

Northwest Flat-
Coated Retriever
Club



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Get ready for...

The 2019 Flatcoated Retriever Society of America
National Specialty
in Albany, Oregon!

During the next few months your Flat-Coat Times Special Editions will keep you up to date on our club's preparations for the specialty. Find out how to get your dog ready, how you can help, and what you can expect. This month we take a look at the schedule, we focus on conformation and obedience, and we take a look at committees who are working hard to put together the event.

Our logo, below, features a pup named "Fetch" who is very excited about the specialty. He was drawn by our Canadian friend and fellow flat-coat breeder, Liz Saunders for the 2014 specialty, and he's back by popular demand. He will appear on merchandise and in all of our communications.



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2019 Specialty Schedule

Specialty 2019

- Friday, June 14** All breed agility trial (High in Class FCR)
 Agility B match in evening
 NADD dock diving all breed
 Field: Steady and Unsteady Singles
- Saturday, June 15** All breed agility trial (High in Class FCR)
 NADD dock Diving all breed
 Field: Hunt Test (JH, SH, MH)
- Sunday June 16** All breed agility trial (FCR only in trial)
 NADD dock diving all breed
 Field: WC and WCX
 Grooming area open for people to set up
 Conformation, obedience and rally rings set up
 Field/Agility Banquet and Field/Agility Drawing
- Monday, June 17** Rally and Obedience regular and non-regular
 NADD dock diving all breed
 CGC and TDI
 Trick Dog
 Ring of Honor in evening
 Welcome Party
- Tuesday, June 18** **Conformation:** Puppy sweeps and Veterans' Sweeps
 Conformation: Gun dog Sweeps
 Search and Rescue Demonstration featuring northwest flatcoats
 Silent Auction begins
 Northwest Dinner
- Wednesday June 19** **Conformation:** 4-6 month puppy class
 Conformation: Dog classes
 Conformation: Junior Handling

Junior's Ice Cream Social

FCRSA Board Meeting

Education: First Aid for Dogs (in afternoon)

Black Dog Casino Night (tentative)

Thursday June 20 **Conformation:** Bitch classes

Silent Auction

Judges Education

Eye Clinic

Annual meeting

State Baskets and NW art silent auctions complete

Friday, June 21 **Conformation:** BOB, Owner Handler, Stud/Brood, Brace

Awards Banquet

Other events on Saturday and Sunday June 21 and 22, AKC weekend 25

All breed agility trial in Salem, OR

All breed Conformation show in Canby, OR

Spotlight on Conformation

In this edition, we shine the specialty spotlight on conformation, also known as the “breed ring”, or to my neighbors, “the show dogs.” In the northwest, most flatcoats who compete in the breed ring are also obedience, hunting, agility, or tracking dogs.

(Note: if you are brand new to conformation shows, go to <http://classic.akc.org/events/conformation/beginners.cfm> to get a good overview of how dog shows work.)

At the specialty, the excitement for conformation begins on Tuesday, June 18 with the Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes. Judge Judy Gladson will preside over the ring as our older dogs strut their stuff. Veterans is always heartwarming as we cheer and celebrate each dog entered. There are three separate classes for dogs and bitches, depending on their ages: Age 7 and under 9 years, Age 9 and under 11 years, Age 11 years and over. These dogs compete for the “Best Veteran in Sweepstakes” and “Best Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes”, but do not go on to compete in Best of Breed competition. Dogs and bitches entered in the veterans classes may be altered.

Then, the puppies get their turn! This is always the “cutest” event at the specialty, with many of the entries just past their qualifying birthday and many of them with no ring experience. Getting around the circle can be a challenge! Again, our Judge is Judy Gladson. The puppy classes (separate for dogs and bitches) are 6months-under 9 months, 9-under 12 months, 12-under 15 months, and 15-under 18 months. They compete for “Best Puppy in Sweepstakes” and “Best Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes”. We also plan to offer 4-6 mo. competition.

Following the Puppy Sweeps on Tuesday, Judge Barb Krieger takes the ring to judge Gun Dog Bitches and Gun Dogs. These sweeps class are open to dogs who have earned a field title, with classifications for Started, Intermediate, and Finished.

Judge Helen Szostak takes command of the ring on Wednesday as we begin the march to “Best of Breed.” Beginning with 6-9 month dogs, he will proceed through 9-12 months dogs, 12-15 month dogs, 15-18 month dogs, Amateur Owner Handler Dogs, Bred by Exhibitor Dogs, American Bred Dogs, and Open Dogs. They are all competing for the “Winners’ Dog” award, and the opportunity to move on to Best of Breed Competition on Friday. On Thursday, Judge Szostak has another exhausting day as the bitches take the ring. There are also classes on Wednesday and Thursday for the hunting dogs.

Friday is Best of Breed Day. In past specialties, there have been 100-130 champions vying for this title. Dogs and bitches are divided into groups of about 10, and the judge proceeds to make cuts to narrow the field. It is honorable to come away with an “I Made the Cut” ribbon. Dogs reenter the ring and the judge makes cuts until she determines this year’s Best of Breed (who gets to sport the title BISS) and Best of Opposite Sex. She also chooses Select Dog, Select Bitch, and gives Judges Awards of Merit to 10% of the entries.

Following Best of Breed, the “stud dogs” enter the ring with their “get”, followed by the “brood bitches” and their “get”. This is a lot of fun, with handlers sometimes sporting matching shirts.

With a superb facility and grooming/crating under the same roof, the Albany specialty conformation events will be comfortable and classy. Bring on the dogs!

