Specialty Week Schedule 2024 FCRSA National Specialty

Red Dog Ranch, Madison, Florida

Friday, April 5th WC/WCX

Field Banquet

Saturday, April 6th AKC Hunt Test – JH, SH, Master

Sunday, April 7th USS/SS

Steady Singles Championship

World Equestrian Center, Expo 2 and Arena 5, Ocala, Florida

April 6-8 NADD Dock Diving (open to all breeds)

Monday, April 8th AKC Agility Trial

Welcome Party

Veteran Sweeps - Evening

Tuesday, April 9th First Aid Talk (WEC, Expo 2)

Puppy Sweepstakes Stud Dog Showcase

AKC FAST CAT (open to all breeds)

AKC Obedience and Rally Education Event (Equus Inn)

Ring of Honor (WEC)

Wednesday, April 10th Conformation – Non-regular Dog classes, Regular Dog Classes

Stud Dog Showcase

DNA Repository Blood Draw 12-4pm (Expo 2, WEC)

AKC FAST CAT (Open to all breeds)

AKC Obedience and Rally Annual Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, April 11th Conformation – Non-Regular Bitch Classes, Regular Bitch Classes

Stud Dog Showcase

DNA Repository Blood Draw 8-12 (Expo 2, WEC)

Eye Clinic 8-4:30 (Expo 2, WEC)

Friday, April 12th Conformation Judging – Junior Showmanship (prior to BOB),

Best of Breed, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch

Awards Dinner

FCRSA 2024 Specialty Contacts

The 2024 Specialty Committee Welcomes You!! We look forward to seeing everyone in June!

Show Chair Marla Doheny

Co-chairs Liz Mound, Jeff Speicher, Lisa Foley

Agility Chair Nicole Young-Seaton

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Web Design and Updates Becca Marsh
Volunteer Coordinator Liz Mound

Specialties would not be possible without the tremendous effort of a small group of volunteers who work hard to put on the best possible dog events. I would personally like to express my deepest thanks to our committee chairs, club members, and volunteers who are working so hard behind the scenes. There is still more to do, but we are on the way to bringing you 8 great days of competition, education and fun!

VOLUNTEERS are crucial to our success. If you would like to Volunteer any day and, in any capacity, PLEASE contact Liz Mound (eamound@gmail.com or 321-277-5335).

Auctions and Donations

Most importantly our National Specialties cannot move forward without your support. We are literally at risk of not having future Specialties. How can you help? Donate, purchase and volunteer. Go to <u>FCRSA2024.com</u> and click "shop now." New items are constantly added, along with limited edition items. Merchandise sales, auction donations, trophy donations and monetary donations make it all happen. Visit our Specialty Fundraising page on Facebook and purchase a spot for some wonderful merchandise! Every dollar matters!

Show Clothes (NEW Specialty event for 2024)

We will be selling GENTLY used men's and women's show clothes. Please bring any skirts, dresses, women's suits, or men's suits for the clothing sale. All donated clothes should be in good condition with no stains, rips, or tears; all should be freshly washed or dry-cleaned. Please contact Liz Mound (eamound@gmail.com) with any questions. What is not sold at the specialty will be donated to the Junior's Clothing Sales group. Everyone that donates will receive a raffle ticket for a special gift.

2024 Specialty Auctions

The 2024 Specialty Auction committee is planning for a silent auction and to have live auctions of 'special' items at the daily events. Cindy Zelbst (<u>crzelbst@aol.com</u>) and Liz Mound (<u>eamound@gmail.com</u>) are the specialty auction chairs and will be the points-of-contact for auction donations. Please let Cindy and Liz know what you will be donating for the auction and whether you will deliver to the specialty or plan to send ahead of the specialty.

Regional Club Donations

The 2024 Specialty Committee is asking for a Basket Donation from each Regional Club. Please contact Cindy Zelbst (crzelbst@aol.com) or Liz Mound (eamound@gmail.com) to make arrangements to receive your donation.

WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER Q AND A'S

HOUSING

Guests wanting to stay with pets may choose to reserve a charming <u>Home Away from Home</u> rental unit. The three-bedroom, two-bath units are equipped with amenities for a convenient stay and located within a five-minute drive from the property. Dogs <u>ARE</u> allowed in units and limit is waved with pet fee just like any other hotel. These are priced per unit (\$350.00 per night) - yes, that's for all 5 rooms.

RV'S

The full-service <u>RV Park</u> has access to a 24-hour laundromat with showers and fuel station, all within minutes from the equestrian action. The adjacent General Store carries all your travel essentials and serves hot Starbucks coffee.

• FOOD

Enjoy an Ocala dining experience like none other. WEC offers everything from luxury dining to field concessions and onsite catering options. Our largest restaurant is located in The Equestrian Hotel, with six additional year-round restaurants throughout the property. We are sure you will find lots of things to do in Ocala, Florida and the surrounding area.

GOLF CARTS

Looking for a Faster Ride? Explore World Equestrian Center – Ocala to the fullest by golf cart. Our daily and weekly rentals Offer a unique way to navigate the more than 370-acre property. Uniquely designed for golf cart traffic, you'll enjoy easy access to retailers, stables, arenas, accommodations and the sprawling complex grounds. Whether on property as a spectator, competitor or event attendee, you will find our large fleet of golf carts to be a convenient and affordable addition to your visit. Each golf cart can accommodate four guests.

Specialty Deadlines

Catalog Advertising hard copy submission closes	March 1, 2024
Catalog Advertising camera-ready submission closes	March 1, 2024
Trophy Sponsorship/donations (to ensure mention in catalog)	March 1, 2024
Ring of Honor sign-ups due	March 1, 2024
Merchandise orders close (for shipping prior to Specialty)	March 8, 2024
Hospitality orders close (meals/catalogs)	March 15, 2024
Fast Cat entries close	<i>March</i> 29, 2024
Dock Diving entries closes	<i>March</i> 29, 2024
Agility entries close	March 25,2024
Sweepstakes, Conformation entries close	March 13, 2024
Obedience entries close	March 13, 2024
Field entries close	March 18, 2024
Citrus Bowl Award entries close	April 11, 2024

Stud Dog Showcase April 9-11

The FCRSA is pleased to announce the first Stud Dog Showcase to be held as part of the national specialty in Ocala FL. The Stud Dog Showcase is an opportunity for owners of stud dogs to let their lovely boys be seen, up close, by many flat-coat owners at one time. This opportunity is not limited to dogs in the top 20 in conformation; dogs that primarily compete in the field or other venues are also encouraged to showcase their stud dog.

A dedicated vendor space will be set up for the owners to bring their stud dog(s) at a designated time so that those interested in a particular stud can see them up close, put their hand on the dog, and ask questions of the owner. The Stud Dog Showcase will be Tuesday through Thursday and depending on the number of individuals that sign up the amount of time for each owner will be approximately 30 minutes; a schedule will be made available. Owners may sign up 1-3 dogs for a time slot; however, all dogs in a specified time slot must be owned by the same person. The cost is \$50 for the first dog and \$25 each for the second and third dog.

The following guidelines should be considered;

- 1. All dogs in the showcase must be 2 years of age and have all breed appropriate health testing with passing results.
- 2. A 30-minute time slot will be offered to each owner; if bringing 3 dogs owner may be offered a longer time slot depending on time available
- 3. Owners are encouraged to have a packet or poster (or both!) that includes:
 - a. Registered Name (with titles!)
 - b. Date of birth
 - c. Copy of Pedigree
 - d. OFA clearances, any genetic testing (Color, DM, etc.)
 - e. Pictures of dog stacked, moving, and a headshot.
 - *f. Description of the temperament*
 - g. Semen availability frozen, fresh chilled, or live cover
 - *h.* Copy of stud contract
 - i. Owner contact information (phone, email, home address)
 - j. Other helpful information would include the grooming spot number where the dog is crated (and owner/handler info), the class the dog is entered in and armband number, and if they have any offspring at the show and in which class they are entered.

