



### Collie Club of America National Specialty

April 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - West Springfield, Massachusetts

It is with great enthusiasm and pride that Hartford-Springfield Collie Club presents this bid to the members of the Collie Club of America.

Hartford-Springfield Collie Club and its members have a long tradition of hosting and/or working involvement with the CCA National Specialty. The grounds of the Big E in West Springfield, MA have been the site of the 1982,1988,1999,2004,2009 and 2014 Nationals and HSCC members have been a working part of each and every one.

Hartford- Springfield Collie Club is one of the largest and most active clubs in New England with events being held in herding, breed, obedience and rally. They also have a long history of community involvement. Community outreach via Meet the Breed Events at the Garden and in conjunction with all breed clubs, participating in the largest fair in New England. Members making hospital visits with Therapy dogs! Because of their member's involvement with All Breed Kennel clubs and the cooperative relationship with fellow New England Clubs, they offer the unique ability to draw on workers and resources from several areas!

Herding events will be held at Nutmeg Farm in Portland, CT. Nutmeg Farm was created in the early 1980's and was the 1<sup>st</sup> all breed herding facility in New England. It also features an indoor area if New

England weather becomes uncooperative! It is home to numerous herding events, barn hunts, shed hunts and is less than an hour from the Big E!

Agility will take place at Sports World in East Windsor, CT. This indoor facility is hosting several agility trials and is 20 minutes from the main show site at the Big E! For those who wish to stay practically on the agility grounds there are two hotels adjacent to the Agility Show site!

The Big E grounds offer versatility for the Host club plus a staff that works with the numerous kennel clubs which hold over 50 dog shows a year at this site. Full motor home hook ups plus an onsite dump station cater to our RV travelers. There is plenty of grassy area to exercise dogs in a huge facility that was built for animal exhibitions. Food is available on the show site and can be catered to our needs. Also on the grounds is a very popular New England eatery – The Storowton Tavern.

Bradley International airport is 20 minutes away and can accommodate up to and including a 500 crate. Boston is 2 hours from the site and will take 700 crates. Many hotels in various price ranges surround the Big E as well, as an abundant number of restaurants. Car services are also available if needed. Starting in 2018 we will have the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino right across the bridge from the show site! Besides gaming it will offer first class dining, banquet facilities and entertainment!

Darci Brown has agreed to serve as Show Chair. She chaired the 2009 National and currently serves as the Chair of the National Show Committee. We have some exciting plans to make this National a showcase for the future and to honor our past.

In keeping with our theme of “GENERATIONS” we invite you to join us again in West Springfield, Massachusetts for the next generation of our Collie families!

Mary Lange, President

Hartford-Springfield Collie Club