

# Judging Program



Member of the American Kennel Club

**Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc.**

## 96th National Specialty IWCA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary May 18-20, 2026

National Specialty with Junior Showmanship #2026192804  
Sweepstakes #2026192806 • Obedience #2026192805 • Rally #2026192801

*All events limited to Irish Wolfhounds only.*

*See page 4 for Tentative Schedule of Events*

**Purina Farms**

**300 Checkerboard Drive, Gray Summit, MO 63039**  
**Outdoors - Unbenched**



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**All Specialty Events will be held on the main show field.**  
**LGRA & ASFA events will be held on the herding field.**

AKC Weekend Club Hotline: (919) 816-3955 or visit the AKC Event Cancellations page at:  
<https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/event-cancellation-information>.



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This Show is being held under  
American Kennel Club Rules  
and Regulations

## Show Veterinarian(s): On Call Each Day

### Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital (open till 8PM)

18962 Route 100, Wildwood, MO 63069 • 636-458-6569

Directions to Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital: From Purina Farm Entrance turn right on HWY MM. Turn left on HWY 100 and proceed east to address on the right side of 100.

### Animal Emergency Clinic (Veterinary Service after 8PM)

9937 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • 314-822-7600

Directions to the Animal Emergency Clinic: Take HWY I-44 east to Big Bend Road. Turn right on Big Bend. The Emergency Clinic is on the left side of Big Bend past the overpass.

## Routes To the Show

Route to the show. Purina Farms is located just 20 minutes from the Wildwood Host Hotel. From the hotel head toward Main St, Turn Left onto Taylor Rd., then turn left onto MO 100. Stay on MO 100 for 14 miles. Turn right onto Highway MM. Turn Left onto William Danforth Way. Purina Farms is located at 500 William Danforth Way. Look for large security gate

## Official Photographers

<b>Mark Berry</b> Obed, Rally, Sweeps, Jrs, Conformation Milwaukie, OR • berryhandy@idoud.com	<b>Mary O'Malley</b> LGRA, ASFA Performance Events Springfield, VA • mary_omalley@yahoo.com
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Only the official photographers may sell photographs or digital images taken at these events. Only Official Photographers and the IWCA Internet Committee photographers are permitted to take win photos. Win photos are defined as dog and handler posed with judge, ribbons, and trophies.

### Breakfast/Lunch

The closest option for breakfast or lunch is the Checkerboard Café, located in the Purina Event Center at the top of the hill above the show site.

Hours: open between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM each day.

There are numerous local restaurants and food sources in the Pacific/Eureka area for those who plan to pack a cooler for lunch. Water will be available for exhibitors and guests.

*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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# Tentative Schedule of Events

(All events will be held at Purina Farms, unless otherwise indicated on schedule.)

## 2026 IWCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE Link: [iwclubofamerica.org/2026-event-schedule](http://iwclubofamerica.org/2026-event-schedule)

### SUNDAY, May 17

Board of Directors Meeting – The Wildwood Hotel  
LGRA – Purina Farms Herding Field Time: TBD- morning  
Welcome Reception/Beer/Wine commemorative Glass. **The Wildwood Hotel**  
5:30pm

### MONDAY, May 18

#### **Purina Farms Show Field 8:00 AM Start**

Sweepstakes – Judge: Laurie Morris  
Obedience/Rally Events – Judge: Loretta Lazara  
Junior Showmanship – Judge: Thomas Powers  
Breeders Cup – Judge: Thomas Powell  
Beginning of Regular Conformation Classes: Dogs – Judge: Pauric Hand  
Health Testing: Service Center 7:30-11:30 AM/1:00- 5:00 PM (see map of Grounds)  
Judges Education – Ringside mentoring and seminar  
Health/Education Presentation at conclusion of judging

### TUESDAY, May 19

#### **Purina Farms Show Field 8:00 AM Start**

Continuation of Regular Classes – Judge: Pauric Hand  
Judge's Education – Ringside Mentoring  
Health Testing: Service Center 7:30 AM -1:00 PM  
AGM - Lunch Meeting: Ringside under the tent  
Silent Auction/Live Auction Dinner **The Wildwood Banquet Room** 6:00pm

### WEDNESDAY, May 20

#### **Purina Farms Show Field 8:00 AM Start**

Parade of Veterans  
Continuation & Conclusion of Regular Classes – Judge: Pauric Hand  
Best of Breed & Non-Regular Classes – Judge: Pauric Hand  
Judge's Education – Ringside Mentoring  
Reconvened AGM: at conclusion of judging if required

