



As the co-chairs of the Northeast Regional Leonberger Club Fall 2004 Specialty, "Revolutionary Leos," we are pleased to announce a return to Fitchburg, MA for the Northeast Regional Leonberger Club Fall 2008 Specialty. Along with the NRLC Board, we welcome you to join us on Saturday, September 27th at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. This will be an indoor show. The show coincides with our annual General Membership Meeting which will be held following the show on Saturday. The site of this show is also the site of the LCA's First AKC Sanctioned B/OB Match. We are thrilled that the LCA chose our club and this site for their first Match.

As those of you who came to the Revolution four years ago know, the hotel and show site in Fitchburg offer a great many amenities. The hotel offers newly remodeled rooms, a pool, a restaurant and gym. The Trade Center is air conditioned and has an on-site concession stand. The entire facility is a very welcoming environment for our club and our dogs. We hope those of you who joined us in '04 will visit again this September and that those of you who didn't get the chance previously will attend what we hope to be (as we say in Boston), "a wicked good time."

This is a Conformation Specialty. Obedience Competition is being offered under the AKC B/OB Match. The regular classes will be judged by Ms. Sandra Walker of Massachusetts. Ms. Walker is an AKC Approved Conformation Judge. Non Regular and Jr. Handling Classes will be judged by Mrs. Mary Ann Ruggiero-Smith, a longtime LCA Member and Breeder and its newest appointed Judge. We will also offer CGC and drafting (carting) demonstrations! We have invited a number of vendors we think the membership will enjoy.

Obedience Competition will be part of the LCA B/OB Match and will be judged by Ms. Sandra Walker who is also an AKC approved Obedience Judge. The LCA will soon announce their choice for a conformation judge. Please refer to the LCA's Premium for start times, competition information and conformation judging announcements.

The NRLC has blocked a number of rooms at a rate of \$109 per night, plus a discounted, refundable, pet fee. This rate will be honored for both Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel at 978-342-7100 no later than September 10th. Be sure to ask for the "Leonberger Show" rate.

We are happy to be able to provide a "Leo Lounge" in the hotel on Friday night for people and their dogs to gather and visit with each other. Registration for the show will be at the Leo Lounge on Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and at the Trade Center, conveniently located across the parking lot from the hotel on Friday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m.

A Saturday night dinner will be held in the banquet room of the hotel and our wonderful Leos are invited to join us. On Sunday morning, Ed Williams will lead a group for a beautiful walk through scenic Troutbrook Reservation - a favorite NRLC gathering place.

We sincerely hope you join us.  
Laura Class and Dawn Dionne, Co-Chairs

## **Advertisements**

Space for acknowledgements, special messages, stud dogs, litters planned, etc. are available in the catalog. Please submit your camera-ready ad and information to [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com) and then forward payment with the enclosed registration. Advertisements may be color, or black and white, at no additional charge.

Full page	\$30	Half page	\$20
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## **Rosette/Award and Veteran Parade Sponsors**

This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a special dog or friend. Names and/or messages will be published in the catalog. If interested, please complete the enclosed form and mail it with your registration. Prices vary based on award designation. This year we are pleased to announce a Veteran Sponsorship for those Leos who will appear in the Veterans Parade. Best in Show/Best of Breed is \$50; Best of Opposite and Best of Winners are \$35 each. All other Rosettes are \$25 each. Veterans Parade Sponsor Ribbons are \$10.

## **Entry fees**

The fee for each class entered is \$25 for NRLC members and \$35 for non-members. Those non-members wishing to join the NRLC may use the \$10 towards the membership fee (NRLC Members must first be members of the LCA). There is no fee for Jr. Handlers, Honors Dog/Bitch and the two parades.

## **T-Shirts**

Celebrate the Specialty by purchasing a fall specialty t-shirt. Light gray shirts will feature a black & white version of our Specialty logo and must be ordered in advance. Adult and child sizes are available. Please complete the enclosed form to order your shirt.

