



**THE PHARAOH HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA
2017 PHCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

**NORTH BRANCH PARK
BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY**

Offered in conjunction with the New Jersey Hound Show
and the North Branch Show Cluster.



The **2017 PHCA National Specialty** will be held in conjunction with the Central New Jersey Hound Association, as well as the prestigious all-breed kennel clubs, including the Tuxedo Park Kennel Club, the Somerset Hills Kennel Club and the Westchester Kennel Club. Our venue is North Branch Park in Bridgewater, New Jersey, over 4 days in September.



Still curious??

Our PHCA events will feature:

- PHCA Hospitality Reception
- Membership Meeting
- Conformation Events over 4 Days
- National Sweepstakes Events
- AKC Lure Coursing
- Rally / Obedience Trials
- Triathlon Competition
- Educational Lectures
- Health Testing
- Raffle and Silent Auction
- Member Banquet Celebration

Still Curious??

Plan a visit to the 'Big Apple' in conjunction with our specialty weekend! The show site is less than 2 hours from Manhattan!



Our Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday – September 6

Board Meeting

Evening Meet & Greet, Welcome Bags & Food at Host Hotel

Thursday – September 7

National Specialty in conjunction with Central NJ Hound Association

Conformation Event for Triathlon Score

Judges Education Seminar

Membership Meeting

Educational Lecture

Friday – September 8

Supported Entry with the Tuxedo Park Kennel Club

National Lure Coursing Event

National Performance Event for Triathlon Score

Saturday – September 9

Supported Entry with the Somerset Kennel Club

Performance Events for Triathlon Score

National Specialty Dinner

Fundraising Auction and Raffle

Sunday – September 10

Supported Entry with the Westchester Kennel Club



Specialty Trophy and General Donation Fund

Trophy Sponsorships, along with General Donations are the 'lifeblood' of any successful event. Your support of our PHCA National Specialty will allow us to continue our work on behalf of our beautiful breed! It is only through your generosity that we are able to fulfill our primary objective; a national event that is fun for our attendees and our dogs; memorable for good times and camaraderie.

Our General Specialty Donation Fund helps our club to offset other costs for the event, including those costs associated with our judges, our show site, food and beverage and other expenses. There are many opportunities to help in supporting our National Specialty. Please visit our online store that identifies the awards listing and payment details at:

<https://www.freewebstore.org/2017-phca-national-specialty>

Our National Specialty Awards Banquet

Fundraiser – Auction – Raffle – Rescue Raffle

On Saturday evening, we will celebrate together at the National Specialty Awards Banquet. We will be honoring our dogs and achievements over the year in conformation, lure coursing, rally/obedience, agility and other performance events.

Historically, a highlight of the banquet is the PHCA Auction, Raffle and Rescue Raffle.

If you would like to donate to the auction and/or raffles, please contact: **Dominic Carota** – 518.461.9504 – hallamhounds@aol.com

Our Celebration Banquet will be a 'buffet-style' dinner at our host hotel, the Hyatt House Bridgewater. Although there will be varied food options for banquet guests, *please be sure to notify Dr. Stephen Sipperly, ssipperly@aol.com, in advance of the event, if anyone in your party has any dietary restrictions.*



Host Hotel and Event Headquarters

Our National Event will begin on Wednesday, September 9, 2017 at our host hotel, the Hyatt House Bridgewater, which is a short distance from the show site at North Branch Park. This hotel is a pet-friendly, residentially-inspired suite facility, with fully-equipped kitchens. A block of single-bedroom suites, as well as a limited number of two-bedroom suites, have been set aside for the PHCA.

Reservation Deadline: August 11, 2017

Early reservations are essential! After August 11, our room block *will be released to others* on 'first come, first serve' basis. This hotel is close to the show site and *will fill up quickly!*

Hyatt House Bridgewater

530 US-22

Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

908.725.0800

<https://bridgewater.house.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>



Room Rates:

1-Bedroom Suite: \$114.00 + Local sales and Occupancy Taxes

2-Bedroom Suite: \$144.00 + Local sales and Occupancy Taxes

Pet Fee: \$75 (Non-refundable - Up to 3 Pets Permitted per room)

Property to provide one bedroom suites, single occupancy, and two-bedroom double occupancy suites. Included in rate is complimentary hot breakfast with chef attended Omelet Station.

