



SEPTEMBER 3–6, 2026 | WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

861 Salisbury Rd, Richmond IN 47374

Located on Salisbury Road between Route 40 and Interstate 70

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- National Dual Championship
 - National Grand Nite Championship
 - 3-Night Slam Series
 - National Grand Bench Show Championship
 - Coonhound Specialty Show
 - Kids Bench Show
 - Hall of Fame Parade
 - Coonhound Conformation Show
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AUTUMN OAKS NITE HUNT

Entries

- Advanced Entry: \$40 per hunt
- Advanced Entry Deadline: August 10, 2026
- Online Entries available at: www.ukcdogs.com/autumn-oaks
- Walk-up Entries: \$80 per hunt
- Walk-up Entries will be accepted based on Guide availability

Hunt Details

- One nite hunt ran over two nights, meaning each dog can only be entered once.
- All GRNITECHs must be entered on Friday night.
- The same dog cannot be run more than one night; all dogs must run on their scheduled night.
- Two-hour hunt times.
- Hunting judges will be used on all casts; UKC reserves the right to assign non-hunting judges to any cast deemed necessary.

Hunt Club Support Provided By:

- Wayne County CHA (Grounds)
- Limberlost CHC in Bryant, Indiana
- Van Wert County CHA in Convoy, Ohio
- Clark County Coonhunters Club in Medway, Ohio

Grand 16

- The top 16 high-scoring, plus-point cast winners in the GRNITE Division on Friday night will advance to Saturday night's Grand 16.
- Grand 16 casts will be 90 minutes with non-hunting guides and judges.
- Saturday will consist of two rounds; Round 1 will have 4-dog casts; Round 2 will be the final cast that determines the National Grand Nite Champion.
- Any unbreakable ties to be determined via coin flip with the exception of the Grand 16.
- Grand 16 will be ran using the Full Elimination Format.

HUNT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

8:00 PM: Entry deadline for Warm-up Slam (see page 8 for details).

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

8:00 PM: Entry deadline for Warm-up Slam (see page 8 for details).

Thursday, September 3, 2026

5:00 PM–6:00 PM: Confirmations for the National Dual Championship (see below for details).

Friday, September 4, 2026

12:00 PM: Confirmations and walk-up entries open for Friday's hunt; National Dual Grand Bench Show begins.

2:00 PM: Deadline to confirm and enter Friday's hunt.

4:00 PM: Cast call in the Kuhlman Center.

Saturday, September 5, 2026

12:00 PM: Confirmations and walk-up entries open for Saturday's hunt.

2:00 PM: Deadline to confirm and enter Saturday's hunt.

4:00 PM: Cast call in the Kuhlman Center.

Sunday, September 6, 2026

The following awards will be presented:

- REG: 1st-10th
- NITECH: 1st-5th
- GRNITECH: National Grand Nite Champion and 7 National Grand Nite Champions of Breed

NATIONAL DUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

September 3 & 4, 2026

Sponsored by: Kelley's K-Lights



Eligibility

A dog's official UKC record must reflect minimum dual title (CH/NITECH) at the time of entry.

Entries

- Advanced Entries to first 100 dogs entered
- Advanced Entry Fee: \$40
- Entry Confirmation: 5:00 PM–6:00 PM on Thursday, September 3, 2026 in the Kuhlman Center

Hunt

- Thursday, September 3, 2026.
- All entrants drawn out by their own breed.

- 90-minute hunt time.
- Hunting judges.
- Cast winners must have a total score of plus points to advance to show portion.

Bench Show

- Friday, September 4, 2026 in the Expo Center at 12:00 PM (or immediately following the Registered classes, whichever is first).
- All plus-point cast winners show against their own breed.
- Breed winners will continue for Overall National Dual Champion; winner will be honored with the National Dual Champion Degree (NATLDC).
- Same handler not required in hunt and show.

