

***Heart of Ohio Sussex Spaniel Club
Regional Specialty
Friday, October 2, 2026 - Wauseon, OH***



2026 HOSSC Specialty in Conjunction with the Fulton County Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows

Location: Wauseon, OH

Chair: Rusty Morton

Co-chair: Gayle Pierce

Schedule of Events

Join us for two all-breed shows with supported entries and the HOSSC Regional Specialty, including Sweepstakes (Puppies and Veterans), Beginner Puppy (4-6 mos.), Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, Veterans, and Junior Showmanship classes and a Parade of Sussex Rescues and Titleholders.

Thursday, 10/1/26 (or before if you like):

- ◇ Camping available at the show site on a first come, first serve basis with no reservations required.
- ◇ If you would like to arrive early, or stay late, contact the fairgrounds for more information (<https://www.fultoncountyfair.com/camping>).

Friday, 10/2/26:

- ◇ Grooming opens in Merchant Building prior to start of specialty show (Time TBA)
- ◇ HOSSC Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes (Judge: Ms. Eileen Heiple)
- ◇ HOSSC specialty classes, beginner puppy, junior showmanship (Judge: Mrs. Charlene Rutar)
- ◇ Sussex Parade of Rescues and Titleholders
- ◇ Hospitality – drinks and snacks available during judging: sponsored by HOSSC
- ◇ On Site Dinner Banquet, Welcome Bags, HOSSC Annual Awards

Saturday, 10/3/26:

- ◇ Fulton County Kennel Club – HOSSC supported entry
- ◇ Halloween parade after Best In Show
 - Refreshments provided!

Sunday, 10/4/26:

- ◇ Fulton County Kennel Club – SSCA supported entry

Parking Information

RV parking in the “Sussex Spaniel Zone”

HOSSC in conjunction with the Fulton County Kennel Club is facilitating parking near the building housing the Sussex ring (Merchant Building) for those who will be camping on site. Consult the premium list for the Fulton County Kennel Club shows for camping information. Contact Rachel Gillespie at (707) 246-1177 by September 16 to be on the list for preferred RV parking close to the Sussex ring in the Merchant Building. If you would like to arrive early, or stay late, contact the fairgrounds office for more information (<https://www.fultoncountyfair.com/camping>).

General Parking

Ample general parking is available near the show building. Bring cones to mark your spot! Reserved handicapped parking is available adjacent to the show building by contacting Rachel Gillespie at (707) 246-1177 by September 16.

See Fulton County Kennel Club Premium List for Recommended hotels:

There are multiple hotels that are literally only one minute from the showgrounds.

Important Deadlines

- ◇ **Catalog ads: August 5**
- ◇ **Catalog orders: Available for online ordering until they sell out!**
- ◇ **All breed shows: Entries close September 16 at 12 PM EDT**
- ◇ **HOSSC Specialty and Beginner Puppy Event: September 16 at 12 PM EDT**
- ◇ **Parade of Rescues and Titleholders: Entries close September 16 at 12 PM EDT**
- ◇ **CGC/CGCA and Trick Dog Testing: YOU MUST PRE-ENTER - Entries close September 16**
- ◇ **Dinner Banquet Reservations – September 16 (includes Welcome Party)**
- ◇ **Trophy Donation available online until October 1**
- ◇ **HOSSC RV parking, handicapped parking: September 16**
- ◇ **Grooming: No need to reserve – it’s free and plentiful!**

Specialty Fundraiser – Smiling Sussex Bags

A limited number of large canvas tote bags featuring a smiling Sussex will be available for sale at the show for \$20 each.

These bags are perfect for carrying your dog’s gear, groceries, or whatever you need to carry!



Never Trust a Smiling Sussex -
HOSSC - Tote bag



Club Logo and Specialty Merchandise - Introducing the HOSSC Online Store!

