

Premium List

All events open to American Water Spaniels only

American Water Spaniel Club

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

Conformation/Obedience #2026443408/11, Rally #2025443409/10



The American Water Spaniel Club, Inc.®

2026 National Specialty Show

Obedience (2 trials), Rally (2 trials),
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes,
Junior Showmanship & Conformation (2 shows)

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Cherry Valley Lodge
2299 Cherry Valley Rd, Newark OH
Judging is indoors, unbenched
Show hours 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Entries close Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 pm CDT

after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or substituted
except as provided for in Ch 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules



American Kennel Club Certification
Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this
event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.
Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary

AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL CLUB INC. OFFICERS

President..... Pat Oldenburg Vice President..... Brooke Reed
Treasurer..... Jenny Field Secretary..... Kimberly Lukehart
Directors: Carl Bock, Brian Husbands, Meghan Kies
AKC Delegate: Linda McGrath

SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chairs: Christine Dostie, busywds@gmail.com
Meghan Kies, kiesmeghan@gmail.com

SEAT (Show Event Advisory Team) Committee:
Kayla Kozak
Pam Kozak
Brooke Reed
Diane Brisingamen

AWSC board and committee members are able to show

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

MedVet Columbus
300 E. Wilson Bridge Rd, Worthington OH 43085
Open 24 hours • 614-846-5800

PHOTOGRAPHER

Candidly Canine+ Photography
614-403-1167 • kendall.mackmoore@yahoo.com

JUDGES

Patricia Strong..... Rally & Obedience, all classes
Indianapolis IN
Rebecca Smith..... Sweepstakes
Fall River WI
Betsy Yates..... Parent Club Conformation & Junior Showmanship
Grants Pass OR
Nancy Liebes..... National Conformation & Junior Showmanship
New Castle IN



Show/Trial Secretary
Carolyn Kraskey, c/o CAPER LLC
24902 Apple Rd, Waterford WI 53185
414-852-2681 sue@caper-dogs.com
www.caper-dogs.com

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry fees: (including AKC recording/event service fees)

Conformation (EACH SHOW)

First entry of dog	\$38
Each add'l entry in same show	\$32
Puppy (6-9 mo, 9-12 mo)	\$32
Brace	\$38
Sweepstakes (must be in reg class)	\$32

Rally (EACH TRIAL)

First entry \$38, add'l entry \$32

Obedience (EACH TRIAL)

First entry \$38, add'l entry \$32

Junior Showmanship: FREE

Paper entries: Mail to **AWSC/CAPER, 24902 Apple Rd, Waterford WI 53185-4832.**

Email entries: The entry form in this premium can be filled in & saved, then sent via email to secretary@caper-dogs.com.

Online entries: click this **Online Entry** link (also available at caper-dogs.com).

Entry Payment:

By **check or money order** (US funds, made out to CAPER) or by **Zelle** (to secretary@caper-dogs.com). These methods have no extra fee. One check or Zelle payment is sufficient for all your dogs' entries.

By **PayPal or credit card** at caper-dogs.com, PayPal/Credit Card link. Please send a separate payment for the total of each dog's entries. **Payment must include \$2 per class additional charge for the entries to be valid.**

Entries must be received by 6:00 pm CDT Wednesday, July 23 after which time no entries may be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted. No telephone or verbal entries will be accepted. All changes and cancellations must be received in writing (email is preferred) prior to closing, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows published by the American Kennel Club.

All entries must be on official AKC entry forms. Entries will be returned if they are illegible, incomplete, are submitted with incorrect fees, or are photocopied without the reverse side instructions and agreement included. Checks returned for insufficient fees will have the entry pended; acceptance of such an entry will only be made if the full fees, plus a \$25 administrative fee, are paid via Zelle, PayPal, certified check or money order & received prior to the start of judging. Express deliveries must include signature waiver permitting them to be left at the Secretary's address without receipt signature. **Entries received without signature release will be returned.**

Entries with email addresses will be acknowledged with an email receipt. CAPER is not responsible for non-delivery of emails due to delivery errors or spam blockers, and no further efforts will be made. Confirmations and judging schedules will be emailed after closing.

Refunds: Entry fees will not be refunded in the event of errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date; in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by the veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by the Show Committee; or in the event that extreme weather conditions, riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the Show Committee make it impossible to open or complete the show/trial. Refunds will be made, less \$5 per entry, for bitches entered in obedience or rally who come into season after the closing date, if written notice is given to the secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of obedience/rally classes.

Entry Errors: Exhibitors are responsible for the correctness of entries. All entries which include an email address will be sent an entry verification email shortly after receipt. All errors will be corrected prior to closing; exhibitor errors discovered after closing cannot be corrected. Duplicate entries will not be refunded after closing. Overpayments of less than \$5 per dog will not be refunded.