AUTUMN OAKS BENCH SHOW

Entries

- Advanced Entry: \$25 per show
- Advanced Entry Deadline: August 10, 2026
- Online Entries available at: www.ukcdogs.com/autumn-oaks
- Walk-up Entries \$35 per show

Show Details

- Friday show will include: Registered and Dual Champion classes.
- Saturday show will include: Champion, Kid Bench Show, and Grand Champion classes.
- The male and female Grand Champion class winners of each breed will compete for Best of Breed; the seven breed winners will enter the ring for National Grand Show Champion. Best of Opposite Sex will follow.
- Advanced Entries must be confirmed at the UKC Bench Show desk in the headquarters building starting on Wednesday during entry times (see schedule for times).
- Changes or class move-ups will be accepted during confirmations.
- Parking passes for exhibitors may be picked up during confirmation/entry times.
- To be eligible for the show portion of the National Dual Championship, dogs must earn a plus-point cast win in the National Dual Championship Hunt on Thursday.
- Those crating dogs inside must have a crate permit; all dogs must be out of the building by 5:00 PM.
- Thursday's Specialty non-licensed shows will include: 4-6-Month Puppy Show, 6-9-Month Puppy Show, 9-12-Month Puppy Show, Veterans' Show, and a Youth Showmanship Show. Entry fee is \$20 per show. Youth Showmanship Shows are free to enter.
- Thursday's Puppy Show entrants will be sorted based on the puppy's age on the day of the show. The 4-6 Month class will include dogs that have turned 4 months to dogs that are one day shy of turning 6 months. The 6-9 Month class will include dogs that have turned 6 months to dogs that are one day shy of turning 9 months. The 9-12 Month class will include dogs that have turned 9 months to dogs that are one day shy of turning 12 months. Males and females will be shown together, regardless of degree.
- Veterans' Show will be for hounds that are at least 7 years on the day of the show. Males and females will be shown together, regardless of degree.
- There will be five classes in the Youth Showmanship Show: Senior Open Class, Senior Novice Class, Junior Open Class, Junior Novice Class, and the Pee Wee Class. 13-17 years will be eligible for the Senior Classes and 5-12 years will be eligible for the Junior Classes. Children six and under will be eligible for the Pee Wee Class. 5-6 years have the option of showing in either Junior Class or Pee Wee Class, but not both.
- Each class will receive placement ribbons, but in the Open Classes—which will be for youth showing experience—Next Generation Spotlight points will be available. In both the Senior Open and Junior Open, first place will receive 20 Spotlight Series points, second place will receive 15, and third place will receive 10.
- Brand New: GRCHHOF Parade! Must presenter (at no extra charge). This is a salute to the coonhounds that have reached UKC Hall of Fame status. These special procession honors are not about competition; it's about honoring the dogs whose achievements have earned the sport's highest recognition.
- Thursday's Conformation Show will follow the All-Breed Sports UKC Conformation Rulebook. Dogs will be judged on the ground; there will be no benches in the ring.

BENCH SHOW SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

3:30 PM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries open; Entries and Confirmations for the entire weekend will be accepted.

4:30 PM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries close.

Thursday, September 3, 2026

8:00 AM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries open; Entries and Confirmations for the entire weekend will be accepted.

9:00 AM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries close.

9:30 AM: Coonhound Specialty Shows begin.

Ring 1 - Judge: Michael Ford

- **Pee Wee Class**
- **Junior Open Class**
- **Junior Novice Class**
- **Senior Open Class**
- **Senior Novice Class**
- **Puppy Show: 4-6 Months**
 - American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound; Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound; **Puppy 4-6 Month Winner**
- **Puppy Show: 6-9 Months**
 - American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound; Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound; **Puppy 6-9 Month Winner**
- **Puppy Show: 9-12 Months**
 - American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound; Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound; **Puppy 9-12 Month Winner**
- **Veterans' Show**
 - American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound; Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound; **Overall Veteran Winner**
- **Hall of Fame Parade**
 - All pre-entered dogs will take part in a ceremonial presentation around the ring, during which they

will be formally acknowledged and applauded for their significant achievement of receiving Grand Champion Hall of Fame (GRCHHOF) honors.

- **Conformation Show**
 - To begin immediately following Hall of Fame Parade.
 - Judged by Kayla Cooper
- **Best of Show**

Friday, September 4, 2026

8:00 AM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries open; Entries and Confirmations for Friday and Saturday will be accepted.

