

Checkerboard Times

Friday, April 5th 2024



**“Good friends are like stars. You don’t always see them, but you know they’re always there.”
-Christy Evans**

Happy Friday Friends!

Dare we hope for a break in the wind today?

It has been a wild weather week here at Purina Farms but that does not detract from this beautiful, spacious facility. The cool weather might be hard on the humans, but the dogs love it. And remember — if you need more layers, head over to the vendors!

Yesterday included the Rally trial and Draft Test #3. Regular conformation got underway in the main ring. The Veterans Parade took place at lunchtime. The Health Clinic wrapped up with a second day of cardiac testing. The evening event was Top Twenty, with Juniors featured during intermission.

Today is the last draft test, more conformation (bitches), and the Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet (aka Mug Dinner). The raffle is closing at noon so if you have been putting that off, head on over and buy those winning tickets.

Today would also be a great day to stop by the Berner-Garde table to update info, and then you can just mosey on over to the various vendors. There is always room in the van for more stuff, right?!

Have fun today, Peeps!

Raffle closes at noon and the drawing starts at 1 pm! Get your tickets this morning!

Friday Happenings

Draft Test #4 at the Working Dog Field

Conformation in the Event Center: Bitch Classes

Pee Wee and Itty Bitty Plush Puppy Special: Lunchtime in the conformation ring

Raffle Ticket Pull: 1 pm. Buy your tickets before noon!

Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner: Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm

You can access an interactive daily schedule by clicking [THIS](#) link.

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SCAN ME

Great News!

We Have Online Conformation Results!

Thanks to our wonderful Show Chair, Dottie, we now have online BaRay results available!

This LINK should take you directly to results.

Behind the Scenes: Draft

Did you know there were over 200 entries for the four Specialty draft tests?! Gina Craig, Queen of All Things Draft, was tasked with figuring out how to do both a random draw and ensuring everyone got in at least one test. She did this using an elaborate system of magnetic tiles.



It boggles the mind!

Gina runs a tight ship, keeping everyone on track and finishing tests in record time. Together with the wonderful volunteers and judges, Gina ensured the 2024 National Specialty draft tests were a positive, supportive experience for all.

Thank you, Gina, judges, and volunteers!!! You all rock.



Thank you to Tori Pinkas Harned for all her work organizing the very successful health clinics this week.



Juniors!



Obedience High in Trial:
Congratulations Again to Jennifer
Krohn and Birkie!



Rally Intermediate Class Winner
Wendy Boehme with GCH Brighteye
Lone Star CD RN AXJ AJP DD BNDD.



Congratulations to all the qualifiers in
Rally!

Rally High Combined was Ruth Ann Van
Noort with Brinkley.

Candid and Performance Photographers

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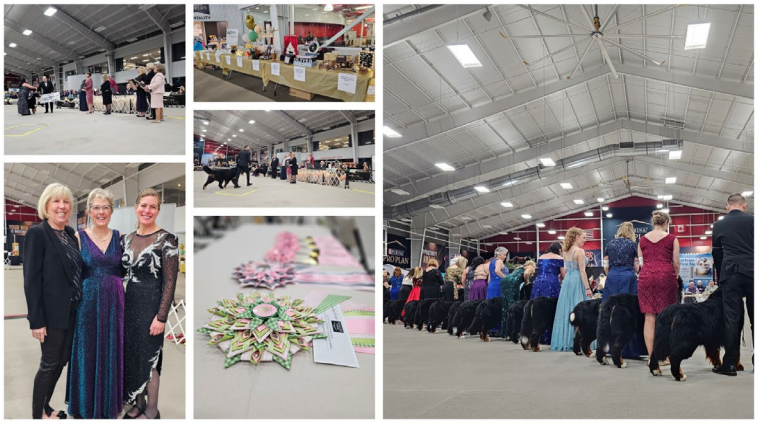
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TOP TWENTY!

Winner: MBISS GCHG TRAILBOUND'S
JUMPIN' JACK FLASH
Congratulations to Jack and his
team!

People's Choice: MBIS MBISS GCHG
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Congratulations to Team Ferguson!

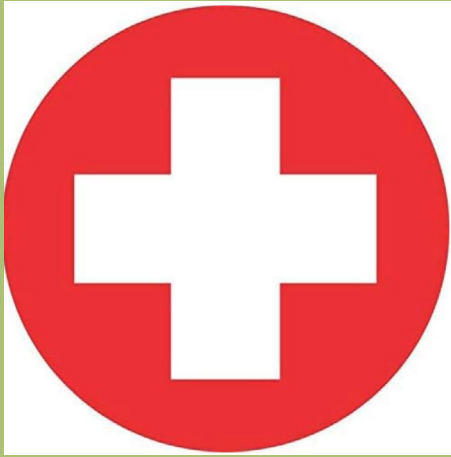


Age Has Its Privileges (and prizes!)

Tag (with Tina Tenbus) is having an awesome week being almost eleven! He was Oldest Qualifier in the Scentwork Trial earlier this week and yesterday he was Oldest Qualifier in Rally! Congratulations Tina and Tag.



Fun Fact: Tag's nieces, littermates Jordan and Claire, tied for Oldest Qualifiers at the draft test yesterday!



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