

TUE	#2026201412 (S/O/JSHW)	#2026201414 (RLY1)	(ALL BREED RLY 2) #2026201418
WED	#2026201413 (S/O/JSHW)	#2026201423 (RLY1)	(ALL BREED RLY2) #2026201415
THU	#20262014017 (S/O/JSHW)		(RLY) #2026201416

JUDGING PROGRAM

(Indoor/Outdoor - Unbenched)



The Colonial Rottweiler Club

(Member AKC)
Tuesday - Thursday
May 5 - 7, 2026

2026 THREE BACK-2-BACK SPECIALTY EVENTS **70th Anniversary**

79th, 80th & 81st Annual
 50th 51st & 52nd Independent Specialty Shows
 Our 5th year Best Veteran, Best Puppy, Best Bred-by- Exhibitor in each show
 71st, 72nd & 73rd Independent Obedience Trials
 43rd, 44th, & 45th Rally Trials
 2nd & 3rd Annual All-Breed Rally Trial
 58th, 59th & 60th Annual Sweepstakes & 41st, 42nd & 43rd Veteran Sweepstakes
 NOHS - Each Day
 Points for Reserve - Each Day based on entries

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PROGRAM OF JUDGING

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

**RING ONE
JUDGE: Danielle Meyers**

9:00 AM

27 - Sweepstakes - Rottweilers

- 21 - Puppy Sweepstakes
- 2 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
- 3 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
- 2 - 12-15 mos Dogs
- 1 - 15-18 mos Dog
- 3 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
- 4 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
- 2 - 12-15 mos Bitches
- 3 - 15-18 mos Bitches
- Best In Puppy Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite to Best in Puppy Sweeps
- 6 - Veteran Sweepstakes
- 3 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
- 1 - Veteran Dogs, 11 yrs & over
- 1 - Veteran Bitch, 7-9 yrs
- 1 - Veteran Bitch, 11 yrs & over
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite to Best in Vet Sweeps

27 Total

**RING ONE
JUDGE: Michael Canalizo**

10:30 AM

- 2 - Junior Showmanship Competition
- 1 - JS Novice
- 1 - JS Open

10:30 AM

- 62 - Rottweilers
- 2 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
- 4 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
- 1 - 12-15 mos Dog
- 3 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult
- 1 - American-Bred Dog
- 2 - Open Dogs
- Winners Dog
- 3 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
- 5 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
- 1 - 15-18 mos Bitches
- 4 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Adult
- 2 - American-Bred Bitches
- Winners Bitch
- 4 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
- 1 - Veteran Dogs, 9-11 yrs
- 2 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs
- 1 - Veteran Bitches, 11 yrs & over
- 25 - Best of Breed Competition (12-13)
- 1 - Brood Bitch
- Best in NOHS
- Best Bred-by-Exhibitor
- Best Puppy
- Best Veteran

64 Total

**RING TWO OBEDIENCE
JUDGE: Renee Hoover**

9:00 AM

- 1 - Obedience Versatility 601

9:15 AM

- 2 - Obedience Utility B 201, 204
- 2 - Obedience Preferred Utility 771, 772

10:00 AM

- 2 - Obedience Utility A 257, 258

10:15 AM

- 3 - Obedience Open B 201, 202, 204
- 1 - Obedience Preferred Open 735

10:45 AM

- 3 - Obedience Open A 134, 136, 137
- 1 - Obedience Graduate Novice 501

11:15 AM

- 6 - Obedience Novice B 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76
- 4 - Obedience Novice A 5, 6, 7, 8

After Noon

- 4 - Obedience Beginner Novice B 951, 952, 953, 954
- 2 - Obedience Beginner Novice A 901, 902

31 Total

**RING THREE RALLY - ROTTWEILERS
JUDGE: Katie E Maess**

9:00 AM

- 3 - Rally Choice 611, 615, 625

9:15 AM

- 7 - Rally Master 611, 612, 614, 615, 623, 624, 626

9:45 AM

- 6 - Rally Excellent B 608, 612, 614, 615, 623, 624

10:15 AM

- 11 - Rally Advanced B 605, 606, 607, 612, 614, 615, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624
- 2 - Rally Advanced A 400, 401

11:00 AM

- 7 - Rally Intermediate 302, 303, 306, 309, 311, 312, 315

11:30 AM

- 12 - Rally Novice B 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216
- 3 - Rally Novice A 5, 10, 11

51 Total

**RING THREE RALLY - ALL-BREED
JUDGE: Katie E Maess**

1:00 PM

- 4 - Rally Choice 611, 617, 618, 619
- 12 - Rally Master 601, 602, 610, 611, 612, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 624
- 11 - Rally Excellent B 601, 602, 610, 612, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 624
- 17 - Rally Advanced B 600, 601, 602, 604, 605, 606, 607, 610, 612, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 622, 624
- 6 - Rally Intermediate 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305
- 8 - Rally Novice B 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 207, 208
- 2 - Rally Novice A 7, 8

60 Total

There are 85 dogs with 134 entries, plus 51 Rottweiler Rally & 60 All-Breed Rally entries.