Transfers to higher levels: Transfers are available to dogs which, according to their owner's records, have completed the requirements to advance to a higher level after the closing date, in any offered sport. Each of these transfer requests must be made to, and accepted by, the Show/Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging for which the transfer is requested.

American Water Spaniel Club, Inc. 2026 National Specialty Schedule

Wednesday, August 12th - at Cherry Valley Hotel & Expo Center

Health & Genetics Seminar: Susan Patterson Ensuring the Future of the AWS
Welcome Gathering & Pizza Party
State Basket Auction
Thursday Show location available to exhibitors after 6pm

Thursday, August 13th - at Cherry Valley Hotel & Expo Center

Judges Education Presentation with ringside mentoring
Obedience and Rally Trials
Parent Club Specialty Show
Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes
National Specialty Show
Judges Education Hands-on
AWSC Annual Meeting
Awards Banquet & Auction

Friday, August 14th

At Aspen Ridge Outfitting

Day one Hunt Test & Working Certificate
FETCH Trials #1 & 2
Canine Good Citizen & Tricks Testing

At Cherry Valley Hotel

Social Dinner with Auction

Saturday, August 15th - at Aspen Ridge Outfitting

Day two Hunt Test & Working Certificate
Youth and Junior Handling
Puppy & Natural Abilities
Social Gathering with BBQ, Games & Raffle

Sunday, August 16th - at Aspen Ridge Outfitting

Roustabout

Schedule, times, and locations are subject to change.

For up-to-date information regarding the National Specialty, go to
<https://www.americanwaterspanielclub.org>

CONFORMATION

Regular Classes - divided by sex

Puppy, 6 mos & under 9 mos • Puppy, 9 mos & under 12 mos
12 mos & under 18 mos
Novice

Amateur Owner Handler

Bred by Exhibitor Puppy, 6-12 mos • Bred by Exhibitor Adult, 12 mos & older
American Bred
Open
Best of Breed

Non-Regular Classes (single dog entries) - divided by sex

Winners eligible to compete in Best of Breed if undefeated in a Regular class
Entrants may be altered

Veteran classes
7 yrs & under 9 yrs • 9 yrs & older

Non-Regular Classes (multiple dog entries) - National only

Winners of these classes are not eligible to compete for Best of Breed.

Brace Class

For two dogs similar in appearance, performing in unison and presented by one or two handlers.

Both dogs in each Brace must have at least one common owner.
Entrants MUST be entered in an additional Conformation class.

Other Conformation Awards

Award of Merit: At the judge's discretion, up to 2 dogs/bitches who have competed in the Best of Breed judging may be selected to receive an Award of Merit after BOB, BOS, BOW and Selects are awarded.

Best Puppy, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Veteran: 6-9 & 9-12 class winners will compete for Best Puppy. BBE class winners will compete for Best BBE. Veteran class winners will compete for Best Veteran.

Points For Reserve Winners

At both specialty shows, the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex is at least 12.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Novice class: For junior handlers aged 9-17 who, at the time entries close, have not won three first place awards, with competition present, in a Junior Showmanship Novice class at a licensed or member show.

Open class: For junior handlers aged 9-17 who, at the time entries close, have won three first place awards, with competition present, in a Junior Showmanship Novice class at a licensed or member show.

Master class: For junior handlers aged 9-17 who, at the time entries close, have won the 10 first place wins in an Open class with competition to be eligible to enter the Limited Class Competition. The calendar for this class will be November 1 - October 31 of the following year. All Juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed all participants return to the Open Class to complete for the following year.

PLEASE NOTE: Juniors must include their AKC Junior Handler number on the entry blank. Be sure all information for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on the front and back of the entry form.

Dogs shown in Junior Showmanship may have Full or Limited AKC registration or have an ILP/PAL number. Altered animals are eligible to be shown, but bitches in season are not eligible.

RALLY TRIALS

REGULAR CLASSES

Novice A Advanced A Excellent A Intermediate
Novice B Advanced B Excellent B Master Choice

OBEDIENCE TRIALS

REGULAR CLASSES

Novice A Open A Utility A
Novice B Open B Utility B

OPTIONAL TITLING CLASSES

Beginner Novice A Graduate Novice
Beginner Novice B

NON-REGULAR NON-TITLING CLASSES

Veterans (7yrs & older)

**Please enter your dog's jump height on the entry form for all classes with jumps.
All classes will run small to tall heights.**

Transfers to the next higher level in both obedience and rally are allowed per AKC rules and regulations. These must be received by the trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging.

Bitches entered in obedience or rally who come into season after closing will receive a refund of entry fees, less \$5/entry, if written notice is given to the secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging.

