

Keeshond Club of America
Regional & National Specialties
(Member of the American Kennel Club)
(Unbenched)
Roberts Centre
123 Gano Rd, Wilmington OH 45177

JUDGING PROGRAM

Regional Specialty

Monday, May 18, 2026

Obedience Event #2026189802 * Rally Event #2026189801
Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651
Obedience & Rally Chair – Donna Schmitt 920-285-4842
Ring Stewards Donna Schmitt & Dave Leiker

Ring 1 - Judge: Kathleen Cook

9:00 AM 31 Obedience

3 Utility B
2 Utility A
1 Graduate Open
5 Open B
2 Open A
5 Novice B
2 Novice A
1 Preferred Novice
1 Beginner Novice A
5 Beginner Novice B
4 Veterans

Ring 2 - Judge: Fred Buroff

11:00 AM 44 Rally

6 Master
1 Excellent A
9 Excellent B
1 Advanced A
14 Advanced B
1 Intermediate
2 Novice A
10 Novice B

45-minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion



National Specialty

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Obedience Event #2026189805 * Rally Event #2026189806

Ring 1 - Judge: Fred Buroff

8:30 AM 31 Obedience

3 Utility B
2 Utility A
1 Graduate Open
5 Open B
2 Open A
5 Novice B
2 Novice A
1 Preferred Novice
1 Beginner Novice A
5 Beginner Novice B
4 Veterans

Ring 2 - Judge: Kathleen Cook

10:30 AM 45 Rally

6 Master
1 Excellent A
9 Excellent B
1 Advanced A
14 Advanced B
1 Intermediate
2 Novice A
10 Novice B
1 Team Novice

45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion

Breaks at Club's or Judge's Discretion

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Breed/Jr Show Event #2026189803 * **Sweeps** Event #2026189812

4-6 Month Puppy Event #2026189813

Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651

Ring 1 - Judge: Joseph Vergnetti.....88

8:00 AM Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes

Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

8:00 AM 56 Puppy Sweepstakes

- 5 – 6-9 Months Dogs
- 5 – 9-12 Months Dogs
- 7 – 12-15 Months Dogs
- 3 – 15-18 Months Dogs
- 5 – 18-24 Months Dogs
- 6 – 6-9 Months Bitches
- 6 – 9-12 Months Bitches
- 9 – 12-15 Months Bitches
- 1 – 15-18 Months Bitches
- 9 – 18-24 Months Bitches

11:00 AM 32 Veteran Sweepstakes

- 7 – 7-9 Years Dogs
- 3 – 9-11 Years Dogs
- 5 – 11 Years & Older Dogs
- 4 – 7-9 Years Bitches
- 9 – 9-11 Years Bitches
- 4 – 11 Years & Older Bitches

Ring 1 - Judge: Susan St John Brown.....62

12:30 PM Four to Six Month Puppy Competition 3 – 7

1:00 PM Conformation Dog Classes & Veteran Dogs & Bitches

23 Conformation Dog Classes

- 4 – 6-9 Months Dogs
- 2 – 9-12 Months Dogs
- 2 – 12-15 Months Dogs
- 1 – 15-18 Months Dogs
- 4 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Dogs
- 5 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Dogs
- 3 – American Bred Dogs
- 2 – Open Dogs

29 Veteran Dogs & Bitches

- 5 – Veteran 7-9 Years Dogs
- 3 – Veteran 9-11 Years Dogs
- 5 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Dogs
- 5 – Veteran 7-9 Years Bitches
- 8 – Veteran 9-11 Years Bitches
- 3 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Bitches

Breaks at Club's or Judge's Discretion



TRANSFERS TO BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

The deadline for exhibitors transferring their dogs to Best of Breed
at the Show Secretary's desk is 12:30pm on Wednesday 5/20/26
& 10:30am on Friday 5/22/26



The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800. 656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

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Regional Specialty
Thursday, May 21, 2026
Breed/Jr Show Event #2026189803
Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651

Ring 1 - Judge: Susan St John Brown.....132
8:00 AM – 6 Jr Showmanship – 1 Novice Junior, 3 Novice Intermediate,
1 Open Junior, 1 Open Senior
Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

8:30 AM Conformation Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, & Multi Dog Classes

40 Conformation Bitch Classes	76 Best of Breed 46 – 30
4 – 6-9 Months Bitches	1 – Stud Dog
4 – 9-12 Months Bitches	6 – Brood Bitch
3 – 12-15 Months Bitches	3 - Brace
2 – 15-18 Months Bitches	
5 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Bitches	
14 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Bitches	
2 – American Bred Bitches	
6 – Open Bitches	

45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion
Breaks at Club's or Judge's Discretion



National Specialty
Friday, May 22, 2026
Breed/Jr Show Event #2026189807

Ring 1 - Judge: Traci Wasser.....52
8:00 AM Futurity & Maturity - Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

4 – Futurity Puppy Dogs	5 – Futurity Puppy Bitches
3 – Futurity Junior Dogs	7 – Futurity Junior Bitches
7 – Futurity Intermediate Dogs	5 – Futurity Intermediate Bitches
3 – Futurity Senior Dogs	3 – Futurity Senior Bitches
5 – 18-24 Months Dogs	7 – Maturity Under 2 Years Bitches
3 – Maturity Under 2 Years Dogs	2 – Maturity 2 Years & Over Bitches
3 – Maturity 2 Years & Over Dogs	



Directions to the Show Site

From Dayton Airport (DAY) – Take I-70 South to I-75 South. Proceed to US-35 East to US-68 South, then turn East on Gano Road.

