

NORTHEAST REGIONAL LEONBERGER CLUB



As the Chair of the Northeast Regional Leonberger Club Fall 2010 Specialty, "Leos and Lobsters," I welcome you to join us on Saturday, October 2nd at The Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport, Maine for our Fall Specialty. The show coincides with our Annual General Membership Meeting, which will be held immediately following the show.

The Colony is a truly pet friendly hotel and Kennebunkport is a beautiful place to vacation especially since October is the height of Fall Foliage Season! Make sure you allow some extra time to stroll around Kennebunkport and visit the charming shops. Several of these will offer discounts to those attending the show and coupons for these will be included in your registration packets.

The Oceanside Porch (our Leo Lounge) at The Colony has a magnificent view of the Atlantic Ocean. We can stroll along The Colony's private beach with our dogs! True Leo heaven! The show itself will be held in the Carriage House which is heated and air conditioned so there will be no worries about the unpredictable New England weather. Additional space is available outside the building for crates and tents.

This will be conformation show only. Due to the recent changes in the LCA AKC status, there will be no points awarded. This is an excellent opportunity to show under and receive feedback from an AKC judge without the "show" stress. Registration will begin at 7:30AM.

Immediately following the opening ceremonies at 9am, 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, which, Michele Cohen will read during the parade.

At the conclusion of the Veteran's Parade, we invite and encourage all new puppies (under 3 months) to take a walk around the ring – the Puppy Parade! Please plan to bring your "little" Leo and show him/her off to everyone there!

I am also looking into the possibility of including a handling, carting or tracking demonstration.

As is a tradition at the NRLC Fall Specialty, Michele Cohen will recite the Memorial Poem during the show. If you have lost a Leo in the past year, please inform Michelle at decohen@worldnet.att.net so that your dearly departed Leonberger may be included in our annual Memorial. Our deepest thoughts and sympathies are with you at this time.

To make our show successful, I am in need of volunteers to help with a variety of jobs. No experience necessary! This is a great time for newcomers to become involved and meet other NRLC members and their dogs. If you would be interested in *scribing, stewarding, helping with registration, setting up or tearing down*, please contact Robin Ruggiero at robinr322@comcast.net.

Premiums will be posted to <http://www.nrlcleos.org/> by mid-July but please make your hotel reservations now (be sure to reference the NRLC Leonberger Fall specialty to insure you receive the show rate.)

I sincerely hope you will join us, whether you are a veteran competitor, new to showing, or simply want to see many Great Dogs and Great People! If you have any questions please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,

Robin Ruggiero
Show Chairperson

Advertisements

Space for acknowledgements and special messages are available in the catalog. Please submit your camera-ready ad (black and white only) and information via email to nrlcspecialty@gmail.com and forward payment with your registration.

Full page	\$25	Half page	\$20
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Ribbons, Rosettes & Trophy 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 you are interested, please complete the enclosed form and mail it with your registration.

Trophy Sponsorship:	\$25	Rosette/Ribbon Sponsorship:	\$20
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Entry fees

The fee for each class entered is \$20 for NRLC members and \$30 for non-members. Those non-members wishing to join the NRLC may use the \$10 credit towards the membership fee. Note that you must be a member of the LCA to join the NRLC. There is no fee for Leolettes, Jr. Handlers, Honors Dog/Bitch and the two parades.

Specialty Merchandise

Various merchandise featuring our show logo is available on a pre-order basis. Please complete the enclosed form to order your merchandise. Send both the form and payment to Margie Bumen

Raffle

We will offer a regular and high value raffle table at the show. Please consider donating an item to either raffle. Items need not be dog related and can be brought directly to the show site on Saturday morning.

BACL

If interested in having a BACL exam for your dog, please contact Mary Ann Ruggiero-Smith at leosforu@yahoo.com

Entry Dates and Deadlines

Hotel room reservations, with the club pricing, must be made by 8/17/10.