Please contact Sarah Brown for additional information (arcticfcrs13@yahoo.com. A sign-up form and payment instructions will be on the 2024 Specialty website soon.

Field Events

Friday April 5th - Sunday April 7th

The 2024 field events are being held at Red Dog Ranch in Madison, Florida. These areas offer expansive grounds and interesting water opportunities, and event headquarters will be on the grounds. Driving time from the field site to the show grounds is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes from Ocala. Please confirm all event information at www.entryexpress.net.

Friday, April 5th

Working Certificate, \$75.00, 8:00am Judges: Anney Doucette

Diane Glassmeyer

Working Certificate Excellent, \$85.00, 8:00am

Randall Gerbino Judges: Beth Meaney

Field Banquet 6:00 p.m., \$35.00

On Site at Field Headquarters. Must be preordered and paid.

Saturday, April 6th

66 Dog Master, \$100.00, 8:00 a.m.

Barbara Reed Judges:

Sally Koepke

Senior Hunt Test, \$90.00, 8:00 a.m.

Judges: Beth Meaney

Michael Reed

Junior Hunt Test, \$85.00 8:00 a.m.

Judges: Randall Gerbino

Anney Doucette

Sunday, April 7th

Steady Singles \$85.00, 8:00 a.m. Sally Koepke

Judges: Cindy Tulpa

Unsteady Single A \$75.00, 8: 00a.m

Judges: Kathleen Luthy

Alan Luthy

Unsteady Singles B, \$75.00 at conclusion of first series of USSA

Judges: Kathleen Luthy Alan Luthy

Field Hotels:

Please see premium on Entry Express. Several options exist for RV and camping

The test will close on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. at www.entryexpress.net

Please see premium on Entry Express. Directions and Maps

Field Meals: Lunch orders will be available each test day.

Choice of 1 each day. We will provide water and soft drinks. Sandwiches include cheese, lettuce and tomatoes. Dressings on the side. Each lunch will come with cookies and chips!

Turkey Breast 6-inch sub.
 Italian BMT 6-inch sub.
 Turkey Breast Wrap.
 Chicken Caesar Salad.

Must be preordered and paid.

Agility Trial

Monday, April 8

Our FCR-only agility trial will be held on Monday April 8, 2024. It will be held at the World Equestrian Center in Arena 5, indoors on dirt in an air-conditioned area. We will be offering a great line-up of classes. The classes are Fast, Regular Standard, Regular Jumpers all levels, and Time to Beat. We are pleased to welcome our agility judge Cindy Deak from Florida.

The trial secretary is Donna Slavin and the premium will be available online at FCRSA2024.com.

Entries open February 5th, 2024 at 8:00 am and close March 25, 2024

Rally and Obedience Trials

Tuesday, April 9th and Wednesday April 10th

Obedience and Rally judging will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 and April 10. Rally and Obedience will be held indoors at WEC Expo 2. Rings will be matted and there will be space for crating ringside; crates must be removed by 5pm Wednesday to allow set-up for the Annual Meeting and dinner. Dogs may not be left in the building overnight. We are pleased to welcome our Rally and Obedience Judges Ken Kincaid, Aimee Kincaid, and Deb Neufeld, all from the Central Florida area.

Rally classes: Novice A&B, Intermediate, Advanced A&B, Excellent A&B, Master, Choice, Brace, Team

Obedience Regular classes: Novice A&B, Open A&B, Utility A&B

Obedience Non-regular classes: Veterans, Versatility, Team

Obedience Optional Titling classes: Beginner Novice A & B, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open

Obedience Preferred Classes: Preferred Novice, Preferred Open, Preferred Utility

The Superintendent is BaRay Dog Show at barayevents.com.