A Complimentary Shuttle will be available for group.



2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY - ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The following accommodations have been listed in the cluster premium. Please be sure to check directly with the specific locations to verify their rates and pet policies.

- Hillsborough Days Inn**, 118 US Hwy. 206 S., Hillsborough, NJ 08876.....908.685.9000
(\$20 per night for one dog - \$30 per night for two dogs)
- Hilton Garden Inn**, 500 Promenade Blvd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.....732.271.9030
(No dogs allowed in rooms. Dogs are allowed to be kept in vehicles)
- Holiday Inn**, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873.....732.356.1700
(\$50 per stay/per pet)
- Holiday Inn**, 4701 Stelton Rd, S. Plainfield, NJ 07080.....908.753.5500 ext 611
No Dogs Allowed
- Hotel Indigo**, 80 Allen Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.....908.580.1300
(No dogs over 80 lbs. \$40 + Tax for one night / \$75 + Tax for two nights.
Must sign authorization at check-in)
- Howard Johnson Express Inn**, 1025 Rt. 22 W., M. Plainfield, NJ 07060.....908.753.6500
No Dogs Allowed
- Motel 6**, 1012 Stelton Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854.....732.981.9200
(AKC Discount Code CP542764 – Pet Friendly – No Dogs in Rooms)
- Econo Lodge**, 1850 Easton Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873.....732.469.5050
(\$20 per night fee, limit 1 dog – no cash payment. Credit/Debit only)
- Ramada Inn Flemington**, 250 Hwy. 202/31, Flemington, NJ 08822.....908.782.7472
(Limited number of rooms for pets. \$10 per night/per pet.)
- Hyatt House Branchburg**, 3141 Route 22 East, Branchburg, NJ 08876.....888.882.1234
(Max 2 dogs, under 50 lbs. One time \$75 dog fee for 1-3 dogs.)
- Somerset Hills Hotel**, 200 Liberty Corner Rd., Warren Twp., NJ 07059.....908.647.6700
(Max of 2 dogs per room. \$25 per night for 3 nights,
then \$10 per night – non-refundable.)
- Super 8 Motel**, 119 Route 206 at Somerville Circle, Raritan, NJ 08869908.722.5400
(\$10 pet fee per night)
- Hampton Inn**, 16 Frontage Rd., (exit 15 off I-78), Clinton, NJ908.713.4800
(Dogs in first floor rooms. No Fee. No AAA or AARP discounts.)
- Holiday Inn Express**, 947 Highway 202, North Branchburg, NJ 08876.....908.252.1000
(No dogs in rooms. Dogs in parking lot only. Special pricing for North Branch Cluster)

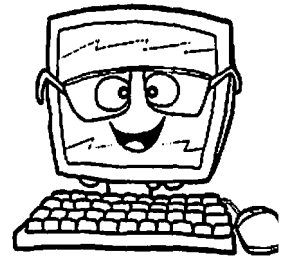


2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY – SHOW SITE – RV RESERVED PARKING

There are 125 RV spaces available with limited utilities at the North Branch Park. Overnight reservations are available and preference will be given for FOUR nights, as available. Please keep in mind that this is a very well-attended show and spaces will fill quickly. RVs may arrive on the grounds to park after 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

For your convenience, you can now pre-register on-line
to pay for RV overnight parking by visiting:
www.somersetcountyparks.org

- First, go to the green tab "On-line Registration"
- Then go to the yellow tab "Program Registration"
- Log in and Set-up your house account.
Once your house account is set up
- Select RV Reservation under "Type"
- Record your nights of stay
- Make payment for your stay.
- Following this, print out your reservation form!
- You will need to present the Reservation Form to Park Rangers
when you arrive on site!



Pre-registration will be open from July 1 – September 1, 2017 and the Pre-registration rate is \$30.00 per night of stay. If you do not Pre-register, the rate is \$40.00 per night of stay, payable on-site to the Park Rangers.

Upon entering the Park, you will be directed to a parking spot by Site Control personnel. Only one vehicle is permitted per space. A tow unit with a trailer is considered one vehicle. All units must be self-contained and NO waste or gray water may be discharged onto the grounds. No cones or other means of saving space will be allowed unless directed by Site Control personnel.

