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## **Olympic Kennel Club Celebrates 75 Years With 2019 Show**

*Something For Every Dog Lover August 14-18, 2019 at Enumclaw Expo Center*

**Enumclaw, WA:** The Olympic Kennel Club (OKC), an all-breed kennel club founded in 1944, celebrates 75 Years of dog shows with its 2019 show at the Enumclaw Expo Center, August 14-18. OKC's annual event is the largest single club dog show in the Pacific Northwest, featuring over 199 different American Kennel Club (AKC)-recognized breeds and 10,000 entries.

The official show sponsor for 2019 is Royal Canin, creators of tailored nutrition that helps cats and dogs live their healthiest lives. Eukanuba™, manufacturers of Extraordinary Nutrition™ that helps dogs look and feel their best at any age, is the sponsor for the performance events; "Try It!" events are sponsored by Paws-Abilities Total Dog Center; the Barn Hunt is sponsored by Rambo Pest Control; and all other events are sponsored by Trupanion™ pet insurance.

The OKC Show is an annual summer event every third week of August and looked forward to by the general public and exhibitors (the folks who participate in the many events) alike. According to a very pleased participant, "I can't say enough for (the) Olympic Kennel Club Dog Show. It is very hard to pull this all together and offer so much for so many venues of training. OKC has put great time and effort to see that all exhibitors have an opportunity to show. I personally thank OKC for that opportunity as I show in Obedience, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, (Lure) Coursing and now working Agility. You can pick and choose and have fun every day. Thank you, OKC!"

The five-day event features three days of breed specialty shows, two days of all-breed conformation shows, in addition to competitive trials for agility, obedience, and rally. The event also includes public-popular dog performance events such as barn hunt, lure coursing/FastCAT, dock diving, and disc dog (frisbee)/Hyperflite round-out the weekend's activities. A Spectator Handbook is available on-line ([olympickennelclub.com](http://olympickennelclub.com)) or at the OKC Booth on the show grounds.

OKC's schedule of events by day follows below, and may be subject to change. More information can be found on the OKC web site: [olympickennelclub.com](http://olympickennelclub.com).

### **Wednesday, August 14**

- Rainier Sporting Dog Association—conformation

### **Thursday, August 15**

- Breed Specialties—Boston Terrier, Boxer, Doberman Pinscher, German Pinscher, German Shepherd Dog, Great Dane, Papillon, Samoyed, Weimaraner
- Rainier Sporting Dog Association—conformation, obedience, rally
- Mount Rainier Working Dog Club—conformation, obedience, rally
- Olympic Kennel Club—dock diving

### **Friday, August 16**

- Breed Specialties—Basset Hound, Boston Terrier, Boxer, Brittany, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Cocker Spaniel, Doberman Pinscher, English Cocker Spaniel, English Setter, English Springer Spaniel, German Pinscher, German Shepherd Dog, German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Golden Retriever, Great Dane, Havanese, Irish Setter, Keeshond, Newfoundland, Norwegian Elkhound, Papillon, Pug, Samoyed, Spinone Italiano, Vizsla, Weimaraner
- Mount Rainier Working Dog Club—conformation, obedience, rally
- Olympic Kennel Club—agility, barn hunt, dock diving

### **Saturday, August 17**

- Olympic Kennel Club—All-Breed conformation show (#1), obedience, rally, agility, barn hunt, lure coursing/fast cat, dock diving, disc dog/Hyperflite

### **Sunday, August 18**

- Olympic Kennel Club—All-Breed conformation show (#2), obedience, rally, agility, barn hunt, lure coursing/fast cat, dock diving

**OKC's "My Dog Can Do That!" and "Try It!"** events offer dog owners a chance to bring their purebred or mixed-breed dog to the show to try out a dog sport or take the **Canine Good Citizen Test**. Pre-registration (on-line: [olympickennelclub.com](http://olympickennelclub.com)) is recommended. Day-of-show entries may be accepted, but only on a space-available basis. Fees for each sport: \$10 pre-registered; \$15 day-of-show. Each dog must have proof of vaccinations; no aggressive dogs permitted; OKC reserves the right to have misbehaving dogs removed from the show grounds. The stated fees apply to the following dog sports: Weight Pull, Agility, Canine Parkour, Rally Obedience, Canine

Nose/Scent Work, and the Canine Good Citizen Test. Check the OKC web site for “Try It” fees for: Disc Dog, Barn Hunt, Lure Coursing/FastCAT.