Sweepstakes and Conformation

Monday April 8th to Friday, April 12th, 2024

All judging will take place indoors at the World Equestrian Center, Expo Center 2. The show superintendent is Baray Events and the premium will be available soon, both on the specialty website and the superintendent's site, www.barayevents.com.

We are thrilled to have three breeder judges on our judging panel!

Kerry Forni, WindDancer Flat Coated Retrievers, California Sweepstakes

Maria White, Windy Hill Flat Coated Retrievers, Ohio Non-Regular Classes and Juniors

Andrea Holsinger, Bertschire Flat Coated Retrievers, Georgia Regular Classes and Best of Breed

Superintendent: BaRay Dog Show at www.barayevents.com

Show Photographer: Keli Wakeley

Dog Bathing, Crating and Grooming: Dog washing stations will be available in Expo 2 at WEC. Expo 2 will open for crating and set-up on Monday, April 8, 8am; all crates must be removed from building by 6pm Friday evening. Paid grooming is still available and a limited amount of free grooming without electricity will be available on a first come, first served basis. Dogs may not be left in the building overnight.

Travel

There are four airports convenient to the show site and the field events for those planning to travel by air.

Gainesville Airport 50 minutes

Orlando International 1 hour 30 minutes

Iacksonville 2 hours

Tampa International 1 hour 40 minutes

Lodging

Hotel (Outside of World Equestrian Center) - Equus Inn

The Host Hotel for the 2024 National Specialty outside of WEC is the Equus Inn, located 8.9 miles from the World Equestrian Center at 3434 SW College Road, Ocala, Florida 34474.

Reservations can be made by calling (352) 854-3200 and asking for the Flat-Coated Retriever Group. The base room rate for a regular room is \$125 per night, plus applicable taxes. There is no limit of dogs in the room. The hotel will charge all rooms with dogs a one-time \$20 pet fee. The room rate includes a continental breakfast.

Alternate Hotels

There are many other hotels in the Ocala area that allow dogs.

- Best Western, Exit 350 at I75, 3701 SW 38th Ave, Ocala (352-237-4848)
- Days Inn by Wyndham Ocala North, Exit 354 at I75, 3811 NW Blitchton Rd, Ocala (352-414-2473)
- Howard Johnson by Wyndham, Exit 354 at I75, 3951 NW Blitchton Rd, Ocala (352-629-7021)

Education program

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Dr. Jennifer Brown DVM DACVS DACSMR CCR CVSMT

Dr. Jennifer Brown has been a veterinarian for over 20 years. She is Board-Certified in both Veterinary Surgery (DACVS) and Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (DACVSMR). Additionally, she is certified in both Canine Rehabilitation and Veterinary Spinal Manipulation Therapy (chiropractic). She has practiced in the field of canine sports medicine since 2012 and for the last six years ago founded the first stand-alone rehabilitation and sports medicine practice in the Tampa Bay area. Having four Labrador Retrievers that are FEMA Certified Urban Search and Rescue dogs as well as competitors in hunting retriever, field trial, and disc competitions, Dr. Brown is passionate about working and sporting dogs. Her presentation will focus on ways we can improve performance and maintain health in dogs competing in multiple sports, as well as touch on some techniques for facilitating healing after injury.

Sign-up information will be available on the 2024 FCRSA website.

Catalog Ads

Celebrate your dogs! Send Good Wishes to those attending! Memorialize a dog! Support the 2024 Specialty

Full Page Ad in Color with one photo \$75
Additional color photos \$15
Full page Black and White with photo \$60
Additional Black and White photos \$15
Full page Black and White without photo \$50
Ad size: 4.5" x 7.5" (Catalog size is 5.5" x 8x5"

Camera-ready submissions are preferred in pdf format. Word format will be acceptable.