9:00 AM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries close.

9:30 AM: Bench Show begins.

Ring 1 - Judge: Gerald Black

- **Registered**
 - American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound; **Best Male of Show**

Ring 2 - Judge: Curtis Peace

- **Registered**
 - Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound; **Best Female of Show**

Ring 1 - Judge: Gerald Black

- **Dual Champions**
 - To be held immediately following the conclusion of the Registered Class.
 - American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound

Ring 2 - Judge: Curtis Peace

- **Dual Champions**
 - Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound; **Overall Dual Champion**

Saturday, September 5, 2026

8:00 AM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries open.

9:00 AM: Confirmations and Walk-up Entries close.

9:30 AM: Bench Show begins.

Ring 1 - Judge: Curtis Peace

- **Champions**

- o American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound; **Champion Male**

Ring 2 - Judge: Gerald Black

- **Champions**
 - o Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound; **Champion Female**
- **Kids Show**
 - o To begin immediately following the conclusion of the Champion Class.
 - o Judges will be UKC Staff.

Ring 1 - Judge: Curtis Peace

- **Grand Champions**

- o To begin immediately following the conclusion of the Kids Show.
- o American Black & Tan Coonhound; American Leopard Hound; Bluetick Coonhound; English Coonhound

Ring 2 - Judge: Gerald Black

- **Grand Champions**
 - o Plott Hound; Redbone Coonhound; Treeing Walker Coonhound

Judge: Gerald Black

- **National Grand Show Champion**

Judge: Curtis Peace

- **Opp. Sex National Grand Show Champion**

GENERAL RULES

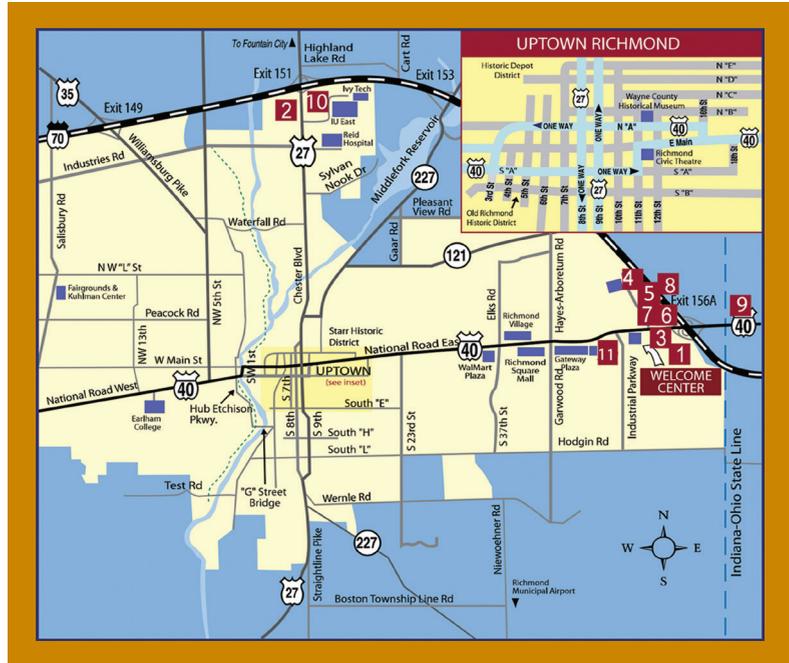
1. Refund and Substitution Policy: If a female comes into heat, she may be substituted for another dog that is registered to the same individual or a refund may be requested. If a dog dies, the Registration Certificate may be turned in at the UKC Registration Booth and the dog may be substituted for another dog that is registered to the same individual, or a refund may be requested. If a dog is injured and cannot participate in Autumn Oaks, no refund will be issued. The owner must present a letter from a veterinarian on veterinary stationary, and the dog may be substituted for another dog that is registered to the same individual.
2. Buildings will be open to exhibitors at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, September 2. Overnight security is not provided. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time (ET).
3. Building and Grounds will be open to exhibitors at 7:30 AM Thursday-Sunday. The Expo Center will close at 5:00 PM Wednesday-Saturday.
4. No dogs are to be in the building or in the Dog Barn overnight. Dogs must always be supervised and provided shade.
5. Only United Kennel Club registered dogs will be allowed on the grounds. Be prepared to show the UKC Registration Certificate if requested.
6. Individuals determined by UKC Staff to have an excessive number of dogs for the purpose of selling or trading and/or individuals with dogs not being cared for or in otherwise poor condition will not be allowed on grounds and will be ejected immediately if not in compliance.
7. No puppies/litters under seven weeks of age permitted on the grounds
8. It is expected that all participants will clean up after their dogs not only on the grounds, but at area hotels/motels and campgrounds as well.
9. UKC is not responsible for loss, accidents, or theft. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in the event.
10. ATVs are strictly prohibited. Golf carts (rented or private), motorized scooters and mopeds must carry proof of insurance at all times. All drivers must be of age to have a state-issued driver's license.
11. Free camping Thursday-Sunday. Pre-event camping fee will be collected at gate.
12. The Wayne County Fairgrounds is a designated non-smoking facility.