#### **The Wildwood Banquet Room 6:00 PM**

Judges' Dinner and Evening Program

### THURSDAY, May 21

ASFA Trials- Purina Farms Herding Field:  
**7:00 AM Roll Call**

## Ringside Mentoring & Judges Education

**May 18, 19 and 20, 2026**

*Reservations required. No fee.*

Contact Linda King [ardrhis@aol.com](mailto:ardrhis@aol.com) or call 434-327-9662

## JUDGES

Pauric Hand (100593).....County Caven, Ireland  
*Conformation Classes*

Laurie Morris .....Scandia, MN  
*Puppy Sweepstakes*

Thomas Powers (5903)..... Encino, CA  
*Junior Showmanship & Breeders' Cup*

Loretta C Lazzara (90526) .....St. Charles, IL  
*Obedience & Rally Classes*

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\*Data was collected by Relevante Research via an online survey from August 15-19, 2018. A total of 826 nationally-representative dog owners qualified and completed the survey. Qualified participants were men and women age 18 and older, owned one or more adult dogs, were household member most responsible for taking the dog(s) to a veterinarian, and had taken the dog(s) to a veterinarian in the past 12 months. Purina trademarks are owned by Société des Produits Nestlé S.A. Any other marks are property of their respective owners.

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~Schedule of Judging~

**Monday, May 18, 2026**

There are 237 dogs entered in this National Specialty with a total of 406 entries.  
There are 9 dogs entered in this Obedience Trial with a total of 10 entries.  
There are 16 dogs entered in this Rally Trial with a total of 21 entries.

Gretchen Bernardi is deleted from the panel.  
Thomas Powers will judge the Breeder's Cup.

**Ring 1**

Laurie Morris (56)

**8:00am**

**Puppy Sweepstakes**

- 8 Sweepstakes (Puppy 6-9) Dogs
- 6 Sweepstakes (Puppy 9-12) Dogs
- 5 Sweepstakes (Junior 12-15 Months) Dogs
- 9 Sweepstakes (Puppy 15-18) Dogs
- 7 Sweepstakes (Puppy 6-9) Bitches
- 7 Sweepstakes (Puppy 9-12) Bitches
- 5 Sweepstakes (Junior 12-15 Months) Bitches
- 9 Sweepstakes (Puppy 15-18) Bitches

**Best in Sweepstakes**

**Best of Opposite**

Thomas Powers (15)

**Junior Showmanship**

**11:00am**

- 1 Jr (Open Junior)
- 1 Jr (Novice Senior)
- 1 Jr (Novice Junior)
- Breeders' Cup**
- 12 Breeders' Cup

Mr. Paucic Hand (58)

**12:15pm**

- 8 Puppy (6-9 Months) Dogs
- 5 Puppy (9-12 Months) Dogs
- 14 12-18 Months Dogs
- 5 Novice Dogs
- 5 Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs
- 9 American Bred Dogs
- 12 Open Dogs
- Winners Dog**

**Ring 2**

Loretta C Lazzara (10)

**Obedience Trial**

**8:00am**

- 1 Open B Obedience (8)
- 2 Novice B Obedience (6-7)
- 5 minute walk through**
- 1 Novice A Obedience (5)
- 1 Preferred Novice Obedience (P9)
- 5 Beginner Novice A Obedience (10-12, 14-15)

Loretta C Lazzara (10)

**Rally Trial**

**9:30am**

- 10 minute walk through**
- 3 Rally Master (R17, R20-R21)
- 10 minute walk through**
- 3 Rally Excellent B (R17-R18, R20)
- 10 minute walk through**
- 4 Rally Advanced B (R17-R20)
- 2 Rally Advanced A (R15-R16)
- 10 minute walk through**
- 3 Rally Intermediate (R11-R12, R14)
- 10 minute walk through**
- 3 Rally Novice B (R8-R10)
- 3 Rally Novice A (R5-R7)

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

**Ring 2**

Mr. Pauric Hand (121)

**45 minute lunch break at Judges discretion**

**8:00am**

- 10 Veteran (6+ Years) Dogs
- 15 Veteran (6+ Years) Bitches
- 7 Puppy (6-9 Months) Bitches
- 7 Puppy (9-12 Months) Bitches
- 16 12-18 Months Bitches
- 4 Novice Bitches
- 15 Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches
- 20 American Bred Bitches
- 27 Open Bitches

**Winners Bitch**

AGM at conclusion of judging

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**Ring 1**

Parade of Veterans

**9:00am**

- 5 Parade of Veterans

Mr. Pauric Hand (95)

**45 minute lunch break at Judges discretion**

**9:30am**

- 54 Best of Breed Dogs (26-28)
- 4 Stud Dog
- 3 Brood Bitch
- 6 Brace
- 1 Team class
- 27 Gait Class
- Best Puppy
- Best Bred by Exhibitor

## Welcome Event

Join fellow Exhibitors and Guests as we celebrate the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual IWCA National Specialty at a Welcome Event held at the Wildwood on Sunday, May 17, starting at 6:00 PM. Light hors d'oeuvres served with wine & beer. Welcome Bags, Logo Wear and Meal Tickets will be distributed then and throughout the Specialty.