**Family Fun:** Attendees ages 14 and below can play **Breed BINGO** (pick-up a bingo card at the OKC Booth, then search for the breeds; when you have a BINGO, stop by the booth for a ticket for an icy treat). Pick-up a **Coloring Page or create your own artwork** (crayons available at OKC Booth; turn in your ‘art’ at the booth, and OKC will display your art on their web site or social media page). **Free Outdoor Movie Night** will offer a family-friendly movie on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at dusk under the main tent.

**Excellent and Unique Shopping:** Spectators can also find tremendous shopping opportunities for all-things-canine-and-otherwise on the show grounds with the following vendors: 2n’4 Legged Massage, A Razor Edge, Breeders Veterinary Services, CC Custom Obedience Article Bags, Crichtons Critters, Critter Beds, Dart Dog Photography, Dog Show Massage, Doggie Bakery, Doggie Loungers, Fanny Fish Designs, Fantasy Enterprises, Fidogear, International Canine Semen Bank, Jan’s Embroidery, K9 Comforts, Mad Lab Collars, Nana B’s Boutique, Naturals4Animals-DoTERRA, Nina Sage Photography, Pants for Dogs, Pet Connection Magazine, Porter Pockets, Redbarn, Seattle Animal Chiropractor, Shaffet’s Sharpening, Styles Extended, Tag Your It, The 3 C’s Dog Supply, The Grooming Guru, The Savvy Dog LLC, The Store 4 Dogs, Touch of Mink, ZenTek.

**Take The Lead Auction Event:** Take The Lead is a 501(c)(3) foundation that provides direct services, support and care for people in the sport of purebred dogs who suffer the devastation of life-threatening or terminal illness, or have been affected by disasters such as fires, floods, and earthquakes. OKC is proud to host one of their many fundraising events at their annual show. Participants purchase a sheet of numbered bidding tickets (50 tickets per sheet for \$25) and receive a list of participating vendors at the show. Participating vendors will display the prize they are offering and bidders drop their ticket(s) in the jar next to each prize. Winning bid tickets are drawn and prizes awarded at the close of the show on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available for purchase on-line ([olympickennelclub.com](http://olympickennelclub.com)) and will also be available at the show at the OKC Booth.

**Food and Beverage vendors** on the show grounds include: Big ‘T’ Bar-B-Que, Cascadia Pizza Co., Come N Get It, Hot Shot Espresso, KC Deez BBQ, Legendary Donuts, Mocha Motion, The Green Tree Food Truck, You Found Us, King County 4H. A beer garden provided by the Enumclaw Expo Center will also be available.

Admission to the Enumclaw Expo Center and grounds is free; events and shows are scheduled between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily. General parking is available daily in the north and south parking lots of Enumclaw Expo Center beginning at 6:00 a.m. daily. The parking fee is \$7.00 per day, payable at the parking lot gate.

**About Olympic Kennel Club:** The Olympic Kennel Club was founded in 1944 and has held its annual all-breed show and associated events at the Enumclaw Expo Center (formerly the King County Fairgrounds) since 1973. OKC's annual event is the largest single club dog show in the Pacific Northwest, featuring over 199 different American Kennel Club (AKC)-recognized breeds and 10,000 entries. Web site: [olympickennelclub.com](http://olympickennelclub.com). Follow OKC on FaceBook, Twitter, and Instagram, too!

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