## **Raffle**

Please consider donating an item to the raffle. Items need not be dog related and can be brought to the show site on the morning of the show.

## **BACL**

If interested in having a BACL exam for your dog, please email [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com)

## **CGC**

If interested in having your dog evaluated, please email [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com)

## **Booths**

We have several vendors currently committed to providing our participants with a great variety of merchandise and services. If you are interested in having a booth to display merchandise, your business or charity, please email [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com)

## **Entry Dates and Deadlines**

With the exception of Breeders Line, Breeders Group, and Brace Classes, ALL entries must be submitted by September 1st. There will be NO day of show entries.

All advertising requests, sponsorships, booth requests and registration for BACL, and CGC evaluations, must be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Once your entry is received, there are no refunds for cancellations.

## **Veterinarian**

Our on call veterinarian will be: Lancaster Animal Hospital, 5 Corners, Lancaster, MA 978-368-8363

## **Meals**

Breakfast and Lunch items will be available for sale at the concession stand at the Trade Center. You are invited to join us for dinner Saturday evening following the show. Dinner is \$27.50 per person and must be paid in advance. Please submit your payment for dinner with the enclosed registration form. Dinner choices are beef, fish, chicken or vegetarian. Well behaved dogs will be allowed in the banquet room.

### **Lodging**

Lodging is provided at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel at a rate of \$109.00 per night, plus a refundable \$50 fee, discounted for our members. Suites are also available for an additional cost. Please walk your dogs in the grassy areas and dispose of their waste by using the usual bags and buckets. When making reservations, be sure to mention the NRLC to receive your special rate. Of note, the hotel and conference center are undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation project. In addition, a new indoor water park is being built on site, therefore, please be careful to avoid the construction areas, although we do not expect our members to be greatly inconvenienced.

### **Leo Lounge**

We are pleased to welcome all arriving guests and their well behaved dogs to the Leo Lounge on Friday evening. This is a great place to pick up your registration packets and T-Shirts as well as relax, have a beverage, and catch up with friends.

### **Memorial**

Each year, at the fall specialty, we remember those Leos who have crossed the bridge and are no longer physically by our side. If you have lost a Leo in the last year, please email [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com) so that s/he can be remembered once more.

### **Veteran's Parade**

Immediately following the opening ceremonies, we invite veteran dogs and bitches (over the age of 7 years) to participate in the Veteran's Parade. These veterans need not have produced or sired a litter, or previously won in specialties. Please prepare a few words about how special your veteran is on a 3x5 index card. We will read your card, sharing your thoughts, during the parade. There is no charge for this event. Please email [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com) if you plan on participating with your veteran.

### **Puppy Parade**

At the conclusion of the Veteran's Parade, we invite all new puppies to take a walk around the ring. Please plan to bring your "little" Leo and show him off to everyone there! There is no charge for this event. Please email [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com) if you would like your puppy to participate in this event.

### **Volunteers**

To make this show successful, we are in need of volunteers to help with a variety of jobs. No experience necessary! If you would be interested in *scribing, stewarding, helping with registration, setting up or tearing down*, please email [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com)

### **Troutbrook Reservation Walk**

We thank Ed Williams in advance for his willingness to always share his hometown treasure, Troutbrook Reservation in nearby Holden, MA. Ed will lead a walk of Leos and their owners on Sunday morning, beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to attend, please let us know by emailing [fitchburgleos@gmail.com](mailto:fitchburgleos@gmail.com)

### **Leonberger Club of America's First AKC Sanctioned B Match**

We are honored that the LCA chose our club and this site to hold its first B/OB Match. To enter the Match, you must complete a separate Premium/Entry form and send it to the address indicated. Only NRLC Entries will be managed by the "Best Western, Northeast Style" co-chairs. Please contact Jim Carretta, LCA National Show Committee Chairperson if you have any questions about the B/OB Match. Jim may be reached at [j.carretta@comcast.net](mailto:j.carretta@comcast.net) - 916.989.4501

