

## **Future BMDCA National Specialty dates and locales are as follows:**

2010 – Oconomowoc, Wisconsin  
May 10 – 15, 2010\*

2011 – Southern California  
April 5 – 9, 2011\*

2012 – Southern Pennsylvania  
May 7 – 12, 2012\*

\*Future Specialty dates Pending AKC approval

## **Rotation Zones for Hosting National Specialties**

There are ten geographic zones used for rotating BMDCA National Specialties around the country and identifying host clubs or consortiums. Currently one zone, representing the Specialty anniversary years ending in '5', is an open bidding year. As more regional clubs form, this zone may also be assigned to a specific region and regional clubs.

The advantage of ten zones is that, with a 3-4 year planning process to host a specialty, this cycle gives each zone 6-7 years between hosting one specialty and starting to plan their next.

These zones are formulated around regional clubs, not based on state boundaries. Each zone includes both larger or longer established or more active clubs with those which are newer or smaller, in order to encourage a learning, mentoring process. However, specialty zone decisions should always be mutually agreed upon by all the clubs of the zone - a one-club one-vote policy. Decisions should not be made by votes of individual members, enabling larger clubs to outvote the smaller ones.

The clubs in each zone will be contacted four years ahead. Each club of the zone has the option of participating, either as host or co-host, or not participating at all. If, after six months, no clubs or individuals in a particular zone and year wish to host, bidding for that year will be opened to all regions and regional clubs. If, after another six months, no hosting bids have been received the national specialty will be scheduled in conjunction with an all-breed club in the original zone

The clubs and members of each hosting zone should feel comfortable reaching out to the members of neighboring clubs for assistance and manpower and these neighboring clubs should help by sharing information and requests for assistance with their members. In recent years members from across the country have reached out to help various specialty committees and this assistance should always be welcome. However, every effort should be made to keep the core committee within the specified zone to facilitate in-person meetings for planning.

The following is the current BMDCA National Specialty Zone rotation:

2009 (Zone 9) Seattle, Oregon, Inland NW, Alaska  
2010 (Zone 10) Wisconsin, Illinois, Greater Twin Cities  
2011 (Zone 1) So CA, Grand Canyon, *Northern Arizona*  
2012 (Zone 2) Watchung, Helderberg, Finger Lakes  
2013 (Zone 3) *Colorado, Lone Star, Heartland*  
2014 (Zone 4) Mason Dixon, Potomac, Blue Ridge, Chattahoochee  
2015 (Zone 5) Open bidding – Specialty Anniversary years\*  
2016 (Zone 6) *NorCal, Sierra West*  
2017 (Zone 7) Michigan, North Coast, Kentuckiana, Three Rivers  
2018 (Zone 8) Nashoba Valley

\*2015= 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2025= 50<sup>th</sup>, etc.