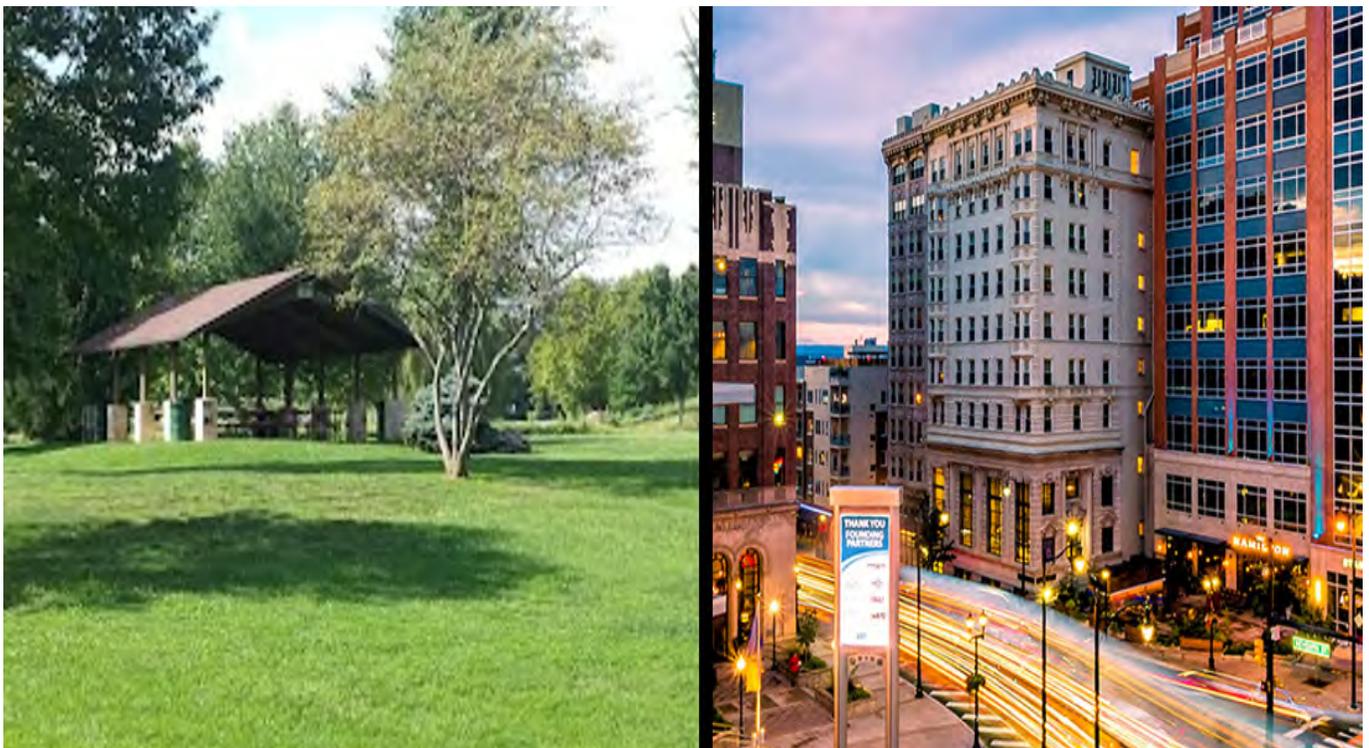




**HCNA Fall 2022
Specialty Show, Temperament Test
and Annual Meeting
October 14-16, 2022
Allentown, Pennsylvania**

Mark your calendars! The Hovawart Club of North America will be holding its Annual Fall Meeting, Specialty Show, and Temperament Test from October 14 to 16 in the Lehigh Valley. This will be our second show of the year and our second show since 2019. We are so happy at the enthusiasm and interest you are showing and cannot wait to see as many of you and your hovawarts as we can in Allentown.



Our Judge: Kirsten Wesche

Judge Kirsten Wesche (left, with HCNA Vice President Deb McIntyre) will be our judge for the specialty show on Saturday, and she will evaluate the dogs' character during the temperament test on Sunday. Her son Björn (right, above) will be there for the dogs no matter their looks or temperament!

Kirsten has been one of the RZV breed wardens since 1997 and an advisor to the HCNA breeding committee since 2015. She has judged for our club at events in Indiana (2013), Georgia (2015), California (2016), Pennsylvania (2017), and New Jersey (2019). And she has been a wonderful promoter of our small club. With her assistance we have imported multiple puppies from Europe and developed our successful breeding program within the club. In addition to judging for us periodically in North America, Kirsten regularly judges across Europe and was one of the judges selected for the Hovawart's 100th Anniversary celebration and show earlier this summer in Germany.



Our conformation shows are casual, and family oriented. The judges spend plenty of time explaining all the characteristics of each individual dog. Importantly, you do not have to be a professional handler to show your dog at any of the HCNA shows. Just have fun!

