

2025 Planning Booklet

Leonberger Club of America

2025 National Specialty Show

AKC Conformation w/NOHS, LCA Club Show, Draft, Canine Good Citizen Testing, AKC Temperament Testing, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, Puppy Sweepstakes, Top 20 Gala, Veteran Sweepstakes, Versatile Parade and Draft Costume Contest, Rescue, Therapy & Veteran Parades, a Canine CPR Seminar, and more.



May 6th – May 10th, 2025

ALLSTAR SPORTS AND EVENTS COMPLEX
2638 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Host Hotel
Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center
2634 Emmitsburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Events to take place indoors unless otherwise noted

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

You are cordially invited to attend the 38th Annual LCA National Specialty which will be held in historic Gettysburg, PA. Gettysburg bears the proud title of “The Most Welcoming City/Town in the United States” based on over 240 million reviews. Their outstanding hospitality is second only to their history. Gettysburg has welcomed visitors since the days following the Civil War battle in 1863. Abraham Lincoln’s delivery of the famous Gettysburg Address makes this small town the home to events that changed the course of history. Sightseeing? You bet! There is lots to see in Gettysburg including Gettysburg National Park and Museum, Eisenhower National Historic Site, Jennie Wade House, Gettysburg National Cemetery, Virginia Memorial and so much more! Enjoy the Farm to Table Restaurants that are plentiful in the area, as well as dog friendly restaurants like The Appalachian Brewing Co., The Gettysburger Company, and O’Rorke’s Eatery and Spirits. Come steep yourself in American history and Leonbergers this May in Gettysburg, PA.

All shows, seminars and dinner events will be held at either the AllStar Event Complex or at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center.

We look forward to having you join us as we celebrate our 38th 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 Gettysburg, PA from Tuesday, May 6th to Saturday, May10th, 2025.

ACCOMODATIONS

Eisenhower Hotel – HOST HOTEL

2634 Emmitsburg Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325

717-334-8121

Room rates:

Non-Pet and Pet Rooms are \$140/night + taxes*

One time \$50 charge will be added per room for rooms with dogs – limit 4 dogs/room

*Room rate includes hot buffet breakfast

Room block is under: Leonberger Club of America and Final Date for discount is 4/20/25

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 - 73 degrees for the highs and 59 degrees for the lows with 9 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, grooming space, 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 12	Entries Open
March 16	Ad material submission ends
March 16 - 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 16	Draft Test Entries Close
April 16	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 16	General Registration & Registration for CPR Seminar close
April 16	LCA Club Show Entries Close - Club show
April 16	AKC Entries Close - Conformation, Obedience, Rally Obedience
April 20	Last Day to book discounted block rate rooms at the hotel
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 2025 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 "2025 Catalog Ad" in the subject line.

2025 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
- \$85 - Purchase of ad space & design services, Images/materials supplied for design services: \$85

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 (\$85.00):

- 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/UefwqXmMQbKkoUVYyvnc>

CRATING AND GROOMING

Grooming area will be available by noon on Tuesday, May 6th.

Grooming: 10 x 10 spaces with electric are offered on a reserved basis only. Max 2 spaces. Ex-Pens not allowed.

Crating only: 3' x 5'. Ex-Pens not allowed

Reserve grooming space at the National store front. <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

MEALS

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

- Top 20 Dinner – Friday - Plated Dinner
- Awards Banquet – Saturday - Buffet

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

MERCHANDISE

Deadline for Regular merchandise purchase is May 31st. Deadline for Embroidered merchandise is March 16th. These are FIRM deadlines.

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

CCA TESTING – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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 Parade – Thursday Afternoon after Draft Costume Contest
- Veteran, Rescue and Therapy - Friday Evening during Top 20 Intermission

To be listed in the show program, register your dogs for parades before April 16th at:

<https://www.lca-specialty.com/> Dogs may be added after April 16th but will not be listed in the program.

LEONBERGER HEALTH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL will host a CPR seminar Wednesday Evening from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Information at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

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 Dinner (check Meals above)

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.

Meet the Board, SEMINARS and CLINICS

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

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

Canine CPR and First Aid Seminar: Wednesday Evening 6:30pm Presenter: Tom Rinelli with Paws N Claws 911, INC

PLEASE NOTE: Stuffed dogs will be provided for everyone. **NO LIVE DOGS ALLOWED! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Meet the Board: 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 6 – May 10, 2025. Standard booth spaces are 10'x10'. Space is limited, reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Tables & 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. Allstar Event Complex will be available for set-up after 3pm Monday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 6th. All vendors must take down their booths and be moved out by 7pm on Saturday, May 10th, 2025. 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 contact Kimberly Mallory at leonbergers4lca@gmail.com

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

Tuesday, May 6

8:00 am AV & Ring Set Up
9:00 am Draft Test 1
11:00 am Board Meeting
12:00 pm Grooming Area available
3:00 pm Newbie Welcome & Mentor Social
5:00 pm Handling Clinic

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 am LCA Non-Regular Spay & Neuter Classes
8:00 am CCA Testing
8:30 am Draft Test 2
9:00 am LCA Club Show Males AND Youth Females
TBA Lunch Break
5:00 pm CCA Testing
6:30 pm LHF1 CPR Seminar

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
9:00 am ATT Temperament Testing
TBA Lunch Break
1:00 pm CGC/Trick Dog Testing
4:30 pm Versatile Dog Parade & Draft Costume Contest; Trivia
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
4:30 pm CCA Testing
4:30 pm Meet the Board of Directors
6:30 pm Top 20 Dinner plus Veteran, Therapy and Rescue Parades

Saturday, May 10

8:00 am AKC Judges Education
8:00 am AKC National Obedience & Rally Trials
8:30 am AKC Puppy and Veteran Sweeps
11:00 am AKC National Juniors and Conformation
TBA Break
4:00 pm Breakdown
4:30 pm CCA Testing
7:00 pm Awards Banquet

Sunday, May 11

9:00 am Finish Loading out