club business and let them know how you would like to become more involved.

VENDORS

Vendor rates are \$100 for all days of the event May 5 – May 9, 2026. Standard booth spaces are 10'x10'. Space is limited, reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. 1 Table & 2 chairs included. Electricity and skirting are available for an additional fee. The Specialty Committee reserves the right to determine vendor location and space.

Reservations **MUST** be made directly by completing the form online at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

Payment must accompany your reservation form and is **non-refundable after April 6th**.

Note: No signs, banners, or decorations may be affixed to the walls or doors of the event area. Boulder Falls Event Center will be available for set-up after 9:00 AM Tuesday, May 5th. All vendors must take down their booths and be moved out by 7pm on Saturday, May 9th, 2026. No food or alcohol may be served from vendors booths. Pet food is permitted.

VOLUNTEERING

The LCA National depends on volunteers to make it a successful event. It is also a great way to meet people. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time during the week, please sign up at

<https://www.lca-specialty.com/volunteering>

A member of the SEC will contact you to confirm your time. Registration will be located inside the show area. Volunteers will also receive a chance to win some special raffle prizes.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Subject to change) Check Daily Schedule Posted in Show Area

CGC testing will take place daily. Check the daily schedule for times.

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am AV & Ring Set Up
9:00 am Draft Test 1 **Off site at Timber Linn Park, Albany, Oregon**
11:00 am Board Meeting
12:00 pm Vendor Area available
1:00 pm Registration Open
3:00 pm Newbie Welcome & Mentor Social
5:00 pm Handling Clinic

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am LCA Non-Regular Spay & Neuter Classes
8:00 am CCA Testing
8:30 am Draft Test 2 **Off site at Timber Linn Park, Albany, Oregon**
9:00 am LCA Club Show Males AND Youth Females
TBA Lunch Break
5:00 pm CCA Testing
6:30 pm Meet The Board, Dinner and Trivia

Thursday, May 8

8:00 am LCA 3-6 Month Baby Puppy
8:30 am LCA Club Show Juniors, Adult Females, Group Classes and Best In Show
TBA Lunch Break
5:00 pm CCA testing

Friday, May 9

8:00 am Regional Obedience & Rally Trials
8:00 am CCA testing
9:30 am LCA Judge's Review
11:00 am AKC Regional Juniors and Conformation
TBA Break Before Best In Show
6:30 pm Top 20 Dinner plus Veteran, Versatile, Therapy and Rescue Parades

Saturday, May 10

8:00 am AKC Judges Education
8:00 am AKC National Obedience & Rally Trials
11:00 am AKC Puppy and Veteran Sweeps
12:00 pm AKC National Juniors and Conformation
TBA Break Before Best In Show
4:00 pm Breakdown
7:00 pm Awards Banquet