

An American Invitation!



ATTENTION AMERICAN GIANT FANCIERS!

Ever thought about a Canadian title?

Now is your chance!

6 shows for Giants!

National, Regional and 4 All Breeds Shows

Just how easy is it to get to a show in Canada?

VERY!! Just read on...

Let's start with the when, what & where and then,
On just how easy it is to get you & your Giant there!

WHEN: October 6th- October 9th, 2017

WHAT: National Specialty Judge: Mr. Robert Shreve, Greeley, Colorado
Juvenile (up to 18 months) Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes
& Junior Handling Judge: Catherine Eiswerth, Surrey, BC
Western Regional Specialty Judge: Mr. Ricardo Saldana, Mexico City, MX
Fraser Valley Dog Fanciers All Breed Shows (4) Judges: TBA

Plus other associated breed specialties. Many are still signing up but so far confirmed there will be Labradors, Keeshond, Am & Eng Cockers.

Plus Two All Breed Obedience & Rally Trials

WHERE: Chilliwack Heritage Park (indoors)
Chilliwack, British Columbia
(Only 30 min. north of the Sumas USA border crossing)



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FAQs American Guide To Canadian Dog Shows:



Q. How do I get the Premium List and other information about the Canadian Giant National & the Regional Specialty show, and the 4 All Breed Shows held by the Fraser Valley Dog Fanciers?

For all of these shows go to:

Website: <http://www.arcticdreams.ca>

Also check out www.canuckdogs.com for more shows, more info and results!

Q. How do I enter the shows if I do not have a CKC registered dog?

If you do not have a CKC registered dog NO WORRIES, you can do one of three things:

- 1) Register with the dog with the CKC, could take 2-4 weeks, or
- 2) Obtain an Event Registration Number (ERN).
Email/Fax the application and it will be done in 1-2 weeks), or
- 3) If due to time constraints, #1 and #2 are not possible, then simply enter your dog as a Listed dog and apply for an ERN or a CKC Reg at a later date, but not too late!

Q. I know entries close approx. mid September, but how do I enter?

You can enter on line, mail or courier your entry. However so make sure you make the entry deadline!

Q. What are the requirements for a Canadian Championship?

In order for a dog to be recognized as a Champion the dog must:

- a) Earn at least 10 points under at least three different judges;
- b) Earn at least one 2-pt win, either at breed or group level.
- c) Don't forget if shown as listed to apply for an ERN or CKC # a.s.a.p. after the show!



CANADA'S BONUS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:

In Canada totals of BOTH sexes are included for the BOW points, so unlike in the US where you only get the maximum points of one sex, in Canada you would get the total of both!!!

e.g. Say there were 9 males, then Winners Male would get 3 points
Now lets say there were 7 females, Winners Female would get 3 points

NOW HERE IS THE CANADIAN DIFFERENCE!!

9 males + 7 Females = 16 dogs = 5 points for Best of Winners!!!!!!

In addition, the Best of Breed dog at Group Level may earn more points, as every group placement is worth a certain amount of points, varying with the number of breeds represented.

Last time the West hosted the National with 6 shows...

Several US & Japanese dogs finished their Can. Championship on that weekend!

Q. How many shows are there again?

For conformation there are 6 shows for Giants. (4 All breed shows, and 2 specialties!) PLUS there is numerous other breed specialties as well, so convince a friend to come as well and make it a holiday! The All breed show offers Obedience and Rally too! Plus All Breed Sweeps and Jr Handling!

Q. What is a Booster?

A Booster is the same as a "supported entry" and means that a Specialty club has designated normal classes of an All Breed show as a Booster and provides prizes for specified wins.

Q. Will the GSC be holding obedience competitions?

Sorry the GSC is not hosting an obedience competition but there will be one offered by the FVDF. On the National and Regional days, the GSC will offer a HIT award for a Giant Schnauzer. You will have to check the FVDF premium list for it.



Q. If I drive, what is needed to get my Giant across the border into Canada?

Although rarely asked for, technically two things are required:

1. A valid Rabies vaccination certificate. (Ensure there is a valid expiration date on the certificate.)
2. And I would suggest your dog's AKC registration papers or other proof of ownership.

Q. If I am driving what is needed to get "me" across the border into Canada?

1. A valid passport or visa
2. Or a Nexus pass
3. Or an Enhanced Driver's License.

Q. If I fly, what is needed to get my Giant across the border into Canada?

1. A valid Rabies vaccination certificate
2. And an international health certificate that any vet can issue.
3. Check with your airlines for what additional documentation that they might require.

Q. If I am flying what is needed to get "me" across the border into Canada?

1. A valid passport or visa



Q. I WANT TO ATTEND!!! SO HOW SHOULD I FLY OR DRIVE?

FLYING: The show site is located 60 miles, just over 1 hour away, from Vancouver Int. Airport (YVR).

Seattle Airport is about a 2.5-hour drive, and often flying into Seattle (SEA) as opposed to YVR has the best flight and car rental deals.

