



Superstition Kennel Club



Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association

Dear Arizona Specialty Clubs:

The Fiesta Cluster All Breed Clubs (Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association and Superstition Kennel Club) cordially invite all Arizona Specialty and All Breed clubs to join us in hosting the Southwest's first AKC Canine Experience event, the *Arizona Canine Experience*.

The event will be held on **Saturday, November 22, 2008** at Westworld of Scottsdale. It will be hosted by club members from local AKC affiliate clubs who will offer handling instruction, grooming demos, Junior Showmanship clinics, obedience, rally and agility demos and more. Morning demos and clinics are followed by an afternoon Sanctioned B Match where newcomers practice their newly acquired skills. The venue will host scores of new purebred dog owners and introduce them to the many AKC activities available to them and their dogs.

Event Goals (as stated by AKC):

- Introduce, recruit and educate newcomers about the sport of purebred dogs, AKC, and responsible dog ownership
- Match new exhibitors with breed mentors
- Attract new club members
- Strengthen relationships among area clubs

Arizona Club Participation

To quote AKC, "*this is not a single club event*". To date, the *Fiesta Cluster* clubs (SKC & SDFA) are partnering as coordinators of this event. All AKC affiliated Arizona clubs are invited to join in share in the excitement of hosting the Southwest's first Canine Experience multi-club event. We are planning a "Specialty Club Showcase" area, where participating clubs will have a table where they can hand a club banner and share information about their club and breed.

By Participating your Club can meet the NEW AKC Requirements for Show Giving Clubs!

Specialty Clubs must meet new requirements to gain AKC approval for future Specialty shows. The CE event will offer a means of meeting both Plan A and Plan B requirements, depending on their desired participation level.

- *Plan A credit* may be received by significantly participating in the CE match event.
- Plan B credit events include handling and junior showmanship clinics, breed specific grooming clinics, herding, agility, and lure coursing demos and "introduction to dog show" clinics. More events may be added – please feel free to suggest and event.

B Match Participation Credit: The AKC CE Guide states that ALL Clubs who participate significantly in the event will get credit for a B Match. "Significant participation" is defined as a club contributing 8 hours of time throughout the event. Participation can be done during Friday set up or on Saturday. 8 hrs represents total time donated by all members of a specific club and could consist of 1 club member donating 8 hours or 4 club members donating 2 hours each.

A recent Canine Experience event held in the Midwest had members from over 51 clubs participate in the event. This event is a great opportunity for clubs to attract new members and become mentors to those new to the sport.

If you are interested in joining us in hosting the Southwest's first Canine Experience or would like more information, please contact TBD. Thank you in advance for your consideration to participate in this exciting Arizona event!

Sincerely,

Arizona Canine Experience Committee

Specialty Club Plan A & B Requirements

Arizona Canine Experience - November 22, 2008

The Arizona Canine Experience offers Specialty Clubs multiple ways of meeting AKC's new requirements for receiving approval to hold a Specialty Show in 2009. AKC requires that Specialty Clubs must conduct one Plan A requirement and two Plan B requirements to be granted approval for holding a 2009 Specialty Show. Please indicate the type of AKC Requirement your club would like to fulfill at the Arizona Canine Experience:

Club name:	
Club Contact:	
Email:	
Phone:	

We are Interested in the Following Participation Level:

AKC Plan A:

Plan A requirement at Canine Experience event

AKC Plan B:

Need 1 Plan B requirement at Canine Experience event

Need 2 Plan B requirements at Canine Experience event

OTHER:

NO AKC credit needed – just want to participate!

Requesting table space in "Specialty Club Showcase" tent (your club can set up club banner, etc in Breed/Group specific tenting area)

Participation in the following Canine Experience activities will satisfy the AKC Requirements.

Please place an x next to the activities your club will participate in.

Plan A Requirements: If your club needs a Plan A Requirement, please check ONE box below:

Educational Match:

Requires substantial participation - min. club volunteer time: 8 hours. This can be 1 person helping for 8 hours or 8 people helping 1 hr each (or any combination, as long as your club donates 8 hours of time). Note that this does not include time spent conducting other events (grooming clinics, agility, etc.). Although most of the help is needed in the day of the event, timeslots are available during set up the day prior and tear down the day after. We will make every effort to match your area of interest with the needs of the event.

Canine Good Citizen Testing:

multiple clubs can partner together to provide end-to-end coordination and management of this event

Plan B Requirements:

Please Note: AKC has revised the Plan B requirement list to now include Breed Rescue in addition to Breeder Referral. So, for example, if your club does both Breeder Referral and Breed Rescue, you have already met the Plan B Requirements.

Grooming Clinic (for your breed)

Mentor & Meet & Greet (assist newcomers as needed)

Handling Clinic (help where needed)

Herding Clinic (help where needed)

Lure Coursing Demo/Clinic (help where needed)

Junior Showmanship Clinic (help where needed)

Match (help where needed: entries, ring stewarding, etc)

THANK YOU again for your interest in the Arizona CANINE EXPERIENCE!

When Complete, please email this form to: volunteer@arizonacanineexperience.com

Questions?? - Contact Lanore Matter: 602-803-9777

volunteer@arizonacanineexperience.com