



2015 MASCUSA NATIONALS

Seminars & MASCUSA Membership Meeting

Barnhunt Introduction

Presented By: Sharon Jonas, BHA Barn Hunt Judge

Purina Farms – Main Show Field (Barn Hunt Trial Area, outside under shelter)

Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 2015 from 4pm-6pm (additional time will be added if there are more than 15 teams)

Cost - Working spots are \$10/dog, auditing is FREE. Working Spots include introducing your dog to the rats, and a try at a Novice course (no blinds) with assistance/advice from Sharon. Volunteer for 2 slots or 2 hours and work a dog for free – [Click here to sign up.](#)

No experience necessary. Questions can be answered in the ring as well, and there will be no official blinds. You are welcome to stay for the entire time, or work your dog and go. You are not required to stay for the entire 2 hours.

For information on Barn Hunt, visit <http://www.barnhunt.com/>

For more information on the seminar e-mail gizmogreentrees@yahoo.com

Entry Form Attached.



Herding Introduction

Presented By: Marla Van Willigan, MASCUSA Herding Committee Member

Purina Farms – Event Center - Conference Room

Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 2015 from 11am-12pm

Cost - FREE

Marla will go over how to get started in herding, terminology, rules and resources. Presentation only.

For information on AKC Herding, visit <http://www.akc.org/events/herding/>

For more information on the seminar e-mail mvanwilligan@roadrunner.com

No registration required.



Grooming Seminar

Presented By: Attendees
Purina Farms – Event Center (Gateway Hall)
Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 2015 from 8am-10am

Cost - FREE

This is an opportunity to both learn about grooming/products from your peers and also to share what you know! Individuals will discuss grooming ears, feet, tail and demonstrate techniques.

For more information on the seminar contact Karey Marrs at karey@mockingbirdhillkennel.com

No registration required.



Conformation Handling Seminar

Presented By: Linda Williams, Professional Handler, Mt. Vernon, MO (All Breed Handler).
Purina Farms – Event Center (Conformation Ring)
Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 2015 from 10am-12pm

Cost – Working spots are \$20 (limited to 25 dogs). Auditing (no dog) is \$10, unlimited space.

Linda will discuss handling techniques, leashes/collars, and show ring etiquette. Bring your dogs for hands on help to shine in the ring. Volunteer for 4 slots or 4 hours and work a dog for free – [Click here to sign up.](#)

For more information on the seminar, contact Karey Marrs at karey@mockingbirdhillkennel.com

Entry Form Attached.

Genetic Issue Seminar

Presented By: Sue Ritter
Purina Farms – Event Center - Conference Room
Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 2015 from 1pm-2pm

Cost – \$7.50

Volunteer for 1 slot or 1 hour and attend the seminar for free – [Click here to sign up.](#)

Genetic issues with explanation, current research and tests will be discussed, followed by a question and answer session.

For more information on the seminar e-mail legacyaussie@gmail.com

Entry form attached.

DNA Clinic

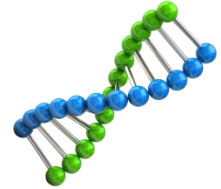
Hosted By: MASCUSA Health Committee, Sue Ritter

Purina Farms

Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 2015 from 4pm-6pm - Main Show Field (Barn Hunt Trial Area, outside under shelter)

The DNA clinic will include the typical tests for issues such as PRA-PRCD, MDR1, HSF4 or Hereditary Cataract, Collie Eye Anomaly, and possibly or tests such as color, DM, and CD.

Note: Do not feed your dog within two hours of swabbing. **DNA TEST DISCOUNTS FOR EVERYONE!**
WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO NATIONALS OR NOT.....SAVE ON DNA TESTS FROM PAW PRINT GENETICS!!!