HOSSC now has a year-round online store for official HOSSC merchandise featuring the club's logo. Our store will also offer our specialty merchandise as well! Click this link to visit our store and shop online: <https://bigfrograleigh.chipply.com/sussexspaniel>

Items are still being added, and if there are particular items or colors you are interested in, contact TracyAnn Perry at (858) 525-1214.



Catalog Ads

Advertise in the HOSSC specialty catalog!

Black and white full-page ad (4 ½ X 7 3/16) with one photo: \$45

Send prepared advertisement with high resolution digital photo to Samantha Gibson via email at: SGibsondpm@gmail.com no later than August 5.

Payment via PayPal or Venmo preferred:

PayPal - HOSSC@heartofhiosussex.org

Venmo - @HOSSC

If you would like to pay by check, please contact Jan Tucker at (440) 318-5923.



CATALOG

Catalog Sales

Catalogs can be pre-purchased online for \$5 each and picked up from Rachel Gillespie on site in Wauseon. Only 20 catalogs are available. Order early: when they are sold out, they are gone!

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Trophy Donation

We will have beautiful trophies!

Please consider sponsoring trophies or contributing to the general fund. Our trophy donation page will be live by June 15 at: <http://www.heartofhiosussex.org/Trophy-Sponsorship.html>

BREED

\$125 - Best of Breed

\$62.50 - Best of Opposite Sex

\$62.50 - Best of Winners

\$50 - Select Dog

\$50 - Select Bitch

\$37.50 - Best Veteran

\$37.50 - Best Bred by Exhibitor

\$37.50 - Best Puppy

\$37.50 - Best of Breed Owner Handled

\$50 - Winners Dog

\$37.50 - Reserve Winners Dog

\$50 - Winners Bitch

\$37.50 - Reserve Winners Bitch



DOGS – (first place)

\$15 - Puppy 6-9 months
\$15 - Puppy 9-12 months
\$15 - 12-18 months
\$15 - Amateur Owner Handler
\$15 - Bred By Exhibitor Puppy
\$15 - Bred By Exhibitor
\$15 - American Bred
\$15 - Open Dog

BITCHES – (first place)

\$15 - Puppy 6-9 months
\$15 - Puppy 9-12 months
\$15 - 12-18 months
\$15 - Amateur Owner Handler
\$15 - Bred By Exhibitor Puppy
\$15 - Bred By Exhibitor
\$15 - American Bred
\$15 - Open Bitch

SWEEPSTAKES

\$37.50 - Best in Sweepstakes
\$37.50 - Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
\$37.50 - Best Veteran in Sweepstakes
\$37.50 - Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes

SWEEPSTAKES - PUPPY DOGS (First Place)

\$15 - 6-9 months
\$15 - 9-12 months
\$15 - 12-18 months
\$15 - 18-24 months

SWEEPSTAKES - PUPPY BITCHES (First Place)

\$15 - 6-9 months
\$15 - 9-12 months
\$15 - 12-18 months
\$15 - 18-24 months

SWEEPSTAKES - VETERAN DOGS (First Place)

\$15 - 7-9 years
\$15 - 9-11 years
\$15 11 years and older

SWEEPSTAKES - VETERAN BITCHES (First Place)

\$15 - 7-9 years
\$15 - 9-11 years
\$15 - 11 years and older

NON-REGULAR

\$25 – Best Brace
\$25 – Best Stud Dog

\$25 - Best Brood Bitch

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\$20 Awards of Merit #1

\$20 Awards of Merit #2

\$20 Awards of Merit #3

Junior Showmanship

\$35 Best Junior

Beginner Puppy (4-6 month)

\$20 Best of Breed

\$20 Best of Opposite Sex

Parade of Rescue and Title Holders

Give Your Star their Victory Lap! The Parade of Sussex Rescues and Titleholders is a special, non-competitive celebration held during the HOSSC Specialty. This event shines a spotlight on Sussex spaniels who have earned titles, found second chances through rescue, or left a lasting legacy in the breed. Whether your dog is proudly titled, proudly rescued, or remembered with love, this parade is your chance to step into the ring and be recognized.



