

The Collie Club of Central New York presents its bid to host the Collie Club of America's 2020 National Specialty



"Wish You Were Here!"

*New York State Fairgrounds
Syracuse, New York*

March 28 - April 4, 2020

Ciao!

Welcome to Syracuse, located in Central New York, with easy access off Interstates 81 and 90. Our Italian vacation theme, complete with non-regular class red, white and green rosettes, wine-glass trophies and red-checked table coverings, will make you *"Wish You Were Here!"*

Conformation and Obedience Show site - New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY:

Located on 375 acres, this is a great combination of grass and paved neighborhood for walking dogs. It is possible to have all events located at the Fairgrounds, although other locations for Agility (15 minutes at the Syracuse Obedience Training Club training center) and Herding (30 minutes at a new location in Central Square, NY) that offer greater convenience and financial savings are within a 30 minute drive. Between the Fairground buildings is a grass "town square" to make it a very pleasant short walk between events. The NYS Fairgrounds is currently updating the grounds with a brand new RV Park, so there will be plenty of RV hook-ups available.

We start National week on Saturday and Sunday with two Herding Trials. We can choose between a site within a 30-minute drive of the State Fairgrounds or use the paddock at the Fairgrounds. The herding venue we have chosen is called Grace Farms located in Central Square, NY. The site offers large paddocks between 100x100 to 400x400, a parking lot that holds 70 vehicles, RV parking and septic dumping, two bathrooms, a kitchen, meeting space, office and dog bathing tub. They also offer barn hunts, which would be an exciting event to add to our Nationals week. The venue is 30 minutes from the agility and conformation and obedience and sites. If the weather is very bad, such as it was in 2014, the Fairgrounds offer buildings where we could probably have 2 indoor duck trials.

On Monday and Tuesday, we will offer two agility trials held at the Syracuse Obedience Training Club. This venue regularly hosts many AKC-sanctioned agility trials throughout the year, offers SOTC club members to

work the trials, is affordable and is located less than 15 minutes from the conformation and obedience venue at the New York State Fairgrounds.

The conformation show will be held in the 87,000 sq ft. Center of Progress Building and begins on Tuesday with a Salute to the Past and Future with 6-9 puppy dog and bitches (Rough and Smooth) followed by Veteran Dogs and Bitches (Rough and Smooth) in the afternoon. The afternoon judging event will include a free coffee bar and Italian cookies, and specially designed commemorative Veteran participant rosettes. 30 minutes after judging is completed, we will offer a pasta buffet and grooming set-up visiting hour. We would like to start the conformation show on Tuesday to make the week more manageable and complete all judging in a timely manner. The plan for the conformation show is to complete all classes but Rough BOV and Juniors by Friday night. We would start Rough BOV first thing Saturday morning and hold Junior Showmanship during the Breed judge's lunch break, so that we can finish the show in the early afternoon, allowing folks to get on the road home for the Easter holiday.

The conformation building features a glassed-in café that holds 70 people, easy access to the meeting rooms and restaurant next door and plenty of parking space. The meeting rooms hall next to the conformation hall includes a theatre and ballroom with dance floor that would be suitable for seminars and dinners as well as a comfortable parlor for the judges to rest between assignments.

The 2 Obedience and Rally trials will be held on Wednesday and Thursday in the Science Building of the NY State Fairgrounds complex, which is a short walk to the conformation building. This building is 16,000 sq. feet and features plenty of nearby parking and acres of dog-walking lawns.

Adding an extra day to the conformation show costs money. The host club, the Collie Club of Central NY, plans to hold 2 CCA-sponsored agility trial weekends per year for 2017, 2018 and 2019, at the SOTC in Syracuse, as fundraisers to help underwrite the National week expenses.

As an added bonus, there is a 4-day all-breed cluster Thursday-Sunday at the Fairgrounds (in a different building) before our conformation show starts, offering an additional show opportunity for Collie fanciers coming to the National. The Fairgrounds regularly hosts dog shows and is a safe and convenient location.

To make the National more efficient and easier on exhibitors and vendors, we plan to set up a sales webpage that allows people to order merchandise, catalogs, reserved seating, grooming spaces, seminar reservations, CHF dinners, etc., to be able to use credit cards and paypal accounts, instead of having to send checks to several different people as is currently done.

A dedicated group of CCA members have volunteered to work on the national if Syracuse is selected, including Laura LaBounty (Host Chair), Candice Ardizzone (Facilities Chair), Mike Esch (Treasurer), Bob Meyers (Announcer), Erin Blaisure (Merchandise), Jaye Athy (Top Ten) and Sue Abraham (Trophies). A detailed budget has been prepared (see attached).

Arrivaderci!