Overnight parking is a privilege extended by the Somerset County Park Commission and the North Branch Cluster Clubs. No abusive or argumentative language will be permitted. Failure to follow the rules or direction of the Officials on duty will cause immediate forfeiture of all parking privileges without refund of any fees paid to the Park. Parking is strictly at the Exhibitor's own risk. The North Branch Cluster Clubs, Somerset County Park Commission and/or the Pharaoh Hound Club of America are not responsible for any loss by fire, theft, damage or loss of personnel property or injury to Exhibitor's dogs. Generators will be silent from 11:00 P.M. until 5:00 A.M. There is no Handicapped Parking for Recreational Vehicles.

Important! Carefully review the Show Cluster Premium for All Information Regarding Overnight Parking!

- Overnight Parking is available Tuesday through Saturday ONLY in the camping area adjacent to the event grounds.
- No Pre-Dumping. Sanitary dumping facilities are available on this camping grounds ONLY from 2:00PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday. Refuse disposal facilities are provided for your use.
- Somerset County has a recycling ordinance Please dispose of paper, glass and aluminum waste in the separate receptacles provided. DO NOT ABUSE THESE GROUNDS !!
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED PER PARK COMMISSION REGULATIONS!
- ALL OVERNIGHT VEHICLES MUST ENTER GATE NUMBER 1, (FIRST ENTRANCE IN FROM ROUTE 202)

Information provided by Somerset Hills Kennel Club, Inc.



2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY LURE COURSING COMPETITION

The PHCA National AKC Lure Coursing Competition will take place at one of the more beautiful coursing locations in the region, Colonial Park. The park is located at 156 Mettlers Road, in Somerset, New Jersey, and has been the location of many coursing trials over the years. Competitors may enter the coursing event independently, or in conjunction with the Triathlon event. The trial will occur on Friday afternoon, after the completion of the morning's conformation ring events.

The PHCA National Lure Coursing Premium will be sent out under a separate cover when judging and course layout details are finalized.

For further information contact:

Darci Kunard, Field Trial Secretary

Address: 17531 E. 104th Pl, Reunion, CO 80022

Email: kdarci@yahoo.com

Phone: 720.983.3303

Colonial Park, located in Franklin Township, offers a spectacular variety of features and activities for park visitors. Acquired in 1965, this 685-acre facility includes scenic frontage on both the historic Delaware and Raritan Canal and the Millstone River. Recreation facilities, prize winning horticultural displays, and pristine natural areas are spaced amid the broad lawns and ponds of this diverse Somerset County park.





2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TRIATHLON COMPETITION

Although we often talk about performance in the conformation ring, our hounds are talented in a variety of events. In celebration of the amazing versatility of our hounds, we are happy once again, to offer the Pharaoh Hound Triathlon in the 2017 National. Events will take place over the course of several days. Recognition will be given to the entrants, and winners' trophies and ribbons will be awarded at the Banquet on Saturday evening, September 9, at our host hotel.

The Triathlon consists of 3 events – conformation, lure coursing and rally or obedience. The Triathlon Competition is open to spayed and neutered, as well as intact Pharaoh Hounds who have been competing in a variety of performance events. Although there is a conformation component in the event, please enter whether you regularly participate in the conformation ring, or if you concentrate on everything *but* conformation! The judges are very accommodating and patient, so inexperience shouldn't keep you from showing. Feel free, though to ask a friend to take your dog into the ring. We only ask that professional handlers are not the designated handler, *unless* you are a pro, *as well as* the owner or co-owner of the dog you are showing.

- Scores used for this event are earned on designated National Specialty Event days. Conformation will be judged and scored on Thursday. Lure Coursing will be scored on Friday. Rally / Obedience will be scored on Saturday.
- Triathlon Conformation Match will be held on Thursday, immediately following Pharaoh Hound Best of Breed Competition and Photos. Any resulting ties in conformation, 1st through 4th, will be resolved through performance scores.
- To be eligible in performance events for the Triathlon, dogs must be entered at the level at which they are *currently* competing in AKC events. If a title has been earned by your dog, you *must* compete in that *highest* level.

