

GSDCA 2024 USA Sieger Show

Conformation Show Ring Protocols

The catalog and website include a tentative schedule. Class announcements will be made throughout the event; however, it will be up to each participant to make sure they are checked-in and at their corresponding ring on time. We will do our best to announce any changes as soon as possible.

Females present before males in ALL classes

Long Coat classes will present before the Stock Coat classes

Performance Test – done only at the Sieger Show Working Dog classes

Measurement (height) - for all dogs over 12 months

Gun Test – for all dogs over 12 months

Awards will follow after each class

Check In:

Exhibitors with Working Dog class entries must provide the original registration's papers.

All exhibitors must show original documents to registration desk upon request.

Check your dog's catalog entry and immediately report any inaccuracies to the registration desk.

Exhibitor:

If at any time you decide to pull your dog, please let the Show Secretary know.

Make sure your handler wears the correct bib with the correct catalog number. This assures the judge and ring stewards can accurately identify your dog and annotate the results.

You are responsible for making sure your dog is ready for ring check-in and again for the gaiting portion of the class when called.

There will be two rings working concurrently, if your handler is at another ring when your class is called, we will do our best to accommodate you. You can help us by letting us know that your dog is ready, and you are waiting for your handler.

Ring Stewards:

Stewards are responsible for checking all the dogs into the ring in catalog order. The stewards will keep records of each class's show placement/results.

-Calling for class: A participant will be called 3 times to the ring (for the Stand for Exam). If after 3 calls the dog is not presented, the participant shall be deemed as a NO SHOW – or not present. An exception may be made if the ring steward is notified by the participant regarding a delay (i.e.: handler in different ring).

-Dogs enter the ring in catalog order

-Stewards will check tattoo/chip/teeth/testicles. The handler may show the teeth to the steward. Any discrepancies are reported to the judge and/or Show Secretary.

-All dogs 12 months and older will be tested for gun sureness; the handler will stand with the dog on a loose leash for this test.

-Stand for Exam in front of judge: When asked, the handler will walk the dog up and back, the handler will then move the dog one time around the ring.

-Once the class has completed the Stand for Exam, all participants will enter the ring in catalog order for gaitting.

Awards:

*Class placements for all age groups: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Places

*Open Class: 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

*Veteran Class: 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

*Working Classes: all VAs and 1st – 5th V

*Specialty Award for Highest Placed American Bred: Youth, Young, Open & Working

*Specialty Award for Best in Performance: Female LH, Female SC, Male LH, Male SC

*Kennel Groups – 1st to 3rd (LC & SC)

Progeny/Kennel Packets:

If you plan to present a Sire/Dam for a progeny group, please notify Registration at Check-In on Thursday/Friday. If you are presenting progeny in a group, please locate the owner of the sire/dam to determine your meet up location for the groups. Groups will be presented in the order they are listed in the catalog.

Signs for Progeny Groups will be available for pick up on Saturday morning.

Signs for Kennel Groups will be available for pick up on Sunday morning.

Disciplinary action will be taken on any competitor that fails to uphold sportsmanship standards, it's rude or disrespectful to volunteers, staff and/or other competitors. This can also include removal from the event.

A Bench Committee (disciplinary senate) will be in attendance.

Any dog that is deemed a risk will be removed from the event and the facility.

BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR BIBs AND PICK UP YOUR SHOW CARDS AND PAPERWORK BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE EVENT.

Each dog owner or agent will be responsible for the return of the bibs. If the bibs are lost or damaged the owner will be charged a \$200 fee by the GSDCA. Show cards will NOT be given unless the bib has been returned. The GSDCA will not be responsible for mailing show cards after the event.