## Silent Auction and Live Auction

**The Live and Silent Auctions**, which help to raise much needed funds for both the IWCA and the Irish Wolfhound Foundation, will be held on the evening of Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Wildwood Hotel. *Limited additional seating will be available post dinner for Auction-only attendees.*

**We need auction item donations.** Please consider donating an item of value to this worthy cause. See Premium List for contact information

## Basket Raffle

Create a basket that has special meaning or reflects an area, state, club, group, or theme. **Please** deliver baskets to the show site. Designated tables will be set up under the tent. **Include** a printed list of contents and the **names of participants**. Baskets will be on display daily. Raffle Tickets will be available during the days of the Specialty, drawing on Wednesday afternoon.

Must be present to win. See Premium List for contact information

## Health Testing

The Irish Wolfhound Foundation will sponsor screening for cardiac health at the show site on Monday, May 18 and Tuesday May 19. A donation of \$80.00 is requested for EKG/auscultation for hounds 2-6 years, and \$40.00 for hounds 6 and older. Any hound found to have an abnormal EKG or auscultation will be worked into the echo clinic and a \$100 donation will be requested. Testing for OFA certification will be available but must be requested when you sign up. Echocardiogram/EKG (required for OFA cert.) will be \$250.00 for healthy dogs 2 years and under 6 years of age, and \$100.00 for dogs over 6 years of age. Sign up online at [iwfoundation.org/screening-clinics](http://iwfoundation.org/screening-clinics) or contact Frances Abrams at 937-371-3609, [iwfhealth@gmail.com](mailto:iwfhealth@gmail.com) to pre-register before May 8, 2026. Link to Health Clinic information: [iwclubofamerica.org/2024-health-clinics](http://iwclubofamerica.org/2024-health-clinics)

## Public Education Member Event: Ringside

**Monday, May 18, 2026 Immediately follow judging**

**A Celebration of IW Health:** For this anniversary show the IWCA Health and Research Committee, the IWCA Education committee and the Irish Wolfhound Foundation are bringing together six of our long-standing researchers, Drs Bill Tyrrell, Steven Rosenthal, Magi Casal, Dan Fletcher, Susannah Sample, and Jaime Modiano to present brief presentations of their work followed by a panel question and answer session and “meet the investigators.” Please plan to attend and celebrate these researchers who have all published papers to help veterinarians better treat Irish Wolfhounds.  
*[iwclubofamerica.org/2026-educational-programs](http://iwclubofamerica.org/2026-educational-programs)*

## Designated Space for Visiting Regional and Local Clubs

A tent with tables will be available ringside for Regional Club groups to share and display their club pamphlets and membership materials, and to meet potential members and other Regional Group Members. Fundraising of any kind is prohibited. “Give Aways” are allowed but no pet food products, please. Let David Smith know if you plan to attend and use the space [\\_davidsmithcustm@yahoo.com](mailto:_davidsmithcustm@yahoo.com)

## 2026 Specialty Host Hotel

The Wildwood Hotel.....636-733-9100

2801 Fountain Pl, Wildwood, MO 63040  
Special IWCA Group Rate

### Additional Area Hotels & Motels That Will Accept Dogs

Be sure to check with the motel of your choice to see if they still accept dogs. The Show Committee assumes no responsibility for the availability or condition of any of the following accommodations. Please do your research and book early.

Holiday Inn Eureka	4901 Six Flags Rd, Eureka, MO 63025	636.938.6661
Eureka Super	8 1733 W 5th Street Eureka, MO 63025	636.938.4368
America's Best Inn and Suites	1725 W 5th Street Eureka, MO 63025	636.549.3384
Pinemark Inn & Suites	866 South I-44 Outer Road, St. Clair, MO 63077	636.629.1000
Drury Inn	I-44 & Bowles Ave., Fenton, MO 63026	636.343.7822
Pear Tree Inn	1100 South Highway Dr. Fenton, MO 63026	636.343.8820
Super 8 Washington	2081 Eckelkamp Court, Washington, MO 63090	636.875.1616

### Hotel and Motel Etiquette

Clean up after your dogs, PLEASE! Please, always keep dogs on leashes at the show and on Hotel Grounds. Please no dogs in the Main Lobby of the Holiday Inn. The Show Committee has designated the Hotel Grounds as an extension of the show site. An Event Committee Hearing may be held to address any hotel complaint about the condition of your room and/or destruction of Hotel Property.