We welcome visitors, supporters, and everybody else interested in learning about this wonderful breed. If you are just visiting, without showing a dog, there is no need to register. The show is a free event, except for showing or having your dog's temperament evaluated (see attached registration forms).

We certainly hope that more than a few of you are considering breeding your hovawart. This will be a great opportunity for the club to evaluate our dogs, consider possible breeding opportunities, and learn where our club stands. But it is also a wonderful chance for many of our members to meet one another, see more hovawarts together than you may have ever seen, and reconfirm why we love them so much. Conformation is more than a beauty contest, and temperament testing is more than just a walk in the woods. These events really educate all of us on our breed, its health, its personality, and our continued efforts to keep this active working dog's pool as strong as possible. (Plus, they are really fun.)

We will be in Allentown, Pennsylvania over the three-day weekend of October 14 -16. We are very happy to return to the East Coast and hope to see many of you there. Of course, we are also very happy to have Kirsten back with us, too. We look forward to seeing all of you this fall!

The Event

Note: A list of what to bring can be found at the end of this announcement.

Allentown, Pennsylvania



The show will take place in Allentown, PA, at Bob Rondale Cycling and Fitness Park located at 1148 Mosser Rd, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

The Show Schedule

Friday October 14, 2022

Meet and Greet at Clyde Norelli's home
2708 Chew St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Time: 7:00 pm

Note: Please leave your four-legged friends at the hotel or in the car (the temperature will be nice) at the request of the hosts' dogs. Thanks.

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Conformation show
Bob Rodale Cycling and Fitness Park
1148 Mosser Rd
Breinigsville, PA 18031

- 9:00 am Registration
- 9:30 am Conformation Show
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Conformation Show (cont.)

Tests will continue until all dogs are evaluated.

- 7:00 pm Club Annual Meeting and Dinner
Carrabba's Italian Grill
510 S Cedar Crest Blvd
Allentown, PA 18103



Sunday, August 7, 2027

Temperament Test
at tBob Rodale Cycling and
Fitness Park
1148 Mosser Rd
Breinigsville, PA 18031

9:00 am Registration
9:30 am Temperament test*
12:00 pm Lunch on your own



Tests will continue until all dogs are evaluated.

* We encourage everyone to join in the tests. Even if your dog isn't being evaluated, we need volunteers for each test and watching the dogs work can be very rewarding.

The temperament test is an opportunity for the club to assess Hovawart-specific characteristics to determine the breeding eligibility of our dogs. This will be interesting to everyone, and it will require volunteers. Even if your pup is not participating, we would like you to help us all out. Though the test is ultimately for breeding suitability, and even if you think that you are not interested in breeding, by enrolling in the test, you will learn about your dog's reactions to different situations. The results will be informative for us, you, and your breeder.

Accommodations:

A couple of pet-friendly hotels are recommended by our hosts. Additional hotels can be found in the area. Call for rates and pet fees. Be sure to make hotel reservations soon, this is a very touristic area.

Hotel	Cost/ night	Pet fee
Hyatt Place Allentown (six minutes from the park) 621 Grange Rd. Allentown, PA 18106 610-387-1000	\$200.00	\$75
Staybridge Suites (seven minutes away from the park) 327 Star Road Allentown, PA 18106 877-238-8889	\$171.00	\$25
Sleep Inn Allentown (seven minutes from the park) 327 Star Road Allentown, PA 18106 (610) 395-6603	\$151.00	\$25.00
Comfort Inn Lehigh Valley West (nine minutes from the park) 7625 Imperial Way, Allentown, PA 18106 (610) 391-0344	\$125.00	\$75

There are certainly other hotels. If you travel with an RV, you likely know where to camp. Though we do note that the Allentown KOA Journey at 6750 KOA Drive, New Triploi, PA 18066 is a mere 20 minutes from the park. In addition, there are Airbnb and VRBO rentals available. <https://www.airbnb.com/> or <https://www.vrbo.com/>.

Remember to bring

For yourself:

- Folding/camping chairs, you may want to sit around the ring.
- All-weather clothing – this is a rain or shine event!
- Printed copy of your registration to the show.

For your dog:

- Registration papers/pedigree of your dog.
- Proof of vaccination or titer test.
- Collar & leash (no prong/choke collar, halti or harness in the show ring)
- Crate (only if you have one)
- Food/treats for your dog. Water and poop bags will be available.

Registration:

The conformation show and temperament test are open to all Hovawarts with HCNA, FCI, CKC, and AKC papers. Hovawarts without approved papers are welcome to start in the spay/neuter class.

Please refer to the attached registration form for available classes. If you are unsure whether your dog's papers are eligible for participation in the official classes, do not hesitate to contact us at info@hovawartclub.org or any of the show committee members.