Lunch at judge's discretion

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

**RING ONE
JUDGE: Ryan Dillman**

9:00 AM

37 - Sweepstakes - Rottweilers

- 21 - Puppy Sweepstakes
- 2 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
- 3 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
- 2 - 12-15 mos Dogs
- 1 - 15-18 mos Dogs
- 3 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
- 5 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
- 2 - 12-15 mos Bitches
- 3 - 15-18 mos Bitches
 - Best in Puppy Sweepstakes
 - Best of Opposite to Best in Puppy Sweeps
- 6 - Veteran Sweepstakes
- 3 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
- 2 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs
- 1 - Veteran Bitches, 11 yrs & over
 - Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
 - Best of Opposite to Best in Vet Sweeps

27 Total

**RING ONE
JUDGE: Doreen Luhrs**

10:15 AM

- 2 - Junior Showmanship Competition
- 1 - JS Novice
- 1 - JS Open

2 Total

**RING ONE
JUDGE: Donna Banker Rice**

10:30 AM

- 63 - Rottweilers
- 2 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
- 4 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
- 1 - 12-15 mos Dog
- 2 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult
- 1 - American-Bred Dog
- 2 - Open Dogs
 - Winners Dog
- 3 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
- 5 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
- 1 - 15-18 mos Bitches
- 4 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Adult
- 2 - American-Bred Bitches
 - Winners Bitch
- 4 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
- 1 - Veteran Dogs, 9-11 yrs
- 2 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs
- 1 - Veteran Bitches, 11 yrs & OVER
- 27 - Best of Breed Competition (13-14)
 - 1 - Brood Bitch
 - Best in NOHS
 - Best Bred-by-Exhibitor
 - Best Puppy
 - Best Veteran

63 Total

Lunch at judge's discretion

**RING TWO OBEDIENCE
JUDGE: Renee Hoover**

9:00 AM

- 3 - Obedience Utility B 201, 203, 204
- 2 - Obedience Preferred Utility 771, 772

9:45 AM

- 2 - Obedience Utility A 257, 258

10:00 AM

- 4 - Obedience Open B 201, 202, 203, 204
- 1 - Obedience Preferred Open 735

10:45 AM

- 3 - Obedience Open A 134, 136, 137
- 1 - Obedience Graduate Novice 501

11:15 AM

- 6 - Obedience Novice B 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76

After Noon

- 4 - Obedience Novice A 5, 6, 7, 8
- 4 - Obedience Beginner Novice B 951, 952, 953, 954
- 2 - Obedience Beginner Novice A 901, 902

32 Total

**RING THREE RALLY - ROTTWEILER
JUDGE: Katie E Maess**

9:00 AM

- 2 - Rally Choice 615, 625

9:15 AM

- 6 - Rally Master 612, 614, 615, 623, 624, 626

9:45 AM

- 6 - Rally Excellent B 608, 612, 614, 615, 623, 624

10:15 AM

- 9 - Rally Advanced B 605, 606, 607, 612, 614, 615, 621, 623, 624

- 2 - Rally Advanced A 400, 401

11:00 AM

- 7 - Rally Intermediate 302, 303, 306, 309, 311, 312, 315

11:30 AM

- 12 - Rally Novice B 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216

- 3 - Rally Novice A 5, 10, 11

47 Total

**RING THREE RALLY - ALL-BREED
JUDGE: Katie E Maess**

1:00 PM

- 3 - Rally Choice 611, 617, 618
- 13 - Rally Master 601, 602, 603, 609, 610, 611, 612, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 624

- 13 - Rally Excellent B 601, 602, 603, 608, 609, 610, 612, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 624

- 16 - Rally Advanced B 601, 602, 603, 606, 607, 609, 610, 612, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 620, 622, 624

- 6 - Rally Intermediate 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307

- 7 - Rally Novice B 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 209

- 2 - Rally Novice A 6, 7

60 Total

There are 86 dogs with 137 entries, plus 47 Rottweiler Rally & 60 All-Breed Rally entries.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 20205