Interested in a handling class? If you are in the Seattle area, check out Stacy Duncan’s handling class

Spotlight on Obedience and Rally

When the nation's flat-coats invade Albany, Oregon next June for the annual specialty, Obedience Competition will be fun and entertaining. Jeanne Allen, chair of the obedience and rally events, says judges Carolyn Wray, Alvin Eng, and Patricia Maynard are very pleasant to show under and really enjoy what they are doing. Jeanne adds, "Of course with our Peter Pan dogs, they could be in for some good laughs, too."

Jeanne explains rally: "For those not familiar with rally, there are signs that you, the handler must guide your dog through. In rally you are allowed to talk and use hand signals to guide your dog through out the exercises, as compared to obedience where you can only give commands at the beginning of each exercise."

Jeanne goes on to offer some good advice to anybody interested in trying obedience or rally: "I suggest finding a good obedience class to attend and one where they will do competitive training as opposed to a "good-manners class." Contact some of our members to steer you in the right direction. You and you dog can have a lot of fun doing obedience and rally. This breed works really, really well for positive reinforcement training (IE treats. toys etc).

The most beginning classes offered are Beginner Novice in obedience and Novice in rally. Do you have time to get your dog ready? Of course!

Interested? You can get a complete set of rules and regulations for obedience and rally at the AKC website: www.americkennelclub.org. Try to watch obedience and rally at a show near you! If you live in the greater Seattle-Tacoma area, try Family Dog Training Center (<http://www.familydogonline.com/> for classes.

A large bag for the supplies with extra room to customize your kit with additional items!

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Committee Progress

Calendar:

Dec. 1: Get info to Jo for the FCRSA newsletter infopacket.

Dec. 3: Next conference call. 7 pm. Call in #: 641-715-3580. Access code: 652782.

Dec. 15: Budgets due to chairpersons.

March 30: Walk-through in Albany during Supported Entry. Our dinner will be provided by the caterer on site and we will use Event Brite to sign-up and pay for it.

Jo's color coding:

Blue=action item

Red=item for further discussion

Purple=item needs decision.

Agility: (Joyce) Judges have discovered they are not available due to the AKC 200 miles/30 day rule. Committee is looking for new judges.

Conformation: (Joyce) Good to go!

Field: (Jo) Mary Beth Lamb secured hunt test judges; Jo is working on the others. Not much luck due to conflicting events. The local hunt club who was going to work and supply equipment has backed out. [Salomeja and Jo are working on getting workers and equipment.](#) Xan has been very helpful.

Fundraising: (Joyce) Magnets have made \$2,224. Sheets, \$175. Raffle last spring, \$450. Holiday store is now open. First Aid Kits are available.

Hospitality: (Patricia and Ragan) Ragan and Patricia went to Albany and reviewed the spaces. They determined hours of operation for the concession stand in the agility arena and the main building. They have contacted Oregon Beverage Services for pricing. They have received permission from FCRSA to use Event Brite for hospitality registration and payment. Participants will be able to pay electronically, using debit, credit, checking account.

Name Tags and Welcome Gift: (Linda and Susan) The hospitality bag will be a reusable shopping bag. The welcome gift will be a beach-size towel with the logo on it. The towel could be used in grooming set ups. They would also like to include dog treats and need a donor to provide them. [Jeanne had suggestions; they will contact her.](#) [Susan will approach Mud Bay for a donation.](#) Nancy suggested getting coupons from local businesses for the bags. [Linda would like a flyer of the photographers and their websites for the hospitality bag.](#) [Jo will do this.](#)

Merchandise: (Lori, Suzanne) Lori has suggestions for some fun vendors. She should have a list of items by Dec. 1st. [Do we need FCRSA permission to use the national logo? \(Who is going to get this answer???\)](#) Merchandise purchases can be made with Paypal. [Suzanne asked about how much merchandise we should have on site for purchase.](#) Would Paypal be available via the Square? (Mary Aykens will look into that?)

Obedience: (Jeanne) Has judges. Has AKC approval. [Jeanne will contact FCRSA Secretary Jeff Speicher to see if she writes the judges' contracts or if he does.](#)

Photographer: (Joyce) Gen Dever will do win shots. Chris Butler and she will shoot the field. Chris will do ringside action. Nina Sage will do Dock Diving and Agility.

Ribbons: (Sandee and Mary K.) Sandee has contacted the ribbon company she used previously. She and Mary have made a master list of ribbons. [There needs to be a better situation for sorting and storing ribbons onsite.](#) Adora suggests plastic bins (labeled for each class) for organizing and transporting ribbons. [We need to know if the ribbons must have the class name on them.](#) [We also need to know if we must give two rosettes \(a qualifying rosette and a placement rosette\) or if the qualifying can be a flat ribbon.](#)

Committee Progress, cont'd.

Trophies: (Kathy and Lizzy) Kathy is working with Fantasy in Glass for the trophies; the artist has designed some items for Kathy to look up and they are working on prices. Joyce addressed the FCRSA decision that there would be no trophies for sweeps. Nancy suggested that perhaps the Northwest Club could sponsor those trophies. Our group responded favorably to that decision; we will ask that the NWFCRC board make a decision.

Sasquatch Award: (Margo) Margo needs a list of everything offered. Joyce and Jo will get this to her, although the easiest way may be to use the master list Sandee and Mary K. developed.

Health Clinic: (Barbara) Barbara has contacted Dr. Maxwell. She will offer CAER and gonioscopy. Barbara will contact Pat Boydston to discuss pricing.

Electricity and Reserved Grooming: (Ron and Sheila) Ron will plan for 100 spots. Electricity will cost \$50 for the week.

Ring of Honor: Keli Martin sent info. She will have budget by Dec 15. Nothing really happens until new inductees are determined in January.

Other: Will there be DNA testing on site? Could someone discuss DNA testing and the UC Davis program and Better Bred at the Northwest Dinner? Nancy Harger will contact Barb Krieger about this.

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