If submitting in Word format the photo must be submitted as a separate file. Digital photos **MUST** be a minimum of 300dpi in jpg format. Word documents will be converted to PDF. **Camera-ready submission deadline is March 1, 2024.**

Hard copy submissions will also be accepted. Please include a sketch of how the ad should look. Ads will be created and converted to PDF format—one proof will be created, and one set of changes will be accepted. Hard copy ad deadline is March 1, 2024.

Ad copy and payment must be received by the deadline to be included in the catalog. Please contact Alissa Eckert if you have any questions regarding formatting or file type size. Catalog Ads can be paid for online at FCRSA2024.com and click "Shop Now".

Send catalog ad submissions to:
Alissa Eckert
Email: alissa@alissaeckert.com
45 Adelaide Crossing
Acworth GA 30101

Ring of Honor

Tuesday, April 9th

Please join us on Tuesday April 9th, an hour following judging in the Expo Center 2. We will recognize the many Flat-coats and their owner/handlers who have made outstanding contributions to the breed. The Ring of Honor is an annual, by invitation, non-competitive special presentation held at each year's National Specialty to recognize and showcase past and current specialty winners and past and current Hall of Fame inductees.

The following dogs will be invited to participate in the Ring of Honor:

All past HOF inductees
2024 HOF inductees
FCSRA Specialty Brest of Breed Winners (BISS)
FCRSA Specialty Best of Opposite Sex Winners (BOSS)
FCRSA Specialty Obedience High in Trial Winners
FCRSA Specialty Singles Champions
FCRSA Qualifying Field Trial Winners
FCRSA Field Trophy Winners

Invitations to participate in the Ring of Honor will be sent to all Flat Coats who have qualified in any past year. Electronic invitations for the ROH will be mailed soon to all eligible participants with instructions for supplying information for the catalog.

Citrus Bowl Award

We will be offering a Citrus Bowl Award to showcase the accomplishments of our mutli-talented flat coats. Any dog that places, qualifies, or JAMs in any three of the following competition area:

- Conformation placement in any sweeps or regular/non-regular conformation class or a "made the cut" ribbon in Best of Breed
- Field qualify place or JAM in a hunt test stake, WC/WCX test, steady or unsteady singles stake, or a field trial stake.
- Agility qualify in any standard, jumpers, time to beat or FAST class
- Obedience qualify or place in any regular or non-regular class, including Team.
- Rally qualify or place in any regular or non-regular class, including Team.
- Fast Cat Q or Title OR Dock Diving Title (one or the other)

To be eligible for the Citrus Bowl Award, you must return the sign-up form provided at the National or fill out the form on the website by April 11, 2024.

Silent Auction

We have **squeezed** every drop out of every Lemon, Lime, Orange and Grapefruit in Florida so we are finding other ways to pay for all of the juicy fun of the 2024 Specialty!

This year, we plan to have both the traditional silent auction, and some special live auction goods, AND we will have a "FUN" 50/50 game each day! You can also support the Specialty by donating a gift card, merchandise, or cash to purchase auction items.

Some item ideas are:

- **Themed Baskets** Creating a basket is as simple as choosing a theme, finding some interesting items and placing them in a basket or themed container. Beverages, food, cooking, Citrus Themed or state-themed baskets are just a few ideas. Check out Pinterest for some great ideas for silent auction baskets.
- Gift Cards Gift cards are an easy way to contribute and they don't take up a lot of room! Gift cards can be added to other items in your themed basket, or we will be happy to combine a collection of gift cards in a "Gift Card" silent auction basket.
- **Artwork** works of art are among our best auction items especially artwork featuring our beloved breed.
- Travel and Experiences Travel and experiences create a ton of excitement at silent auctions. Consider donating spa days, brewery tours, ski passes, museum, movie, or sport tickets, golf outings or theme park tickets (did someone say Disney World?), weekend getaways, hotel stays, or even airline miles.
- *All Things Canine* agility, obedience, and rally equipment, toys, treats, collars, etc.
- All Things Flat-Coat —many of us can't resist Flat-Coat items: apparel, ornaments, drinkware, jewelry, tote bags, and magnets are just a few of the items to consider donating. Etsy and eBay have some great items that would make wonderful donations.