In conjunction with the MASCUSA Nationals, MASCUSA has negotiated a great discount for all MAS tests at Paw Print Genetics. They are a very reliable lab in Washington State that does genetic testing for humans and dogs. They perform every possible test pertinent to the Miniature American Shepherd and offer normal price reductions for multiple tests on a single dog or on different dogs ordered by the same people. They also offer an 11 test disease panels that is reduced normally, but from NOW UNTIL ONE MONTH AFTER NATIONALS, ALL MAS tests will be REDUCED as follows with the code given below..... <https://www.pawprintgenetics.com/>

Use code MASCUSA to save at pawprintgenetics.com

- . 20% off any order of disease, coat color or trait tests
- . 30% off 5 or more disease, coat color or trait tests in a dog
- . 35% off the Miniature American Shepherd Disease Panel

If you want to have your dog swabbed at the Nationals, either pre-order your swabs online with Paw Print Genetics and bring the swabs to the Nationals, or contact Sue Ritter by SEPT. 2, 2015 by emailing legacyaussie@gmail.com to sign up or for more information on the DNA Clinic.

MASCUSA Annual Membership Meeting

Conducted By: MASCUSA Board

Purina Farms – Event Center 2nd Floor – Founder’s Hall

Thursday, Sept. 17th, 2015 from 5pm-6pm

Agenda: To be announced.

For more information on the meeting, e-mail linda@duboiscg.com

MASCUSA Members Only

Structure & Movement Seminar

Presented By: Carmen Battaglia
Purina Farms – Service Center Conference Room and Adjacent Patio
Open to enthusiasts of ALL BREEDS
Friday, Sept. 18th, 2015 from 8am-12pm

Cost - \$25.00 (Please note that we understand you may have a show time during part of the seminar, and have reduced the cost of the seminar in case you cannot attend the entire 4 hours. Please be as quiet as possible when entering/exiting the conference room.)

Volunteer for 5 slots or 5 hours and attend the seminar for free – [Click here to sign up.](#)

Learn about structure and movement in your dog, how to see it in the ring and in your pedigrees. Understanding faults and tracking them through pedigree analysis separates the average from the outstanding breeder. This seminar explains how to understand the complexities of structure and how to make improvements. Distinguishing between the many faults that occur can sometimes lead to confusion and often results in misunderstandings.

Live dogs will be used and attendees will learn how to teach their hands to see what their eyes can't. Bring a pedigree.

<http://breedingbetterdogs.com/seminars-structures-and-movement.php>

For information about Carmen Battaglia, visit <http://breedingbetterdogs.com/>

For more information on the seminar, contact Karey Marrs at karey@mockingbirdhillkennel.com

Bio

Dr. Battaglia who holds the Ph.D. and Master's degree from Florida State University. He is a breeder, author, researcher and lecturer. Dr Battaglia judges the Herding and Working Groups, three sporting breeds and the Chinese Shar pi. He has judged 11 national specialty shows and is considered one of the premiere judges of the AKC. He is also the author of research studies and several books. Many of his articles have appeared in the AKC Gazette, Dog World, Canine Chronicle, and Dog News and in publications throughout: Canada, Hungary, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Ireland. His research about Early Neurological Stimulation was published in the Journal of Veterinary Behavioral Science. His recent study on the Risk factors of bloat was published in the American Journal of Veterinary Medicine.



Dr. Battaglia has served on several important committees including the: The National Genetics Committee, The Canine Health and Education Committee, and AKC's Committee for the Future. He has appeared on the Animal Planet several times.

Entry Form Attached.

Judge's Education Seminar

Presented By: Fran Withers, MASCUSA Board Member
Purina Farms – Pro Plan Hospitality Room in the Event Center
Friday, Sept. 18th, 2015 from 5pm-8pm (or after Best In Show)



The day after Nationals, Fran Withers will be giving an AKC Judge's Education Seminar on the Miniature American Shepherd.