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

RING ONE

JUDGE: Karen Bang

9:00 AM

31 - Sweepstakes - Rottweilers

- 24 - Puppy Sweepstakes
 - 2 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 5 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 2 - 12-15 mos Dogs
 - 1 - 15-18 mos Dogs
 - 3 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
 - 5 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
 - 3 - 12-15 mos Bitches
 - 3 - 15-18 mos Bitches
 - Best in Puppy Sweepstakes
 - Best of Opposite to Best in Puppy Sweeps
- 7 - Veteran Sweepstakes
 - 4 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
 - 1 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs
 - 2 - Veteran Bitches, 11 yrs & over
 - Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
 - Best of Opposite to Best in Vet Sweeps

31 Total

RING ONE

JUDGE: Mrs. Chris Ann Moore

10:30 AM

- 1 - Junior Showmanship Competition
- 1 - JS Novice
- 65 - Rottweilers
 - 2 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 5 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 1 - 12-15 mos Dog
 - 2 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult
 - 1 - American-Bred Dog
 - 2 - Open Dogs
 - Winners Dog
 - 3 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
 - 5 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
 - 1 - 15-18 mos Bitches
 - 3 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Adult
 - 3 - American-Bred Bitches
 - Winners Bitch
 - 5 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
 - 2 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs
 - 1 - Veteran Bitches, 11 yrs & OVER
 - 27 - Best of Breed Competition (13-14)
 - 2 - Brood Bitches
 - Best Bred-by-Exhibitor
 - Best Puppy
 - Best Veteran

66 Total

Lunch at judge's discretion

RING TWO OBEDIENCE

JUDGE: Renee Hoover

9:00 AM

- 2 - Obedience Utility B 201, 203
- 1 - Obedience Preferred Utility 772

9:30 AM

- 2 - Obedience Utility A 257, 258

9:45 AM

- 3 - Obedience Open B 201, 202, 203
- 1 - Obedience Preferred Open 735

10:15 AM

- 3 - Open A 134, 136, 137
- 1 - Obedience Graduate Novice 501

10:45 AM

- 5 - Obedience Novice B 71, 73, 74, 75, 76
- 4 - Obedience Novice A 5, 6, 7, 8

11:45 AM

- 3 - Obedience Beginner Novice B 951, 953, 954
- 2 - Obedience Beginner Novice A 901, 902

24 Total

RING THREE RALLY

JUDGE: Renee Hoover

1:00 PM

- 1 - Rally Choice 625
- 4 - Rally Master 614, 615, 624, 626
- 3 - Rally Excellent B 614, 615, 624
- 8 - Rally Advanced B 605, 606, 607, 614, 615, 620, 621, 624
- 1 - Rally Advanced A 400
- 7 - Rally Intermediate 302, 303, 306, 308, 309, 311, 312
- 7 - Rally Novice B 201, 202, 204, 210, 211, 212, 214
- 3 - Rally Novice A 5, 10, 11

34 Total

There are 84 dogs with 136 entries, plus 34 Rottweiler Rally entries

JUDGES

Karen Bang	Wellington, OH
Michael Canalizo	Mill Neck, NY
Ryan Dillman	Palm City, FL
Renee Hoover	Charlottesville, VA
Doreen Luhrs	Granite Quarry, NC
Katie E Maess	Mason, OH
Danielle Meyers	Bristol, CT
Katie E Maess	Mason, OH
Mrs. Chris Ann Moore	Lavaca, AR
Donna Banker Rice	West Columbia, SC

Colonial Rottweiler Club Schedule 2026

subject to change



Date	Event	Judge
Thursday, April 30	Tracking—TX, TR	Susan R Ammerman and Stephanie A Crawford
Friday, May 1	Agility	Frank Gilmer and Diane Fyfe
Saturday, May 2	Agility	Frank Gilmer and Diane Fyfe
	Herding	Terry Wofford
Sunday, May 3	Agility	Frank Gilmer and Diane Fyfe
	Herding	Terry Wofford
Monday, May 4	Carting (2 trials)	Glenn Pollock
	Fast CAT (2 trials)	Sugarloaf Mountain Racing
	Patrice Leipham Obedience Seminar	
	Rally Run-thrus	
	Obedience Run-thrus	
	Puppy Match	Roberta Martin
Tuesday, May 5	Continental Breakfast	
	Sweepstakes	Danielle Meyers
	Conformation	Michael Canalizo
	Rottweiler Rally	Katie Maess
	All Breed Rally	Katie Maess
	Obedience	Renee Hoover
	Fast CAT (2 trials)	Sugarloaf Mountain Racing
	"Yappy" Hour	
Wednesday, May 6	Continental Breakfast	
	Sweepstakes	Ryan Dillman
	Conformation	Donna Rice
	Rottweiler Rally	Katie Maess
	All Breed Rally	Katie Maess
	Obedience	Renee Hoover
	Annual Meeting	
Thursday, May 7	Continental Breakfast	
	Sweepstakes	Karen Bang
	Conformation	Chris Ann Moore
	Rottweiler Rally	Renee Hoover
	Obedience	Renee Hoover
Tuesday, May 5 – Thursday, May 7	Canine Good Citizenship Trick Dog	Donna Worthington