With the exception of Breeders Line, Breeders Group, and Brace Classes, ALL entries, advertising requests, meal and merchandise orders (available by pre-order for show pickup or shipped to your home is available at extra cost), and sponsorships, must be submitted by **September 13th**. There will be NO day of show entries. There will be no refunds.

Lodging

The Colony Hotel
140 Ocean Ave
Kennebunkport, Maine 04046

General Hotel information:

- Room rates for show: \$114/night for a Garden View room, \$174/night for an Ocean View room. These rates are based upon double occupancy. \$30 for each additional person in a room.
- The rate includes a full complimentary Buffet Breakfast.
- The 2 night Fall minimum has been waived for our show - although fall is a great time to sight see in Maine so you can extend your stay at the same low show rate based on availability.
- Reservations are confirmed after receipt of one night's deposit by rate and room type only.
- A block of rooms has been reserved for the group until 8/17/10.
- Televisions are in Garden Houses only. There is a TV Room on the lobby level & Sports TV in the Marine Room Lounge
- Check-in is after 4 pm / Checkout is before 11 am.
- Reference the Northeast Regional Leonberger Club when you call for reservations to get the group rate.
- Tel 800-552-2363 or email reservations@thecolonyhotel.com.
- Rates do not include 7% Maine State lodging tax.
- Reservation deposit, less a \$25.00 credit-processing fee, is refundable if your reservation is cancelled at least 7 days prior to arrival

Meals

Full buffet breakfast is included in the room rate. Pre-orders are being taken for Saturday lunch and Saturday night dinner.

Show Ground Rules

All dogs must be leashed or crated at all times, unless authorized by a judge or the event chairperson. Leashes may not exceed 6' in length (no retractable leashes, please). 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 the event chairperson or an NRLC board member.

The NRLC is privileged to be the first Breed Club to host their show at The Colony. We respectfully request that everyone be especially considerate of their property.

Please walk your dogs in the 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.

Directions to The Colony Hotel (<http://www.thecolonyhotel.com/maine/index.html>)

- Once you have paid the toll on the Maine Turnpike (I-95) North or South take exit #25, formerly exit #3 for the "Kennebunk's."
- Turn left heading south onto Route 35 - following the signs for "Kennebunkport". Travel 1 1/2 miles to Route 1.
- At the traffic light, turn left (go approximately 200 feet). Turn right onto Route 35.
- Travel 4 miles toward Kennebunkport. At the light turn left onto Route 9.
- Travel over the bridge and after the Dock Square Monument (White Sign) in the town center, turn right onto Ocean Avenue.
- Travel 1 mile until you see the sign on the left for King's Highway. Take a left up the hill to the main entrance.

Veterinarians

The Veterinary Emergency, Critical Care & Cancer Treatment Center of NH
15 Piscataqua Drive
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801
(603) 431-1751

Local campgrounds that allow pets (note these have not been vetted):

Hemlock Grove Campground 1299 Portland Rd. Arundel, Maine 04046 <http://www.hemlockgrovecampground.com>

Telephone: (207)-985-0398

Red Apple Campground 111 Sinnott Rd. Kennebunkport, ME 04046 <http://redapplecampground.com>

Riverside Park Campground 2295 Post Road (Rte 1) Wells, Maine 04046 <http://www.riversidecampground-wells.com/index.htm>

Local Groomers/Pet stores:

A number of local merchants will be offering discounts to those attending the show. Information on this will be included in your registration packets. Some have generously donated to our raffle as well.

Fur's a flyn Self Service and full service pet wash/grooming 175 Depot Rd (rte 109) Wells, ME 04090 Phone:(207) 646-2121
<http://www.fursaflyn.com/>

Reigning Cat's and Dogs 3 Garden Street, Kennebunk, Maine 207-985-1414 (grooming, pet food including raw)
<http://www.rcdpets.com/>

Scalawags 24 Ocean Avenue Kennebunkport, ME 04046 <http://scalawagsonline.com/>
(207) 967-2775 – unique pet gifts, leashes, collars, gourmet biscuits etc. (Great items for the raffle)

Class Descriptions

Conformation Classes:

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):

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.