Any MASCUSA members who have started the process of becoming presenters are encouraged to attend, although judges will be given priority. This would fulfill the requirements of attending a Nationals and attending a seminar. Judges will have a hands-on session with Miniature American Shepherds. Please contact fran.withers@gmail.com if you are willing and able to bring dogs for the Judge's Hands On portion of the seminar.

The Breed Standard presentation will include a PowerPoint of our breed <http://mascusa.org/docs/BSEE/BreedStandardSeminarMarch2014.pdf> and will be followed by have a Question and Answer session, height measurement and hands-on for judges.

Cost – \$10 for MASCUSA members becoming presenters, \$25 for judges (Judges to pay at the seminar)
MASCUSA members can volunteer for 2 slots or 2 hours and attend for free – [Click here to sign up.](#)

For more information on the Breed Standard visit <http://mascusa.org/education.php>
For more information on the seminar e-mail fran.withers@gmail.com
Judges - Sign up ahead of time with AKC through Kathy Caruana: judgesed@akc.org

Breed Standard Seminar for MASCUSA Exhibitors

Presented By: Fran Withers, MASCUSA Board Member
Purina Farms – Pro Plan Hospitality Room in the Event Center
Saturday, Sept. 19th, 2015 from 5pm-8pm (or after Best In Show)



The Breed Standard presentation will include a PowerPoint of our breed <http://mascusa.org/docs/BSEE/BreedStandardSeminarMarch2014.pdf> and will be followed by have a Question and Answer session. There will be a demonstration of the proper way for judges to measure height because it is important for exhibitors to know this specific protocol.

There will be additional training for presenters who have already qualified, as well as any members who may be interested in becoming a presenter, immediately after this seminar.

Becoming a presenter...
<http://mascusa.org/judges.php>

Cost – \$10 for members
MASCUSA members can volunteer for 2 slots or 2 hours and attend for free – [Click here to sign up.](#)
For more information on the Breed Standard visit <http://mascusa.org/education.php>

For more information on the seminar, e-mail fran.withers@gmail.com. No pre-registration required.



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SEMINAR ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE (2015)	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
4:00pm – 6:00 pm Tues., September 15 th	Barn Hunt Seminar (Working Spot with dog)		\$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will sign up and work two slots or 2 hours on the Volunteer's List and get the Barn Hunt working spot for free. Click here to sign up			FREE	No Charge
10:00am – 12:00am Wed., September 16 th	Handling Seminar (Working Spot with dog)		\$20.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will sign up and work four slots or 4 hours on the Volunteer's List and get the Handling seminar free. Click here to sign up			FREE	No Charge
10:00am – 12:00am Wed., September 16 th	Handling Seminar (Audit – no dog)		\$10.00	
1:00pm – 2:00pm Wed., September 16 th	Health Issues Seminar		\$7.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will sign up and work one slot or 1 hour on the Volunteer's List and get the Health Issues seminar free. Click here to sign up			FREE	No Charge
8:00am-12:00pm Friday, September 18 th	Carmen Battaglia - Structure & Movement Seminar		\$25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will sign up and work five slots or five hours on the Volunteer's List and get the Carmen Battaglia seminar free. Click here to sign up			FREE	No Charge
5:00pm-8:00pm Friday, September 18 th	MASCUSA Judge's Education Seminar (MASCUSA Members becoming presenters)		\$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will sign up and work two slots or two hours on the Volunteer's List and get the Judge's Education seminar free. Click here to sign up			FREE	No Charge
5:00pm-8:00pm Saturday, September 19 th	MASCUSA Breed Standard Seminar (MASCUSA Members)		\$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will sign up and work two slots or two hours on the Volunteer's List and get the Breed Standard seminar free. Click here to sign up			FREE	No Charge
TOTAL				

Work 10 volunteer slots and get 4 seminars for FREE!!!

Make check out to MASCUSA and mail to: MASCUSA, PO Box 967, Shawnee, OK 74802-0967 or scan and email to treasurer@mascusa.org to request a PayPal invoice (Fees will be added.)