

Meet me in St. Louie
for
**NSCA 2008 National
and
Regional Specialties**
Sept 17 – Sept 21
at Purina Farms near St. Louis, MO

Wed, Sept 17 Top Twenty Competition & Parades @ Purina Farms*

Thurs, Sept 18 National Specialty, Sweeps, Obedience

Regular Classes - Diana Smiley Sweeps - JoAnn Gray Obedience & Junior Showmanship - William A. Oxandale
NSCA Annual Meeting, Awards Banquet, Auction

Fri, Sept 19 NSCA Regional Specialty

Regular Classes - Jackie Stacy Sweeps - Jan Sigler

Sat, Sept 20 NSCA Regional Specialty

Regular Classes - William E. Usherwood Sweeps - Sharon Roble

Sun, Sept 21 NSCA Regional Specialty

Regular Classes - Ray Filburn Sweeps - Pat Hartman

Superintendent: Onofrio - www.onofrio.com - 405.427.8181

Host Hotel: The Holiday Inn/Six Flags, Eureka, MO

- 35 miles from Lambert (St. Louis) airport ~ 8 miles from Purina Farms
- Reservations phone 636.938.6661
- full service hotel with restaurant, lounge, indoor pool, and internet
- NSCA Awards Banquet will be held at this facility

Hotel website /www.stlouissixflags.holiday-inn.com/index.html

Alternate: Travelodge/Diamond Inn, Gray Summit, MO

- 2 miles from Purina Farms ~ 42 miles from airport
- Reservations phone 1.800.782.8487
- no restaurant or other similar amenities -----

BOTH properties have generous dog exercise areas, direct exit rooms and dog wash/grooming rooms, with electric outlets. Towels in the dog wash rooms are provided by the hotels.

When making reservations at **EITHER** property mention the **Shiba National Specialty Show**.

Special rates are effective through August 1, 2008. PLEASE RESERVE EARLY. Both hotels will be sold out during the show week.

Rates:

Holiday Inn

Double room \$95 per night, (max occupancy four persons); Family room (one room w/ two beds, one room w/ one bed, one shared bath) \$149 per night.

Room rates are plus taxes and \$25/per room one time pet fee. Limit 5 dogs per room. Hotel will provide plastic for underneath crates and protective sheet for beds. Hotel spread will be removed.

Travelodge

\$59/per night, plus taxes; and \$25/per room one time pet fee.

RV's Limited number water/electric sites @ Purina Farms. See premium. Jellystone & KOA parks near Host Hotel. Holiday Inn will permit RV parking on the grounds. No services.

QUESTIONS? Please direct questions to Vickie Wiles, Show Chair (wynhaven@mebtel.net) or Maggi Strouse (fairwyn@verizon.net). Responses to questions of broad general interest will be sent to the requestor and to the NSCA2008National group list at Yahoo.com.

* Due to circumstances beyond NSCA's control, the Top Twenty Competition will be held at Purina Farms NOT THE Museum of the Dog as previously indicated. Invitees are reminded that entry materials are due by June 30, 2008.

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Please support the show, with an individual trophy sponsorship, a donation to the Specialty Trophy Fund or create a state/regional basket for the auction.

A What???? Read on!

WHAT IS A STATE/REGIONAL BASKET?

You'll need a container of some sort (need not be an actual basket).

SUCH AS

- an ice chest
- dog crate
- dog bed
- Vermont maple sap bucket
- treasure chest
- tote bag
- storage container
- tub...

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD!!!

WHAT DO YOU PUT IN IT?

STUFF made in, or typical of, your state or region (or country), SUCH AS

- Edibles and Drinkables for people: wines from everywhere; honey crisp apples from the northwest, maple syrup from the northeast, salsas from the southwest, nuts from everywhere, soaps and other scented items representing the fragrances of your region
- Dog related items are always good; biscuits, grooming items, collars and leads, beds and bowls, TOYS.
- Craft items and other products made by you, your regional club members or manufactured in your state, with or without a Shiba on them. Books written by an author from your state, DVDs of films set in or about your state (Jaws, Fargo, Oklahoma!, Twister), nothing is off limits!

WHO PROVIDES THEM, AND HOW?

- A great way for the Regional Clubs to support the National Specialty and let everyone know about their region. Individuals or groups too. Work together and make new friends as you make a basket for the NSCA Auction.
- Your Chamber of Commerce or State Tourism Bureau may have things to contribute, or their websites might give you some ideas about what fun things to include.

Do you accept the challenge? If you're bringing a basket, please let us know. Contact Laura Payton (fanfair@aol.com)