### RV Parking Information

Purina Farms offers 2 different RV lots on the property. (See Map). The Full Service Purina Event Center RV lot offers 30 and 50 amp electric, water and sewer. The Electric Only Main Show Field RV lot, which is located on the terrace above and adjacent to the Show Field, offers 30 and 50 amp electric service.

All reservations must be made through Purina Farms by emailing a completed reservation form to [rvparking@purina.nestle.com](mailto:rvparking@purina.nestle.com) or mailing to Purina Farms, Attn: RV Engagement Specialist, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039. Please call (866) 979-2488 with any overnight camping questions.

Link to RV Reservation Form: [iwclubofamerica.org/2026-accomodations-rv-parking](http://iwclubofamerica.org/2026-accomodations-rv-parking)

### Nearby Campgrounds That Will Accept Dogs

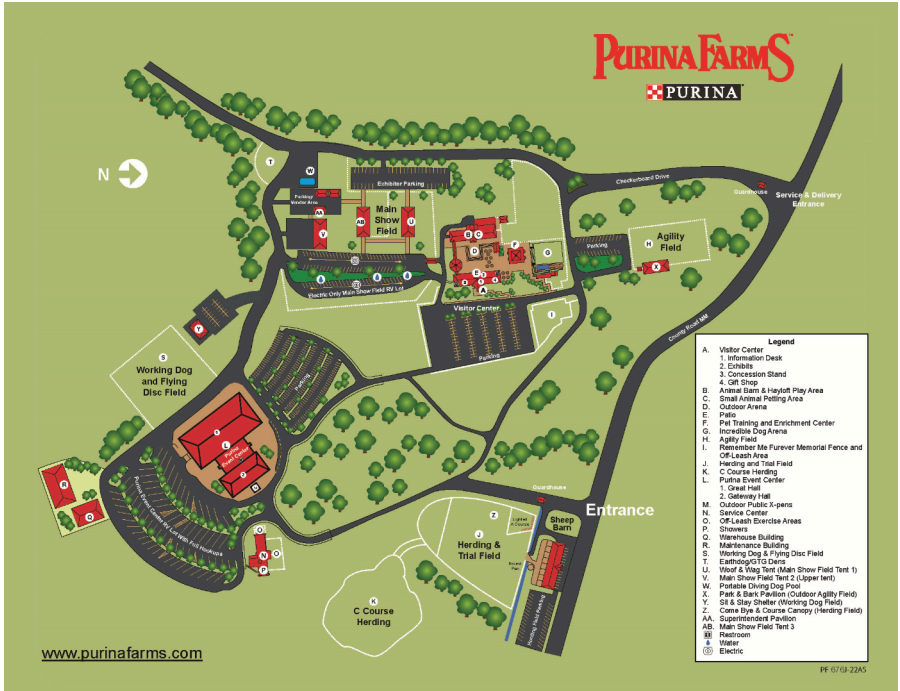
Jellystone Park Campground.....	636.938.5925
KOA Campground.....	636.257.3018
Robertsville State Park.....	636.257.3788

## Routes To the Show

Purina Farms is located just 10 minutes west of Six Flags St. Louis off HWY I-44. Take the Gray Summit exit #253 and head north on HWY 100. Turn left on HWY MM and proceed a mile to Purina Farms main entrance on the left. Look for large security gate.

## Map of Purina Grounds

**Disabled Parking** available with access to the show site from the Exhibitor Parking Area or from parking areas adjacent to the west side of the Visitor's Center.



- Ample Exhibitor Parking next to the show site: level, flat gravel, water and portable toilet location.
- The Show Site will be available to Exhibitors after 5:00 PM, Sunday May 17. Dogs must be removed from the show site immediately following the close of the show.
- Tenting and X Pen set up in designated areas only. No tent/x pen set up within 10 feet of the ring.
- Rabies and Vaccination Certificate - Missouri requires proof of current Rabies Vaccination carried with you. Tags are not accepted.

## Performance Events

All performance events will be held at the Purina Farms Herding Field. (See Map)  
For more information, contact Performance Chair Mary Ellen Shriver, meshriver@msn.com or call 610-360-2705.

Premiums will be available on the IWCA website.

[iwclubofamerica.org/2026-lgra](http://iwclubofamerica.org/2026-lgra)

[iwclubofamerica.org/2026-asfa](http://iwclubofamerica.org/2026-asfa)

LGRA Race Meet Sunday Morning May 17, 2026 - Time TBD

ASFA Lure Trial Thursday Morning, May 21, 2026 - 7:00 AM Roll Call



### **2026 Specialty Logo Items**

Commemorative specialty logo items may be ordered through the club's website -

*[iwclubofamerica.org/2026-logo-items](http://iwclubofamerica.org/2026-logo-items)*



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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.

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