ONLINE NITE HUNT ENTRY
GO TO: WWW.UKCDOGS.COM/AUTUMN-OAKS

ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 @ MIDNIGHT (ET)

LODGING FOR AUTUMN OAKS

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| 1 Best Western | 8 Holiday Inn |
| 2 Baymont | 9 Fairfield Inn |
| 3 Travelodge | 10 Red Roof Inn |
| 4 Hampton Inn | 11 Quality Inn |
| 5 Home2 Suites | 12 Deer Ridge |
| 6 Motel 6 | 13 Grandpa's Farm |
| 7 Comfort Suites | 14 KOA Holiday |



Call TOLL FREE **(800) 828-8414** to make lodging reservations for all listed locations
 or EMAIL your lodging request to: grouprequest@visitrichmond.org
 Richmond Indiana Visitor Guide Link: <http://visitrichmond.org>
 For Wayne County Fairgrounds Information: Call **(765) 935-6291**

Hotels & Motels

Best Western Plus Richmond Indiana I-70

- (765) 939-9500
- Pet Friendly
- 533 W Eaton Pike, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Baymont by Wyndham Richmond I-70

- (765) 200-6953
- 912 Mendleson Dr, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Travelodge by Wyndham Richmond IN

- (765) 598-4694
- Pet Friendly
- 5775 National Rd E, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Hampton Inn & Suites Richmond

- (765) 966-5200
- 455 Commerce Rd, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Motel 6 Richmond, IN

- (765) 339-1038
- Pet Friendly
- 6030 National Rd E, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Comfort Suites Richmond East

- (765) 259-0077
- Pet Friendly
- 421 Commerce Rd, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Holiday Inn Express Richmond by IHG

- (765) 488-1975
- 6000 National Rd E, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Red Roof Inn Richmond, IN

- (765) 962-7576
- Pet Friendly
- 2525 Chester Blvd, Richmond, IN 47374 (I-70 exit 156A)

Quality Inn and Conference Center

- (765) 488-0931
- Pet Friendly (with fee)
- 5501 National Rd E, Richmond, IN 47374

Home2 Suites by Hilton Richmond

- (765) 227-2750
- Pet Friendly (with fee)
- 5950 National Rd E, Richmond, IN 47374

Offsite Camping

Deer Ridge Camping Resort

- (765) 939-0888
- 3696 Smyrna Rd, Richmond, IN 47374
- 65 sites. 50 electric AMP and tent camping. Internet access, playground, shower house, pool, general store, activities, laundry facility, and septic system. AAA/CAA approved and inspected. We are a Good Sam Park and we maintain a

high rating from them as well as Woodall's.

Grandpa's Farm Campground

- (765) 962-7907
- 4244 IN-227, Richmond, IN, 47374
- 85 sites. 30/50 electric AMP, internet access, playground, shower house, recreation hall, pool, grocery, fishing, laundry facilities, and septic system. Church service on Sunday.