If you plan to attend, it is greatly appreciated if you register as far in advance as possible!

You have two choices to register for the event:

1. Sign up on-line – this is the most convenient way!

Just go to www.hovawartclub.org and click on “Summer Show Registration.” You will be able to pay for registration through PayPal (it is a secure site). **Please note** you do not need a PayPal account to use this feature. You can simply use your Credit or Debit Card to pay.

2. You can fill out the attached registration form and mail it to Nancy Parella at the address provided on the forms, along with a check payable to “Hovawart Club of North America”.

Club membership is not required for participation. However; if you have allowed your membership to lapse, no problem, you will have an opportunity to renew when you register for the show.

What else to know:

Dogs have to be on leash and under control **at all times**.

Please be aware that not all dogs get along with each other, so keep some distance between dogs especially between males. Please make sure to keep your dog under control if you approach an area where other dogs are located. During the conformation evaluation and most importantly, during the temperament test, it is very important that all dogs are kept **away** from the evaluation area. We do not want the dogs being evaluated to be distracted and possibly fail because of other dogs.

If your female is in heat, she can still participate. Just let us know ahead of time.

Registration will take place the morning of the show. Judging will start as soon as everybody has completed their registration process.

Covid safety protocols will be followed during the event. More information will be provided after registration is completed.

Contact information for questions, concerns or suggestions:

Host:

Clyde Norelli
2708 Chew St.
Allentown, PA 18104
Phone: 610-657-1388
email: thunderpac@verizon.net

Show Committee:

Matthew Douthat: president@hovawartclub.org
Elisabeth Arévalo: breeding@hovawartclub.org
Clyde Norelli: thunderpac@verizon.net

SPECIALTY SHOW FAQ

Q. Why Should I Attend an HCNA Show?

A. The HCNA strives to preserve and protect the hovawart by promoting the physical standard set by the F.C.I. while also promoting a temperament desired in the breed. Presenting your dog at an HCNA Show and participating in the temperament testing lets you, your dog's breeder, and the club know how well a certain dog meets those standards. This information is, naturally, very important for future breedings. Even if you have no intention of breeding your pet, participation in the event will give the club and your breeder important information about your hovawart and its litter, which in turn helps us determine what we should consider for future breeding approvals.

A proper hovawart is a well-balanced dog. It will have an appearance that matches our standard with the health and personality traits that we wish to promote. We want our dogs to be good pets, but we also want them to be true hovawarts. And while showing a dog may not be something you ever thought you would do, your breeder and their future puppy buyers will greatly appreciate your effort.

Additionally, attendance allows you to meet your fellow hovawart owners. We may be biased, but we think the HCNA has great members. It is likely you don't have other hovawart owners located close to you. Getting to know club members and meeting their dogs is enjoyable. Trust us: great and long-term friendships have begun at these shows.

Q. Does My Dog Need Any Special Training To Participate?

A. The short answer is no. The slightly longer answer is maybe a little obedience training wouldn't hurt. This is not Westminster. Nobody expects you or your dog to be experienced, much less expert, showing handlers. The HCNA goal is to promote the "whole dog" and there are no "show lines" in the HCNA. But you will be in a ring with other dogs and their owners, jogging in a circle, and allowing the judge to touch your dog – even its teeth. So it will help if some basic obedience and socialization is had. Everyone starts at the beginning, and everyone can do it.

Shows will have experienced members ready and willing to help you. Our judges, though highly experienced and qualified themselves, know they are here to judge the dog and not the owner.

Q. Does it Matter if My Dog is Spayed or Neutered?

A. As another indication of the club's goal to promote the overall health our dogs, we allow all our hovawarts to be shown. Some breed clubs don't. Spayed or neutered, the results will help the club and breeder. And we know many of our members have pets without any intention of breeding them. We want you to participate fully, as well. That said, a spayed or neutered dog cannot compete for best in show. Your dog won't care, though.

Q. Is My Dog Too Young To Compete?

A. No. We have nine different classes divided by age. The puppy class is from three to six months of age and the veteran class is for dogs eight years or older. Although old dogs can learn new tricks, we definitely encourage you to start as soon as you can make it to a show. You and your dog will only grow more comfortable with the event.

Q. What is the Appropriate Attire?

A. You should dress as comfortably as you want. Our shows almost always take place outside, and if jeans and sweatshirt feels right, then it is perfect. If you're more comfortable in formal wear, we won't turn you away, either.

The hovawart is a natural, working dog, and it should look that way in the ring. Certainly no special trimming is needed, but a good brushing is appropriate. Get those knots out, but keep the bows at home!

Q. One Last Pitch

A. We are an open and friendly group. If you think your dog will react to other dogs in the ring, let everyone know. If you think you can't perform, trust us: you can. Win or lose, it is a fun opportunity to learn about the dog you love so much and meet new friends.

