

**Keeshond Club of America**  
**Regional & National Specialties**  
(Member of the American Kennel Club)  
(Unbenched)  
**Roberts Centre**  
123 Gano Rd, Wilmington OH 45177

**JUDGING PROGRAM**

**Regional Specialty**

**Monday, May 18, 2026**

Obedience Event #2026189802 \* Rally Event #2026189801  
Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651  
Obedience & Rally Chair – Donna Schmitt 920-285-4842  
Ring Stewards Donna Schmitt & Dave Leiker

**Ring 1 - Judge: Kathleen Cook**

**9:00 AM 31 Obedience**

3 Utility B  
2 Utility A  
1 Graduate Open  
5 Open B  
2 Open A  
5 Novice B  
2 Novice A  
1 Preferred Novice  
1 Beginner Novice A  
5 Beginner Novice B  
4 Veterans

**Ring 2 - Judge: Fred Buroff**

**11:00 AM 44 Rally**

6 Master  
1 Excellent A  
9 Excellent B  
1 Advanced A  
14 Advanced B  
1 Intermediate  
2 Novice A  
10 Novice B

***45-minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion***



**National Specialty**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Obedience Event #2026189805 \* Rally Event #2026189806

**Ring 1 - Judge: Fred Buroff**

**8:30 AM 31 Obedience**

3 Utility B  
2 Utility A  
1 Graduate Open  
5 Open B  
2 Open A  
5 Novice B  
2 Novice A  
1 Preferred Novice  
1 Beginner Novice A  
5 Beginner Novice B  
4 Veterans

**Ring 2 - Judge: Kathleen Cook**

**10:30 AM 45 Rally**

6 Master  
1 Excellent A  
9 Excellent B  
1 Advanced A  
14 Advanced B  
1 Intermediate  
2 Novice A  
10 Novice B  
1 Team Novice

***45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion***

***Breaks at Club's or Judge's Discretion***

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**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**Breed/Jr Show** Event #2026189803 \* **Sweeps** Event #2026189812

**4-6 Month Puppy** Event #2026189813

Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651

**Ring 1 - Judge: Joseph Vergnetti.....88**

**8:00 AM** Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes

Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

**8:00 AM 56 Puppy Sweepstakes**

5 – 6-9 Months Dogs  
5 – 9-12 Months Dogs  
7 – 12-15 Months Dogs  
3 – 15-18 Months Dogs  
5 – 18-24 Months Dogs  
6 – 6-9 Months Bitches  
6 – 9-12 Months Bitches  
9 – 12-15 Months Bitches  
1 – 15-18 Months Bitches  
9 – 18-24 Months Bitches

**11:00 AM 32 Veteran Sweepstakes**

7 – 7-9 Years Dogs  
3 – 9-11 Years Dogs  
5 – 11 Years & Older Dogs  
4 – 7-9 Years Bitches  
9 – 9-11 Years Bitches  
4 – 11 Years & Older Bitches

**Ring 1 - Judge: Susan St John Brown.....62**

**12:30 PM** Four to Six Month Puppy Competition 3 – 7

**1:00 PM** Conformation Dog Classes & Veteran Dogs & Bitches

**23 Conformation Dog Classes**

4 – 6-9 Months Dogs  
2 – 9-12 Months Dogs  
2 – 12-15 Months Dogs  
1 – 15-18 Months Dogs  
4 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Dogs  
5 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Dogs  
3 – American Bred Dogs  
2 – Open Dogs

**29 Veteran Dogs & Bitches**

5 – Veteran 7-9 Years Dogs  
3 – Veteran 9-11 Years Dogs  
5 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Dogs  
5 – Veteran 7-9 Years Bitches  
8 – Veteran 9-11 Years Bitches  
3 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Bitches

***Breaks at Club's or Judge's Discretion***



**TRANSFERS TO BEST OF BREED COMPETITION**

The deadline for exhibitors transferring their dogs to Best of Breed  
at the Show Secretary's desk is 12:30pm on Wednesday 5/20/26  
& 10:30am on Friday 5/22/26



**All Keeshonden will be judged on a ramp through all levels of  
conformation competition**



*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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**JUDGING PROGRAM**

**Regional Specialty**

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

Breed/Jr Show Event #2026189803

Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651

**Ring 1 - Judge: Susan St John Brown.....132**

**8:00 AM** – 6 Jr Showmanship – 1 Novice Junior, 3 Novice Intermediate,  
1 Open Junior, 1 Open Senior

Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

**8:30 AM** Conformation Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, & Multi Dog Classes

**40 Conformation Bitch Classes**

- 4 – 6-9 Months Bitches
- 4 – 9-12 Months Bitches
- 3 – 12-15 Months Bitches
- 2 – 15-18 Months Bitches
- 5 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Bitches
- 14 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Bitches
- 2 – American Bred Bitches
- 6 – Open Bitches

**76 Best of Breed 46 – 30**

- 1 – Stud Dog
- 6 – Brood Bitch
- 3 - Brace

**45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion**  
**Breaks at Club's or Judge's Discretion**



**National Specialty**

**Friday, May 22, 2026**

Breed/Jr Show Event #2026189807

**Ring 1 - Judge: Traci Wasser.....52**

**8:00 AM** Futurity & Maturity - Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4 – Futurity Puppy Dogs          | 5 – Futurity Puppy Bitches          |
| 3 – Futurity Junior Dogs         | 7 – Futurity Junior Bitches         |
| 7 – Futurity Intermediate Dogs   | 5 – Futurity Intermediate Bitches   |
| 3 – Futurity Senior Dogs         | 3 – Futurity Senior Bitches         |
| 5 – 18-24 Months Dogs            | 7 – Maturity Under 2 Years Bitches  |
| 3 – Maturity Under 2 Years Dogs  | 2 – Maturity 2 Years & Over Bitches |
| 3 – Maturity 2 Years & Over Dogs |                                     |



**Directions to the Show Site**

**From Dayton Airport (DAY)** – Take I-70 South to I-75 South. Proceed to US-35 East to US-68 South, then turn East on Gano Road.

