

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

GENERAL:

- The Show Exposition buildings will be available to exhibitors **Thursday at 10:00 am**. On Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, the building will be open at 6:00 am. **All dogs & equipment must be removed immediately after Best in Show judging on Monday**. ALL buildings will be secured at 10:15 pm & lights will be turned off & doors locked at 10:30 pm each night. No one permitted to remain in building after 10:30 pm.
- **SPECIAL NOTE:** The Interstate Center will not allow anyone to sleep overnight in the buildings.
- This is a **NON-SMOKING FACILITY**. Smoking is allowed outside only.
- The welfare of an exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that exhibitors will exercise **Control & Restraint** over their children while attending these shows.
- The Show Committees from the participating clubs assume no responsibility for fire, theft and/or loss or damage to any animal, equipment or personal items brought into the Interstate Center or dogs left overnight.

SPECIFIC:

UNLOADING & LOADING

- **No unloading into the buildings will be permitted prior to 10:00 am on Thursday, May 22, 2025.**
- ALL PARKING SHALL BE AT THE EXCLUSIVE & EXPLICIT DIRECTION OF THE HEART OF ILLINOIS CLUSTER PARKING COMMITTEE & ITS ASSIGNED COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES. VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN TOWING OF VEHICLE.
- No vehicle will be permitted to drive into the Interstate Center.
- Loading & unloading will be permitted in designated areas only. Please follow directives of the Cluster representatives.
- ***All dogs & equipment must be removed immediately after Best in Show judging on Monday.***

CRATING & GROOMING

- ***Crating at ringside permitted ONLY during the judging of that specific breed where space permits at the discretion of the show committee.***
- ***All grooming & crating is in designated areas only. It will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Roping off or saving unused crating space is strictly prohibited.***
- ***All crates must be stacked.***
- ***Each exhibitor is responsible for clean conditions in & around his or her set up area. Remember to bring a broom.***

- ***Chairs in the grooming area may be limited at the discretion of the Show Committee.***
- ***No drop pens or exercise pens will be permitted in any of the buildings.***
- ***For dogs left in buildings overnight, emergency contact information must be clearly displayed on the crate.***

EXERCISE PENS & AREAS

- **EXHIBITORS MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR OWN DOGS IN ALL GRASS AND PAVED AREAS OF THE INTERSTATE CENTER GROUNDS.**
No clean-up personnel on fair grounds.
- NO PRIVATE EXERCISE PENS ALLOWED IN THE BUILDINGS.
- NO mats or carpets are allowed inside the building. Violators will have their equipment removed from the building.
- Public exercise areas will be provided inside the building or under cover. Private exercise areas provided outside. Please clean up after your dog in the public exercise areas.

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.