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES (National only)

Puppy Sweepstakes is open to all AKC registered American Water Spaniels who are at least 6 months of age and under 18 months of age on the day of the Sweepstakes. Entrants MUST be entered in a regular class at the National Specialty show. AKC Champions of record are permitted. List the entered Sweepstakes class in the Additional Entry box on the entry form. Classes are divided by sex.

6 mos & under 9 mos • 9 mos & under 12 mos
12 mos & under 18 mos

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (National only)

Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all AKC registered American Water Spaniels who are at least 7 years of age on the day of the Sweepstakes. Entrants do not need to be entered in a regular class, and may be altered. Champions of Record may compete. List the entered Sweepstakes class in the Additional Entry box on the entry form. Classes are divided by sex.

7 yrs & under 9 yrs • 9 yrs & older

DISTRIBUTION OF SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE MONEY

35% of total entry fees will be retained by the Club for expenses. The remaining 65% (for each sweepstakes, Puppy & Veteran) will be awarded to class placements as a percentage of the entry fees of the class entered:

First Place - 40% • Second Place - 30% • Third Place - 20% • Fourth Place - 10%.

All cash prizes rounded to nearest dollar amount. Undistributed funds revert back to AWSC.

AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series is a non-titling competition for dogs that are exhibited by their owners that are not professional handlers.

All dogs that are owner-handled and are not owned, co-owned or exhibited by professional handlers* meet the requirements for this competition. Exhibitors must declare their dogs are Owner-Handled eligible at the time of entry using the check box on the entry form. Eligible dogs will be identified by an asterisk in the steward's book & the catalog. **Dogs must be handled throughout the breed level competition for the regular show by an eligible owner. Professional handlers, household members and assistants to current professional handlers may not exhibit the dog in any breed competition during the entire show.**

Owner-Handled Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and winners of the non-regular classes.

* Professional handlers are not permitted to exhibit in this competition. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay. or received payment for handling a dog.

SPECIALTY PRIZES

All trophies must be claimed the day of the show - no trophies will be mailed. The club reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. A complete list of sponsors will appear in the Specialty Catalog.

PARENT CLUB SPECIALTY

Best of Breed.....	Big Box
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.....	Big Box
Best of Winners	Big Box
Select Dog & Select Bitch.....	Small Box
Award of Merit (2).....	Small Box
NOHS Best of Breed	Key Tray
Winners Dog & Winners Bitch	Key Tray
Reserve Winners Dog & Reserve Winners Bitch	Big Brush
First Place in Regular Conformation classes.....	Small Brush
First Place in Non-Regular Conformation classes.....	Small Box

NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Best of Breed.....	Slate paddle
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.....	Slate paddle
Best of Winners	Round Suncatcher
Select Dog & Select Bitch.....	Slate placque
Award of Merit (2).....	Slate placque
NOHS Best of Breed	Round Suncatcher
Winners Dog & Winners Bitch	Slate placque
Reserve Winners Dog & Reserve Winners Bitch	Slate placque
Best Puppy & Best Veteran	Slate placque
Best Bred By Exhibitor.....	Round Suncatcher & Free AKC Litter Registration
First Place in Regular Conformation classes.....	Small Slate Item
First Place in Non-Regular Conformation classes.....	Tote Bag
Best Junior Handler & Reserve Best Junior Handler.....	Tote Bag
Best in Sweepstakes & Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)	Tote Bag
High-Scoring Dog in Obedience Trial	Slate paddle
High Combined Score in Open B/Utility Trial.....	Slate paddle
High Combined Score in AdvB/ExcB Rally Trial.....	Slate paddle
Triple High Combined Score in Rally Trial.....	Slate paddle

ROSETTES

Regular Classes

First Place	Blue Rosette	Best of Breed	Purple & Gold Rosette
Second Place	Red Rosette	Best of Opp Sex to Best of Breed	Red & White Rosette
Third Place	Yellow Rosette	Select Dog/Bitch	Light Blue & White Rosette
Fourth Place	White Rosette	High Scoring in Reg Obedience	Blue & Gold Rosette
Winners	Purple Rosette	High Combined in OpenB/Utility	Blue & Green Rosette
Reserve Winners.....	Purple & White Rosette	High Combined in AdvB/ExcB.....	Blue & Green Rosette
Best of Winners	Blue & White Rosette	High Triple Qualifier Rally	Blue & Red Rosette
		Obedience/Rally Qualifying Score	Dark Green Rosette

Non-Regular Classes

First Place	Rose Rosette	Best in Sweepstakes.....	Pink/Dark Green Rosette
Second Place	Brown Rosette	Best of Opp Sex in Sweepstakes	Lavender Rosette
Third Place	Light Green Rosette	Best Junior Handler	Rose & Green Rosette
Fourth Place	Grey Rosette	Reserve Best Junior Handler	Rose & Grey Rosette
Best Puppy/BBE/Veteran	Dark Green Rosette	NOHS BOB	Maroon Rosette
Award of Merit	Dk Green & Burgundy Rosette	New Title	Special Rosette

All trophies and awards must be claimed the day of the show, none will be mailed. Unclaimed awards will become the property of the Club. Cash prizes for sweepstakes will be presented to the handler of the dog, and neither the club nor the secretary assume any liability for cash prizes once judging has been completed.