Darci Kunard is our Chairperson for the Triathlon Event this year. Contact Info for Darci:

Email: kdarci@yahoo.com

Phone: 720.983.3303



2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TRIATHLON SCORING

Conformation:

Three judges will review the dog in the Triathlon class. The judges will review the standing and moving characteristics of the dog. The score, up to 100 points, will be recorded on the Conformation Score Sheet.

Lure Coursing:

Base Score – 100 Points Maximum

The dog's total score for two stakes will be tallied, then divided by two (2) when there are two judges.

Bonus Points:

First in Stake – 3 points

Obedience:

Base Score – For the regular classes Beginner Novice, the base score will be what is awarded by the judge. For Novice, Open and Utility, the Base Score is one-half, $\frac{1}{2}$, of total points earned, or 100 points, maximum.

For all obedience classes, a qualifying score in any exercise is used for points, even if the total score is NQ, non-qualifying.

Bonus Points:

Utility Q – 4 points

Open Q – 3 points

Novice Q – 2 points

Rally:

Base Score – 100 Points Maximum

If there are tying scores, results will be determined by fastest time.

Bonus Points:

Excellent Q – 4 points

Advanced Q – 3 points

Note: The maximum score for a dog in any single event is 100 points. If a dog qualifies for more than one bonus point category in any of the events, they will only be awarded the higher bonus points. Any veteran dog competing (10 years and over) will receive 4 additional bonus points added to their total score, 300 total points max.



2017 TRIATHLON ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2017!

Number of Entries: _____

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Mail or Email Entry Form and Checks or Money Order (made out to **PHCA**) to:

Darci Kunard 17531 E. 104th Place, Reunion, CO 80022

Phone: 720.983.3303

Email: kdarci@yahoo.com

Registered Name:		Entry Fee: \$15
AKC Registration Number:	Call Name:	
Owner(s):		
Address:	City:	State/Prov:
E-Mail:	Phone:	

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2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY LURE COURSING • TRIATHLON CATALOG ADS Ad Deadline: August 18, 2017!

The National Specialty's 'Lure Coursing and Triathlon Catalog' has proven to be a 'must have!' This year's catalog will provide useful information on the events, including schedule and venue information. The catalog celebrates all our remarkable and versatile Pharaohs. Ads are not limited to current entrants. We welcome your ads that honor any former participants, your kennel and/or memorials. **All Lure Coursing and Triathlon entrants will receive one catalog.** Additional catalogs will be available for purchase for a small fee. Please support this year's edition by placing ads to feature your amazing dogs!

The catalog will be 8-1/2" x 11" with a 1 1/2" left margin; 1" margin for top, bottom, right.

'Camera-Ready' ad artwork is preferred. Email to Darci Kunard: kdarci@yahoo.com

(MS Word, MS Publisher or PDF file; Hi-Resolution PDF format, not Web-based)

If you need help with an ad, not to worry! Darci Kunard, Triathlon Chair will help.

Please mail your photos (with stamped and self-addressed envelope for return) to:

Darci Kunard, 17531 E. 104th Place, Reunion, CO 80022 Phone: 702.983.3303

Detach the form below to reserve your ad and send payment.

LURE COURSING AND TRIATHLON CATALOG ADVERTISING

Deadline for Submittals and Payment: August 18, 2017

Name:	Full Page Ad(s): \$15 each Total Ad(s) Ordered: _____	Total: \$ _____
Address:	Half Page Ad(s): \$5 each Total Ad(s) Ordered: _____	Total: \$ _____
Phone: Email:	Extra Catalog(s): \$5 each Mailed Catalog(s): \$7 each	Total: \$ _____
Send Camera-Ready Artwork files to Darci Kunard , email: kdarci@yahoo.com If Ad needs set up, send Photos and preferred wording by Aug. 18, 2017 to: Darci Kunard, Triathlon Chair Ph: 702.983.3303 Address: See Below Each Entrant to the Lure Coursing and/or the Triathlon will receive one complementary catalog. Make checks out to the PHCA . Please mail payment to: Darci Kunard, 17531 E. 104th Place, Reunion, CO 80022		Grand Total: \$ _____



2017 SPECIALTY MERCHANDISE ORDERS & BANQUET RESERVATIONS

We are pleased to offer **2017 Specialty Logo T-shirts**, that feature an outstanding Darleen Dimor logo design. The imprinted National Specialty logo (featured above) will be imprinted in black on the shirt. The T-Shirts are available in the colors and sizes indicated in the form below.