Who can participate: All rescued or titled Sussex are welcome. Participating rescue dogs should be Sussex spaniels that have been adopted through a breed rescue organization who are at least 6 months old at the time of the parade and who are comfortable in a crowded setting around other dogs and people. Titles must be those recognized by the AKC. Rescued Sussex do not need to be titled to participate. Dogs who have crossed the rainbow bridge may be entered to be honored.

Parade: This is a parade only event. There is no judging, no placements, and no competition — just celebration. Each dog and their handler will make a “victory lap” around the show ring. Dogs do not need to be entered in any other class or event to participate. Participants submit a short “resume” (150 words max) to be read during the parade.

Entries: To enter the parade, please refer to the Premium list for instructions and a link to the online entry form. The entry fee is \$15 per dog.

Why this parade matters: This parade honors the full story of the Sussex— achievement, resilience, companionship, and heart. We hope it will become an HOSSC tradition that brings everyone together ringside, reminds us why we do this, and celebrates the dogs who make it all worthwhile. This parade provides an opportunity for Sussex and their owners to be celebrated and honored! If you’ve ever wanted a moment to walk proudly with your dog, this is it.

For more information: contact TracyAnn Perry at (858) 525-1214.

CGC and Trick Dog Tests

CGC and CGCA testing: offered by Alda Morris and Margie Wunderle

Novice and intermediate trick dog testing: offered by Brenda Griffin

Title rosettes will be awarded to all teams earning a CGC/CGCA or Tricks title!



Pre-entry only: \$20 per test. Entries close September 16. To pre-enter, email Brenda Griffin at brendagriffindvm@gmail.com with your name, your dog's name, your phone number, and which test(s) you would like to sign up for. Testing is limited to 6 dogs for CGC/CGCA and 8 dogs for tricks testing.

Payment via PayPal or Venmo preferred:

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Testing will be performed as time permits and as coordinated by testers. Props for practicing tricks will be available. Your tester will coordinate your test with you once the judging program is available. For more information about CGC testing, visit: <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>. For more information about trick dog testing, visit: <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>.

Grooming



Ample premium grooming with electric is available to all in the building with the Sussex ring at no charge. No reservations needed.

Welcome Party (on site)

Join us for a Welcome Party to be held just prior to the Annual Dinner in the Fair Office Building – Building #26 - Hospitality Room.

- ◆ *BYOB (bring your own beverage)*
- ◆ *Stay for dinner! Remember to purchase your banquet tickets!*
- ◆ *Attendees will receive a special welcome bag!*



If you would like to donate items for the welcome bags:

Please bring 30 items to Wauseon on Thursday or ship them to

Jan Tucker, 16245 Snyder Rd. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Jan can be reached at (440) 318-5923 or janctucker@gmail.com.

Annual Dinner Banquet (on site)

Group dinner Friday night on site following the Welcome Party– \$27/person

Purchase your banquet tickets by Sept. 16

Payment via PayPal or Venmo preferred:

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If you would like to pay by check, please contact Jan Tucker at (440) 318-5923.

Menu:

Baked Italian Chicken Breasts
Linguini with olive oil, zucchini, squash
Green Beans
House Salad
Rolls & Butter
Apple Cake
Cookies



Puppy Fun Zone – Fun and games for puppies of all ages!!

The Puppy Fun Zone will be available on Friday and Saturday at your leisure. This is a complimentary event. We will have props such as snuffle mats, platforms, planks, tunnels, toys on flirt poles, bubbles, and other fun surprises/games for puppies of all ages set up at the show site.



Halloween Parade

The parade will take place Saturday after Best In Show. Meet at the Sussex ring to dress your little browns and join in the fun! This is a complimentary event. We will have a variety of canine costumes available – or bring your own! For more information contact: Brenda Griffin (brendagriffindvm@gmail.com) or Jan Tucker (janctucker@gmail.com).