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Hershey Animal Emergency Center- 717-298-7883
1251 E. Chocolate Ave. Hershey, PA 17033 - Open 24/7, 365 Days per year

Shores Veterinary Emergency Clinic - 717-798-8500
835 Sir Thomas Ct., Harrisburg, PA 17019 - Open 24/7, 365 Days per year

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Substitution of Judges. Reference Chapter 7, Sections 8 & 13 of AKC Rules: Owner has the right to withdraw his entry and have his entry fee refunded provided notification of his withdrawal is received no later than one half-hour prior to the start of any regular conformation judging.

Assignment	Original Judge	New Judge
Jr Showmanship (Wednesday)	Donna Rice	Doreen Luhrs
Rally Adv B, Inter, Nov A & B (Tuesday)	Renee Hoover	Katie Maess

★ NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS ★

DOGS MAY ARRIVE any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. **DOGS NOT REQUIRED** for further judging will be excused.

JUDGES WILL NOT WAIT FOR ANY DOG HOLDING UP A CLASS. Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging ring when their classes are called to be judged. The show-giving club and the superintendent have no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

ALL DOGS PRESENT must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged or when in the exercising ring.

FLOOR COVERING required under all crates in building/

CLASS CASH PRIZES will be paid in the ring to the person showing the dog. Claims for prize money must be made in the ring before the judging of that class is over, and the Show Secretary to be advised at once. The Show Secretary and Show-giving Club may disclaim any liability for cash prizes after the judging of the class is over.

THE SHOW COMMITTEE/SUPERINTENDENT will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this show.

THE SHOW-GIVING CLUB, the Show Superintendent, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility of injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians.

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2006 an administrative fee of \$2.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries.

ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THESE DOG SHOWS hereby waive any claim for damages against the Colonial Rottweiler Club, its members or agents, in the event a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.

THERE SHALL BE NO drilling nor intensive or corrective training of dogs on the show grounds or premises. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

Effective January 1, 2009 - Refund and Cash award checks are void after 180 days and will NOT be re-issued.
AKC Weekend Club Hotline: (919) 816-3955 or visit the AKC Event Cancellations page at:
<https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/> for event cancellation information.

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.

HOTELS

There is no designated "host" hotel as all events/meetings will occur at In the Net. No hotel is being endorsed or being promoted. Check with each hotel regarding their Pet Policy/Charges.

Best Western 4 miles from In the Net
 1800 E Chocolate Avenue, Hershey PA 17033 800-528-1234

Ask for CRC Block

Online Booking:

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Maximum of 3 Pets Per room will be strictly enforced. Check Pet Fee Amount \$139. Per night

Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Area 9 miles from In The Net
 604 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028 717-469-0661

Red Roof Inn Hershey 4 miles from In The Net
 1806 East Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033 717-620-1201

Hampton Inn & Suites 5 miles from In The Net
 749 E. Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033 717-533-8400

Days Inn by Wyndham Grantville-Hershey North 9 miles from In The Net
 252 Bow Creek Road, Grantville, PA 17028 717-219-2843

Holiday Inn Express 12 miles from In The Net
 2205 E. Cumberland Street, Lebanon, PA 17046 717-273-9800

LaQuinta 14 miles from In The Net
 265 North Hershey Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 717-220-3701

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Harrisburg/Northeast Hershey 14 miles from In The Net
 8000 Johnstown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 717-651-5100

Residence Inn Harrisburg/Hershey 15 miles from In The Net
 4480 Lewis Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 717-561-1900

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From the South - (Baltimore/York) - Interstate 83 North to Route 322 At Harrisburg to Route 322 East to Route 117 North. Turn right on Airport Road.

From the East - (Southern New Jersey/Philadelphia/Reading) - Pennsylvania Turnpike (Interstate 76) West to Exit 266 to Route 72 North to Route 322 West to Route 117 North. Right on Airport Road.

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We ask that people not donate Alcohol to the auction due to Liability. If you would like to include a gift certificate to a winery that is acceptable.



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AKC® Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC®) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.



Everything We Do,
We Do for Dogs.

7/2025