We hope this list gets you excited and thinking about donating to our silent auction. If you have questions or additional ideas, please contact anyone on our committee. You can also use the donation link or information form on the silent auction page on the Specialty website.

The Silent Auction items will be on display at the Expo Center and the Silent Auction will close by 5pm on Thursday, April 11. Contact Cindy Zelbst or Liz Mound to donate auction items.

Social Events

Welcome Party/Beach Party, Monday April 8th, 2024, WEC Expo 2

Make sure that your plans include the Welcome Party starting at 5pm on Monday, April 8. Hors d'oeuvres will be available ringside and a cash bar will be open so you can socialize and see our amazingly accomplished flat coats! Beach attire.

Ice Cream Social (and maybe a cocktail), Tuesday April 9th, 2024, Following Educational Event, Equus Inn

Buffet Dinner and Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (Time TBD) Join us at WEC, Expo 2 for a buffet dinner, cash bar available.

Award Banquet, Friday, April 12, 2024 (Time TBD)

Join us at WEC, Expo 2 for a buffet dinner, cash bar available.

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday April 9th - During our lunch break we will have a CPR demonstration presented by Nanci Hanover.

Wednesday April 10th - During our lunch break we will have a handling seminar called "What the judge sees". AKC Licensed judges will observe you and your dog and your ring presence and see if we can offer any helpful advice.

Thursday, April 11th - During the lunch break we will have a Juniors seminar that we be presented by one of our Juniors experts.

All Lunch and learn participants and those staying to observe will be entered in some fun give aways and raffles!

Raffles and Fun

BUCK A DUCK

Feeling lucky? We're holding a daily 50/50 game called "BUCK A DUCK". Buy a bag of rubber duckies and huck them in the kiddie pool. Closet to the center gets Half the Pot for the day!

Get in on our REALLY BIG DRAWING

You could win \$1500 cash for 1st prize, \$750.00 for second prize, \$375.00 for third prize and \$150.00 for fourth prize. \$20.00 per ticket. Contact Lisa Foley for details at fcretrievers@gmail.com.

YETI Cooler 52 card Drawing

\$20.00 per try and if we pick your card, a beautiful YETI 35 is going home with you.

DAILY FUN includes a chance at a cool prize just for dressing in our daily theme colors!
We hope you're excited. Nothing better then fun in the Florida Sun in early April. Its HIGH season and we are going to SPLASH, DASH, DIVE, HEAL, JUMP and GATE around the FAMOUS WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER!

Start Packing Your Bags!!

Or at least start planning your wardrobe, the 2024 National Specialty is getting close! To help make the important decision of what clothes to bring the specialty committee has developed a daily theme and color-of-the-day.

- **Monday**: 'Flamingle' come to the beach themed Welcome Party dressed in your favorite beach attire. Maybe not a swimsuit, but shorts, sun dresses, Hawaiian print shirts and anything beachy goes.
- **Tuesday**: 'Flamazing' in keeping with the Florida theme Tuesday is flamingo day. Wear anything in flamingo or coral pink, or if you're feeling really bold wear a flamingo print.
- Wednesday: 'Lemon Twist' king off the citrus theme is lemon day; plan on anything yellow, with yellow, or with a lemon theme.
- **Thursday**: 'Lime Chill' the color of the day is lime; wear items that have lime green as one of the colors (or the entire outfit can be lime!) or items with limes in the print.
- Friday: 'Orange Crush' BOB Day will round out the week and orange (or some shade of orange) is the color of the day or items with oranges in the print.

Those that dress according to the daily theme will be entered into a raffle for fun prizes!