Richmond KOA Holiday

- (800) 562-0611
- 3101 Cart Rd, Richmond, IN 47374
- 60 sites, 3 cabins. 20/30/50 AMP. Shaded tent camping, internet access, playground, shower house, grocery store, pool, fishing, septic system, laundry facilities, nature trails, Kamp K-9, and activities.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL DOG SUPPLY, VENDORS, COMPANIES,
AND INDIVIDUALS SETTING UP CONCESSIONS AT THE

2026 AUTUMN OAKS

WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS · RICHMOND, INDIANA · SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2026

1. Please send an email with your company name and product description to **vendors@ukcdogs.com** for an application or call **Hunting Ops** at **(269) 343-9020**.
2. Reservations must be in by **Monday, August 10, 2026**.
3. The enclosed vendor barn will open at 9:00 AM and close at 6:00 PM each evening.
4. Please indicate on the application your vendor area preference. Consideration will first be given to returning vendors. If you preference cannot be met, the next available space will be assigned to you. One vendor per space.
5. Permit request for the sale of food or beverage must be noted on the application.
6. No products are to be sold with UKC or Autumn Oaks insignia or logos.
7. The sale, distribution, or promotion of dog food is not permitted.
8. Vendors may set up from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM on Wednesday, September 3, 2026.
9. A permit is required to sell on the grounds. All vendor permits must be obtained in advance of the event.
10. UKC reserves the right to revoke any permit should it be decided that the vendor is selling or displaying anything inappropriate, indecent, or unlawful.
11. Vendors are responsible for obtaining applicable State Vendor Permits and reporting their own Indiana State Sales Tax and insurance.
12. It will be the responsibility of the vendor operators to clean up the area used. Violations of this request will jeopardize issuance of permits for following years.

AVAILABLE BOOTH AREAS INCLUDE:

ENCLOSED VENDOR BARN 15x15: \$400 | 15x30: \$800

VENDOR PAVILION 15x15: \$250 | 15x30: \$400 | 15x60: \$800

OUTDOOR VENDOR SPACES 15x15: \$250 | 15x30: \$400 | 15x60: \$800

EXPO CENTER (SHOW BUILDING) 10x10: \$200 | 10x20: \$300 | 10x30: \$400

*VENDOR SPACES IN THE EXPO CENTER ARE INTENDED FOR NON-HUNTING SUPPLIES.



AUTUMN OAKS SLAM SERIES

AUTUMN OAKS WARM-UP HUNTS

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 | Wednesday, September 2, 2026 | Thursday, September 3, 2026

Rules & Cash Awards

UKC Licensed. All Slam Events will be one-hour hunts using Slam Format and Championship Rules.

\$2,000 ADDED PURSE!

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night's slams will include a \$500 added purse that will be awarded each night, in addition to the 50% payout from the entry fees. The Overall Slam Series winner will receive \$500.

Entry Fees: \$35 | Entry Deadline: 8:00 PM (ET) each night

Tuesday Night: Hanna's Creek Conservation Club

- Directions: Take SR 101 south of Liberty. 3 miles to Roseburg. Turn east on Retherford Road to clubhouse.
- GPS Address: 751 W Retherford Rd, Liberty, IN 47353
- Local Contact: Mike Carmack, (765) 220-1021 or (765) 458-6732

Wednesday Night: Delaware County Coonhunters

- Directions: Take SR 35 south through Mount Pleasant, IN to County Road 532 East. Turn north onto County Road 450 South. Turn left to Prairie Creek Lodge, signs posted.
- GPS Address: 7801 South County Rd E, Selma, IN 47383
- Local Contact: Randall Winchester, (765) 749-7902 or (765) 284-9509

Thursday Night: Delaware County Coonhunters

- Directions: Take SR 35 south through Mount Pleasant, IN to County Road 532 East. Turn north onto County Road 450 South. Turn left to Prairie Creek Lodge, signs posted.
 - GPS Address: 7801 South County Rd E, Selma, IN 47383
 - Local Contact: Randall Winchester, (765) 749-7902 or (765) 284-9509
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Slam Series Master of Hounds: Jamie Estep
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