Our **2017 National Specialty Celebration Banquet** will be held on Saturday evening at the Hyatt House. The dinner will be 'buffet-style' with soup, salad, entrée, sides and dessert, with available cash bar. Our banquet will also feature awards, photos, raffle, auctions, camaraderie and plenty of fun!

(Please indicate any dietary restrictions and/or food allergies on order form below!)

Complete and detach the forms below to reserve the Banquet and/or your T-shirts.

For T-Shirts and/or Banquet payment make check or money order
payable to the **PHCA** and **mail payments to:**

Dr. Stephen Sipperly – PHCA National
1408 River Road, Selkirk, NY 12158

MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Deadline for Order and Payment: August 18, 2017

Complete this form with the number of shirts, colors and sizes you wish to order.

Hanes T-Shirt(s): Size (S, M, L, XL) @ \$13 each / Size (2XL, 3XL) @ \$15 each

Color (Circle): Note Size and Indicate Quantity of Each Color Below

Sage Green: Size/Qty: _____ Size/Qty: _____ Size/Qty: _____ Price: \$ _____

Light Blue: Size/Qty: _____ Size/Qty: _____ Size/Qty: _____ Price: \$ _____

Sand: Size/Qty: _____ Size/Qty: _____ Size/Qty: _____ Price: \$ _____

Shipping: First Shirt - \$8; Each additional shirt – add \$1 per additional shirt. Shipping: \$ _____

Total Check/Money Order: \$ _____

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Banquet Reservations and Payment Requested by: August 28, 2017

Banquet Tickets are \$45/per person.

Name(s): _____ **Email:** _____ **Contact Phone:** _____

Please: Indicate any dietary restrictions and/or food allergies: _____

Banquet Tickets: \$45/person - Ticket Quantity: _____ **Total Check/Money Order: \$** _____



2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY EVENT ENTRY CHECK-LIST & 'MUST DO'S' AND DEADLINES

The Check-list below is intended as general action schedule for key deadlines and closing dates for the National Event. Conformation and Rally/Obedience Events must be entered through **MB-F**, the Cluster Show Superintendent. The PHCA Triathlon must be entered and paid for separately by completing the Triathlon Entry Form included in this packet. Catalog Ad submittals and payments, as well as Merchandise orders and payments shall be made via the attached forms. The National Lure Coursing event will have a separate premium, not included in this packet.

	Action	Deadline/Closing Date
1	Hyatt House Bridgewater – Make your PHCA Block Room Reservations	August 11, 2017
2	LC / Triathlon Catalog - Submittals / Payment – Send to Darci Kunard	August 18, 2017
3	Merchandise Order Form and Payment – Send to Stephen Sipperly	August 18, 2017
4	Auction Item Donations – Contact and Send to Dominic Carota	Ongoing
5	Trophy Sponsorships Donations – Contact Meredith Wille	Ongoing – Online Store
6	Conformation Events – 9/7 through 9/11/2017	(MB-F Show Super)
	Central NJ Hound Show & PHCA National Specialty – 9/7/2017	August 23, 2017
	Tuxedo Park KC – 9/8/2017	August 23, 2017
	Somerset Hills KC – 9/9/2017	August 23, 2017
	West Chester Kennel Club – 9/10/2017	August 23, 2017
7	Show Site Rally / Obedience Trials	(MB-F Show Super)
	Rally/Obedience – Tuxedo Park KC – 9/8/2017	August 23, 2017
	Rally/Obedience – Somerset Hills KC – 9/9/2017	August 23, 2017
	Note: PHCA Triathlon Rally/Obedience - 9/9/17 at above show	
8	RV Overnight Parking –See attachment - Online Booking thru Park	July 1 – Sept 1, 2017
9	Triathlon Entry Form / Payment Deadline – Send to Darci Kunard	August 28, 2017
10	Banquet Reservations / Payment Deadline – Send to Stephen Sipperly	August 28, 2017
11	National Lure Coursing Entry and Payment – Send to Darci Kunard	See Separate LC Premium