If you choose YVR:

WestJet is a FABULOUS airline to fly with. Contact Janine Starink (janine.starink@me.com) first if you are planning on using them. It is only \$75 to fly a large dog!



Alaska Airlines flies into SEA and YVR and is the best US Airline to deal with for dogs and luggage.

Don't forget your passport or Nexus card or enhanced Driver's License!

DRIVING IN:

Put 44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack, BC into your GPS and enjoy the view!

Q. I know how expensive it is for a club to run a show so I would love to help with a monetary trophy donation, to whom do I send it?

GSC can use all the help we can get... so please contact Leah Takats at kiralygiants@telus.net

Q. Is there going to be a banquet?

There will be an official dinner on Saturday Oct 7th evening at a fabulous Italian Restaurant close to the show site. Details will be in the premium list when it is released.

This is just a dinner for Giant fanciers to gather, no awards, no live auction, but we will have a silent auction that all the exhibitors and spectators can participate in.

Q. So there going to be a silent auction! Can I help?

SOOOO if you have some great silent auction items, no matter what breed, we would love to have them. But of course Giant items are preferred!

Please contact Susan Ballinger, our Club Treasurer at allegro2@telus.net or text her at 1-604-220-7353

Q. Where should I stay?

The GSC host hotel is the Coast Chilliwack Hotel.

This great four-star hotel has graciously offered us rooms at a group rate of \$114 Can. (approx. \$85 US) this includes your room, pet fee, and a warm buffet breakfast! There are only 10 rooms reserved so if you are thinking of coming you had better book a.s.a.p.



Call the hotel at 1-604-792-5552; advise them you are with GSC.

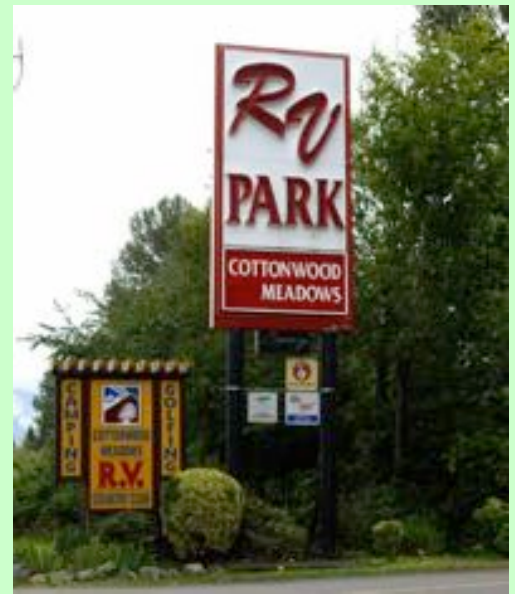
This rate is only available until Sept 5th; after that unreserved rooms will be released and will be sold at the regular rate. This is the Canadian Thanksgiving Weekend so keep that in mind when travelling.

Another option is the Comfort Inn Chilliwack, and this is very popular with the dog show folk and often it sold out, so book early.

RVING: Two Options

On site at the **Chilliwack Heritage Park** there are many spots available. There are however, a limited number of electrical sites, but generators are permitted. Sorry no water hook-ups but there is a sani-dump on site. Shower facilities are indoors and are only available when the building is open. Please note that this is a coarse gravel parking lot, so RV matting under your dog's ex-pen is highly recommended. Be advised that the highway is nearby so it is fairly noisy. Rates are usually \$21-\$26 US a night, but the FVDF club will have this info in their premium list.

OR: Cottonwood Meadows RV Park is located right next door to the show site. This lovely RV Campground offers basic to full hookups for units of all sizes, including cable TV, and 24 hour shower/bathroom facilities. It is also located along highway but is heavily treed, so highway noise is significantly reduced. <http://cottonwoodrvpark.com> Contact them at 1-604-792-7771. Parking is very limited due to long-term people staying on... so book early, you can always cancel.



Q. Can I buy something with that beautiful logo on it? Who do I contact?

You sure can! Whether you are attending or not, you may want something with this stunning logo on it. There will be lots of items from Hoodies to Aprons, available for purchase. Once we get prices, we will send out a separate info sheet with instructions on how to order.

Contact Libby Leddy at libbyleddy@hotmail.com for more info.

Q. Wait a second.... That logo looks very familiar! Haven't I seen this somewhere before?

You sure have! This stunning painting was supposed to be used for the US Nationals in 2014, but due to time constraints, it never made it on to the official paraphernalia. We loved it and thought it needed to be! With the gracious permission of painting owners Past GSCA President Doug Hill and Luke Norton, we are going to make sure it gets the attention it deserves! Lindsay Dicken created the original design for this fabulous painting of their beautiful Dora, but with their approval, we have revised it a little to make it our own.



Hope this answers a lot of your queries!

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CANADA'S WORLD
FAMOUS HOSPITALITY!