From Cincinnati/North KY Airport (CVG) – Take I-275 East to I-71 East, exit onto US-68 North, then turn East on Gano Rd

From John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH) –Take I-670 W/US 62 W, take Exit 5 to merge onto I-71 S toward Cincinnati. Take Exit 50 for US 68 toward Wilmington. Turn right at the first cross street onto Gano Rd.

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JUDGING PROGRAM

National Specialty
Friday, May 22, 2026

Breed Event #2026189807 * **4-6 Month Puppy** Event #2026189814
Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651

Ring 1 - Judge: Dana Cline.....68

10:30 AM Four to Six Month Puppy Competition 2 – 6

11:00 AM Conformation Dog Classes & Veteran Dogs & Bitches
Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

30 Conformation Dog Classes

- 4 – 6-9 Months Dogs
- 3 – 9-12 Months Dogs
- 2 – 12-15 Months Dogs
- 1 – 15-18 Months Dogs
- 5 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Dogs
- 9 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Dogs
- 3 – American Bred Dogs
- 3 – Open Dogs

30 Veteran Dogs & Bitches

- 4 – Veteran 7-9 Years Dogs
- 4 – Veteran 9-11 Years Dogs
- 6 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Dogs
- 5 – Veteran 7-9 Years Bitches
- 8 – Veteran 9-11 Years Bitches
- 3 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Bitches

45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion



National Specialty
Saturday, May 23, 2026
Breed/Jr Show Event #2026189807

Ring 1 - Judge: Daniel Fabelo.....6

8:00 AM – 6 Jr Showmanship – 1 Novice Junior, 3 Novice Intermediate,
1 Open Junior, 1 Open Senior
Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

Ring 1 - Judge: Dana Cline.....129

8:30 AM Conformation Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, & Multi Dog Classes

45 Conformation Bitch Classes

- 4 – 6-9 Months Bitches
- 6 – 9-12 Months Bitches
- 3 – 12-15 Months Bitches
- 2 – 15-18 Months Bitches
- 7 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Bitches
- 14 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Bitches
- 2 – American Bred Bitches
- 7 – Open Bitches

75 Best of Breed 46 – 29

- 6 – Brood Bitch
- 3 – Brace

45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Subject to Change

Saturday, May 16, 2026

All Breed Fast CAT – Dog Park

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Agility Trial – Ballroom D
All Breed Fast CAT – Dog Park
Obedience & Rally practice

Monday, May 18, 2026

Obedience & Rally Regional Trials – Ballroom B
Obedience & Rally practice
Ramp practice

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Obedience & Rally National Trials – Ballroom B
CHIC DNA Blood Collection - Noon to 3pm – Franklin Graham Room
Welcome Party – Ballroom C
Top Keeshond Event – Ballroom C

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – Regional Specialty

Regional Sweepstakes, 4-6 Month Puppy, Dog Classes, Veteran Dogs & Bitches – Ballroom C
Donors Circle – Ballroom C

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – Regional Specialty

Junior Showmanship, Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, Multi Dog Classes
7pm KCA Annual Meeting – Franklin Room

Friday, May 22, 2026 – National Specialty

8am-11am Judges Education – Franklin Room
Futurity/Maturity, 4-6 Month Puppy, Dog Classes, Veteran Dogs & Bitches – Ballroom C
7pm Breeders Education Seminar – Franklin Room
8pm Companion Event – Ballroom C

Saturday, May 23, 2026 – National Specialty

Jr Showmanship, Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, Multi Dog Classes – Ballroom C
KCA National Banquet – Franklin Room



Lunch
Tuesday to Saturday



11am to 2pm

A variety of lunch items will be available for purchase each day
Located Outside of the Ballroom

Meals can also be pre-ordered from the Holiday Inn Restaurant for **Pick Up Only**.
Meals will not be delivered to the show area.

Obedience & Rally Rent-A-Ring - Ballroom B
\$5 for 5 minutes

Sunday, May 17 – 5 pm to 8 pm

Sign up at entrance to Ballroom B starting at 4 pm

Monday, May 18 – Starts after all obedience and rally judging is done
(Estimated time – 3 pm to 6 pm)

Late arrivals will be accommodated as we are able.

Obedience Ring

Run Order: Utility, Open, Novice, Beginner Novice

One run per class for each handler/dog team.

Rally Ring

Run Order: Master, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice

Only one Rally class per dog.

If time permits after all have run, we can do second runs.



CHIC DNA Blood Collection Event

Hosted by the Keeshond Club of America, this event provides an excellent opportunity for owners and breeders to contribute DNA samples for future research to contribute to the long-term well-being of our beloved breed.

The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF), collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and health history information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Time: Noon – 3:00 PM

Fee: There is no cost to you

Location: Roberts Centre – Hotel and Convention Center, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177. Franklin Graham room (across from the show hall).