Other Activities

Wednesday, August 12

11am: Health & Genetics Breeding Seminar with Susan Patterson

3 pm: Health & Genetics CAER Eye Exams

5:30 pm AWSC Welcome Gathering & Pizza Party

Please join us to get your National off to a great start. Connect with friends, grab your Welcome Bag and enjoy some pizza, all for no charge to club members. Then support the club while bidding on amazing Baskets filled with special State beverages & goodies.

Thursday, August 13

5pm: AWSC Annual Meeting

5:30 pm Awards Banquet Dinner & Presentations

Please join us for the annual Awards Banquet with the recognition of special AWSC member accomplishments from the previous year. This will be a delicious buffet style dinner with an available cash bar. There will be a raffle overflowing with lots of wonderful items to win. The Photo Contest entries will be on display to be voted on throughout the day.

Friday, August 14

5:30 pm - Social Event with Dinner

Wonderful dinner, fabulous friends, amazing auction items to bid on. Please join us for this fun and relaxing evening!

For more information and to sign up please visit: AWSC

Raffle and Auction Donations

Please reach out to Jennifer Cooper - JCooper7@aol.com
or Julie Schmitt - julieschmittpt@yahoo.com

Site Information

Cherry Valley Hotel & Event Center

2200 Cherry Valley Rd SE, Newark OH
<https://www.cherryvalleyhotel.com>

- The show site is indoors air conditioned. There is electricity and ample room for grooming.
- Show location will be available to exhibitors on Wednesday, August 12 after 6 pm.
- Exhibitors & Handlers will be responsible for clean conditions in & around their crates.

Hotel Info

Ask for the American Water Spaniel Club rate: \$129/night + tax
One time pet fee \$50

Direct booking link: **Cherry Valley Hotel**
or call 740-788-1200

There is no overnight RV parking at the hotel

Camping

Buckeye Lake/Columbus East KOA
4460 Walnut Rd, Buckeye Lake OH

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/buckeye-lake/>
740-928-0706

CATALOG ADS

Deadline for submission July 22
Black & White ads only

FULL PAGE - 4.5" x 7.5" All ads \$65

- JPG and PDF files recommended
- File Resolution 300 DPI or Higher (for optimal quality), also use Gray Scale

Contact person: Meghan Kies - kiesmeghan@gmail.com

LIABILITY: It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Show Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The club and its agents, employees, etc. will assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property, & further assume no responsibility for injury to children.



OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM

American Water Spaniel Club Inc.

August 13 2026 • Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark OH



AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

- Sweepstakes: National
Conformation: Parent Club, National
Junior Show: Parent Club, National
Obedience: Trial 1, Trial 2
Rally: Trial 1, Trial 2

Entries close at 6:00 pm CDT on Wednesday, July 22. ONLINE ENTRY AVAILABLE Click Here ENTER

Entry fee information is on page 3 of this premium. Email entries accepted - see page 3 for instructions. This dog's fee enclosed \$

Mail entries (with fees payable to CAPER) to AWSC/CAPER, 24902 Apple Rd, Waterford WI 53185. Express mail entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the Secretary's address without receipt signature. Any entries sent without signature release will be refused.

IMPORTANT: Read instructions on the reverse side carefully before filling out. Numbers in boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box. PLEASE PRINT! Next, be sure to read the Agreement & sign on the reverse. No form will be processed without your signature!

Form fields: Breed (American Water Spaniel), Variety, Sex, Dog Show Class, Additional Classes, Class Division, Obedience Class + Jump Height, Rally Class + Jump height, Junior Showmanship Class, Name of Junior Handler, Junior Handler Number, Full Name of Dog, Call Name of Dog, Breeder, Sire, Dam, Actual Owner(s), Owner's Address, City, State/Prov, Zip/Postal Code, Name of Owner's Agent.

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form.

SIGNATURE of owner or his/her agent duly authorized to make this entry

TELEPHONE EMAIL

Are you a new exhibitor? Owner/Handler Eligible?

Emergency Contact: Phone

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering...
2. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship...
3. (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog...
4. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner...
5. Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/ Mixed Breed."

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please provide the following information.

Junior Showmanship Junior's Date of Birth

AKC Junior Handler Number

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, it may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone (919) 233-9767.

By signing the entry form, I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

Junior Handler's Address

City State/Prov Zip/Postal Code

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog stated on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the owner?