



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

Special Attractions Application

Clubs planning a Special Attraction(s) at their event must complete the “Additional Classes or Attractions” section of the AKC Event Application for Conformation. If any of the Special Attraction(s) being offered does not have standing written approval from the AKC Board of Directors (see list below) the club must submit a Special Attraction Application with the attractions selected and a detailed written description of each of the attractions. The Special Attraction Application should be submitted with the AKC Event Application for Conformation eighteen (18) weeks prior to the closing date of the event and must be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the event.

All clubs holding a Special Attraction and participants in these attractions are governed by the same rules and regulations that apply to AKC® events. The Event Committee has the same responsibilities to see that all AKC Rules, Regulations, and Policies are enforced.

All Special Attractions that would allow dogs younger than six (6) months of age must be submitted for AKC review and approval.

Clubs may define the eligibility requirements for participation in the Special Attraction, including whether or not the dogs must be entered in the regular show.

Special Attractions must not interfere with the orderly conduct of judging at the show. They should be held during a break in judging, at the conclusion of the judging, or in an area far enough removed from the judging so as not to disturb the participants in the regular show.

Health services and breed characteristic evaluations held with AKC events may not be conducted in a ring and should be held in a location away from congestion and heavy traffic to provide a conducive atmosphere for the special attraction.

Examples of commonly approved Special Attractions are listed in this application. Any demonstration such as Agility, Obedience, Rally, Lure Coursing, Earthdog or any event which the American Kennel Club licenses **must** follow AKC regulations, utilizing approved course requirements and equipment.

Judges of special attractions need not be regular approved judges for the breeds or groups. This applies to demonstrations as well as competitive events.

Announcement of the Special Attraction(s), which includes detailed information on eligibility and/or performance requirements, must be included in the premium list.

Special Attractions with Standing Written Approval

The following Special Attractions do not need an application or written approval for inclusion in the premium list:

Competitions

- Best Bred-By Exhibitor
- Best Puppy
- Best Veteran
- Best Amateur-Owner-Handler
- Best in Sweepstakes
- Top Ranked (for example “Top 20”)

Parades

- Champions
- Rescue Dogs
- Title Holders
- Veterans

Demonstrations

- Agility*
- Carting
- Dock Diving (held according to the guidelines of [North America Dock Diving](#) (NADD))
- Drill Team
- Earthdog
- Flyball (held according to the guidelines of the [North American Flyball Association](#) (NAFA))
- Guide Dogs
- Herding
- Lure Coursing
- Non-Contact Police Dog Demos
- Obedience*
- Rally*
- Terrier Races
- Barn Hunt (held according to the guidelines of the [Barn Hunt Association](#))
- Breed characteristic demonstrations held by parent clubs in accordance with the AKC mission, AKC policies, and AKC procedures

*Dogs participating in this demonstration may not be entered in the trial/event for that competition type.

Tests

- Canine Good Citizen
- Community Canine
- Trick Dog

Other (held on any date)

- Health services such as Clinics for Heart, Eye, Microchip, Thyroid, von Willebrands, International Canine
- Semen Bank or other related to the general health and well-being of the dogs
- Educational Seminars
- Booths
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Special Attractions Application

Please return completed form to EventPlans@akc.org

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Name of Club: _____

Event Day/Date: _____

Requested by: _____

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Daytime Tel.,
Fax # and Email: _____

Name of Supt./
Show Secretary: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Daytime Tel.,
Fax # and Email: _____

Please check any of the Special Attractions that the club plans to offer:

Demonstrations/Clinics:

Competitions:

☐ Pee Wee Class

☐ AKC National Owner Handled Series (NOHS)

☐ Weight Pull

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL ATTRACTION(S) REQUESTED THAT ARE NOT LISTED ABOVE:

(Attached separate 8x11 sheet if additional space is needed)

Approvals will be sent to an officer(s) of the applying club and the Superintendent/Event Secretary

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