## **Show Ground Rules**

- All dogs must be leashed or crated at all times, unless authorized by a judge or event chairperson. Leashes may not exceed 6' in length. Retractable leashes are not allowed.
- Dogs must be under control at all times.
- Dogs exhibiting uncontrolled or aggressive behavior may be asked to leave the show grounds or be crated by an event chairperson or NRLC board member.
- Please walk your dogs in appropriate areas and be sure to deposit waste using the usual bags and buckets.
- Proof of current rabies certificate required at show site.
- In consideration of dogs and exhibitors entering the rings, please do not allow your dog to block or distract dogs entering the ring areas.

## **Class Descriptions**

### **Regular Youth Classes:**

Youth Dogs/Bitches 6-9 months: Open to all dogs/bitches between 6 and 9 months of age.

Youth Dogs/Bitches 9-12 months: Open to all dogs/bitches between 9 and 12 months of age.

Youth Dogs/Bitches 12-18 months: Open to all dogs/bitches between 12 and 18 months of age.

### **Regular Adult Classes (Non-Champion) 18 months and older:**

Novice Dog/Bitch: Open to any Dog or Bitch 18 months or older who has NOT won 3 first place awards in Novice, or won 1 first place award in any other adult class (Bred by Exhibitor, Foreign Bred, Open, or Veterans), AND who has earned NO points toward an LCA Championship.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog/Bitch: Open to any Dog or Bitch 18 months or older who is exhibited by his or her breeder where the breeder is either the sole or part owner of the Leonberger being shown.

Foreign Bred Dog/Bitch: Open to any Dog or Bitch 18 months or older who is from a kennel domiciled outside of the United States.

Open Dog/Bitch: Open to any Dog or Bitch 18 months or older. Dogs or Bitches that are eligible for the Novice, Bred by Exhibitor, or Foreign Bred classes may be entered in this class instead, at the owner's discretion.

**Specials Adult Classes:** These classes do not compete for LCA Championship points, but the winners of both the dog and bitch champion class and veteran class compete for Best of Breed and Top Leo points.

LCA Champion Dog/Bitch: Open to any Dog or Bitch who has attained an LCA Championship.

Veteran Dog/Bitch: Open to any Dog or Bitch who is 7 years of age or older, including LCA Champions, and who is either intact or has produced offspring.

**Non-Regular Classes:** Non-regular classes compete in conformation-type exhibition events, but no championship points are awarded for placement in these classes.

Puppy Dog/Bitch 3-6 months: Open to all puppies between 3 and 6 months of age.

Spay/Neuter: Open to any Neutered Dog or Spayed Bitch who is 6 months of age or older.

Honors Dog/Bitch: Open to any Dog or Bitch that has won Best of Breed at an LCA National Specialty. (No charge)

Brace Class: Entrants are Two (2) Leonbergers, at least 6 months old, of the same sex, but not necessarily the same bloodlines, that resemble each other.

Breeder's Group: Entrants are a minimum of three (3) Leonbergers with the same Kennel Name that meet the qualifications for conformation showing in regular or non-regular conformation events.

Breeder's Line: Entrants are a sire or dam with a minimum of 5 offspring, of any gender, from at least two litters, that meet the qualifications for conformation showing in regular or non-regular conformation events.

Leolettes and Jr. Handlers: Leolettes are children under the age of 7 who wish to walk their dog around the ring. Parents are encouraged to stay close to the ring, in the event the child needs assistance. Jr. Handlers are children aged 8 – 15 and are divided into two groups. The Open Group is for those handlers who have taken a first place ribbon at a prior Specialty. Novice is for those handlers who have yet to take first place. There is no "Best Jr. Handler" competition between these two groups. There is no charge for Leolettes or Jr. Handlers.