Respectfully Submitted by Laura LaBounty and Candice Ardizzone

Syracuse, NY Statistics

Syracuse is located at major crossroads, Interstate 90 running East and West, East to Boston, MA and West to Seattle, WA. Interstate 81 runs North/South, ending North at Alexandria Bay, NY on the Canadian Border, and South to Knoxville, TN.

City Distance Information:

Points North:

Watertown, NY	72 Miles	Alexandria Bay, NY	100 Miles
Kingston, Ontario CN	131 Miles	Quebec, Canada	409 Miles

Points East:

Utica, NY	59 miles
Albany, NY	147 Miles
Springfield, MA	233 Miles
Boston, MA	316 Miles
Portland, ME	316 Miles
Halifax, NS, Canada	1004 Miles

Points West:

Rochester, NY	82 Miles
Buffalo, NY	145 Miles
Toronto, ON Canada	237 Miles
Cleveland, OH	329 Miles
Chicago, IL	674 Miles
Seattle, WA	2,739 Miles

Points South:

Binghamton, NY	78 Miles	Philadelphia, PA	267 Miles
New York, NY	275 Miles	Baltimore, MD	337 Miles
Concord, NC	734 Miles	Orlando, FL	1,221 Miles

Distances from Past and Future CCAs:

Detroit, MI	397 Miles	Virginia Beach, VA	515 Miles
Louisville, KY	671 Miles	Peoria, IL	812 Miles
LaCrosse, WI	954 Miles	Tulsa, OK	1,275 Miles
Oklahoma City, OK	1,380 Miles	Sacramento, CA	2,709 Miles

Emergency Needs:

2 Emergency Animal Hospitals within 10 minutes to 15 minutes from Fairgrounds.

4 Syracuse area hospitals with Emergency Rooms

10 Urgent Care centers in the Syracuse/Greater Syracuse area.

Airports:

Syracuse International Airport 0:13 – 9.7 miles
Air Canada, Allegiant, American, Delta, Jet Blue, United

Rochester International Airport 1:24 hour - 89.4 miles
Air Tran, Continental, American Eagle, Delta/Conair, Express Jet, Jet Blue, US Airways, United

Buffalo International Airport 2:06 Hours- 137 miles
Southwest, Delta, Jet Blue, United, US Airway, American

Albany International Airport 2:19 hours - 146 miles
American, Cape Air, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest, United

Train Station/ Bus Station:

0:07 – 3.1 miles

Amtrak, Greyhound, Trailways

Hotels:

Recommended co-host hotels if events are off site:

Holiday Inn Liverpool (no dogs) combined with shared parking lot Staybridge Suites (dog friendly). 11 minutes, 6.3 miles

There are approximately 60 hotels with a total of 4,035 rooms in the greater Syracuse area.

Chains in the Syracuse area:

Knights Inn	:12	7 miles	Red Carpet Inn	:17	6.7 miles
Microtel	:11	10 miles	Red Roof Inn	:13	10 miles
Motel 6	:14	10.2 miles	(3) Super 8	:10/:11	5.2 to 5.4 miles
Best Western	:01	.8 miles	Hampton Inn	:10	5.2 miles
Comfort Inn	:06	5.3 miles	Double Tree	:10	5.5 miles
Clarion Inn	:05	4.5 miles	Homewood Suites	:11	5.7 miles
Holiday Inn Exp	:06	4.5 miles	Econolodge	:10	5.3 miles

Shopping:

Destiny Mall	Erie Boulevard –multiple shopping centers
Fairmount Shopping Center	Armory Square
Great Northern Mall	Waterloo Outlets :45 minutes
And multiple WEGMANS	

Restaurants:

Local cuisine features lots of Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Steakhouses, Thai, BBQ. The Food Network’s Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives have featured 6 different eateries in the Syracuse area over the years.

Chain restaurants:

Olive Garden (2); Texas Roadhouse; PF Changs, Paneras(mult); Cheesecake Factory; Melting Pot; Unos (2); Cracker Barrel; Smokey Bones; Dinosaur BBQ; Outback; Red Lobster; Brueggers Bagels; Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks within 5 miles; 5 Guys; Applebees (3); Tully’s (3); Texas De Brazil; Dave & Busters; Red Robin, Sonic (2), Wegmans.

Field Trips:

Syracuse Zoo, Museum of Science & Technology, Everson Museum, Erie Canal Museum, Onondaga Historical Museum, Museum of International Masks and Puppets, Onondaga Park/Salt Museum, French Fort, Boxing Hall of Fame, Finger Lakes Vineyard tours, Women’s Rights Hall of Fame/museum, Turning Stone Casino; Cooperstown/ Baseball Hall of Fame; Corning Glass; Strong Museum; Eastman Museum; Susan B. Anthony Museum.

Links: <http://nysfair.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2016-NYSF-Map-printable.pdf>

See above map of grounds and buildings for Conformation (#6), Meetings and Restaurant (#8) and Obedience/Rally (#19)