**From Cincinnati/North KY Airport (CVG)** – Take I-275 East to I-71 East, exit onto US-68 North, then turn East on Gano Rd

**From John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH)** – Take I-670 W/US 62 W, take Exit 5 to merge onto I-71 S toward Cincinnati. Take Exit 50 for US 68 toward Wilmington. Turn right at the first cross street onto Gano Rd.

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**JUDGING PROGRAM**

**National Specialty**  
**Friday, May 22, 2026**

Breed Event #2026189807 \* **4-6 Month Puppy** Event #2026189814  
Show Chair – Mary Ellen Meyer 920-901-1651

**Ring 1 - Judge: Dana Cline.....68**

**10:30 AM** Four to Six Month Puppy Competition 2 – 6

**11:00 AM** Conformation Dog Classes & Veteran Dogs & Bitches

Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

**30 Conformation Dog Classes**

- 4 – 6-9 Months Dogs
- 3 – 9-12 Months Dogs
- 2 – 12-15 Months Dogs
- 1 – 15-18 Months Dogs
- 5 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Dogs
- 9 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Dogs
- 3 – American Bred Dogs
- 3 – Open Dogs

**30 Veteran Dogs & Bitches**

- 4 – Veteran 7-9 Years Dogs
- 4 – Veteran 9-11 Years Dogs
- 6 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Dogs
- 5 – Veteran 7-9 Years Bitches
- 8 – Veteran 9-11 Years Bitches
- 3 – Veteran 11 Years & Older Bitches

**45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion**



**National Specialty**  
**Saturday, May 23, 2026**  
Breed/Jr Show Event #2026189807

**Ring 1 - Judge: Daniel Fabelo.....6**

**8:00 AM** – 6 Jr Showmanship – 1 Novice Junior, 3 Novice Intermediate,  
1 Open Junior, 1 Open Senior

Ring Stewards Dave Leiker & Donna Schmitt

**Ring 1 - Judge: Dana Cline.....129**

**8:30 AM** Conformation Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, & Multi Dog Classes

**45 Conformation Bitch Classes**

- 4 – 6-9 Months Bitches
- 6 – 9-12 Months Bitches
- 3 – 12-15 Months Bitches
- 2 – 15-18 Months Bitches
- 7 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Bitches
- 14 – Bred by Exhibitor Adult Bitches
- 2 – American Bred Bitches
- 7 – Open Bitches

**75 Best of Breed 46 – 29**

- 6 – Brood Bitch
- 3 – Brace

**45-Minute Lunch Break at Judge's Discretion**  
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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Subject to Change**

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

All Breed Fast CAT – Dog Park

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Agility Trial – Ballroom D

All Breed Fast CAT – Dog Park

Obedience & Rally practice

**Monday, May 18, 2026**

Obedience & Rally Regional Trials – Ballroom B

Obedience & Rally practice

Ramp practice

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Obedience & Rally National Trials – Ballroom B

CHIC DNA Blood Collection - Noon to 3pm – Franklin Graham Room

Welcome Party – Ballroom C

Top Keeshond Event – Ballroom C

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – Regional Specialty**

Regional Sweepstakes, 4-6 Month Puppy, Dog Classes, Veteran Dogs & Bitches – Ballroom C

Donors Circle – Ballroom C

**Thursday, May 21, 2026 – Regional Specialty**

Junior Showmanship, Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, Multi Dog Classes

7pm KCA Annual Meeting – Franklin Room

**Friday, May 22, 2026 – National Specialty**

8am-11am Judges Education – Franklin Room

Futurity/Maturity, 4-6 Month Puppy, Dog Classes, Veteran Dogs & Bitches – Ballroom C

7pm Breeders Education Seminar – Franklin Room

8pm Companion Event – Ballroom C

**Saturday, May 23, 2026 – National Specialty**

Jr Showmanship, Bitch Classes, Best of Breed, Multi Dog Classes – Ballroom C

KCA National Banquet – Franklin Room



**Lunch**  
**Tuesday to Saturday**



**11am to 2pm**

A variety of lunch items will be available for purchase each day

Located Outside of the Ballroom

Meals can also be pre-ordered from the Holiday Inn Restaurant for **Pick Up Only**.  
Meals will not be delivered to the show area.

## **Obedience & Rally Rent-A-Ring - Ballroom B**

**\$5 for 5 minutes**

**Sunday, May 17** – 5 pm to 8 pm

Sign up at entrance to Ballroom B starting at 4 pm

**Monday, May 18** – Starts after all obedience and rally judging is done

(Estimated time – 3 pm to 6 pm)

Late arrivals will be accommodated as we are able.

### **Obedience Ring**

Run Order: Utility, Open, Novice, Beginner Novice

One run per class for each handler/dog team.

### **Rally Ring**

Run Order: Master, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice

Only one Rally class per dog.

If time permits after all have run, we can do second runs.



## **CHIC DNA Blood Collection Event**

Hosted by the Keeshond Club of America, this event provides an excellent opportunity for owners and breeders to contribute DNA samples for future research to contribute to the long-term well-being of our beloved breed.

The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF), collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and health history information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs.

### **Event Details**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**Time:** Noon – 3:00 PM

**Fee:** There is no cost to you

**Location:** Roberts Centre – Hotel and Convention Center, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177. Franklin Graham room (across from the show hall).