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2026 UKC® ELITE SHED DOG SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

March 20-22, 2026

Ballard Nature Center, 5253 US-40, Altamont, IL 62411

ADVANCED ENTRY ONLY EVENT

Entries Open: Monday, February 2, 2026

Entries Close: Monday, March 2, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET

ENTRY FEES

- \$95 Entry for Champion and Working
- FREE Youth Entry
- \$20 Banquet Ticket. Tickets are available online and must be purchased in advance.

ENTRY QUALIFICATION

All dogs must be UKC permanently registered (or have a UKC PL or TL number) to compete.

Working: Dogs must have 2 passes since 2025 Nationals.

Champion: Dogs must have 4 passes (from either Working or Champion) since 2025 Nationals.

ENTRY LIMITS

A maximum of three dogs may be entered per handler for each class. Youth entries will be counted as a Working entry.

REFUND AND SUBSTITUTION POLICY

Refunds or substitutions will only be allowed for the following scenarios:

- **Female in Heat:** Females in heat may be substituted, or a refund may be requested.
- **Deceased Dogs:** The UKC Registration Certificate must be turned into UKC. The dog may be substituted, or a refund may be requested.
- **Injury:** A dog that is injured and unable to compete may be substituted for another dog. No refund will be issued.

All substitute dogs must be registered to the same individual as the dog they are replacing.

FORMAT

- Champion, Working, and Youth Classes offered.
- Dogs must earn 3 qualifying runs to earn a National Pass. Each qualifying run (courses passed) will earn a dog 10 points.
- 1st - 4th will be placed in each class.
- Placements will be determined by the best combined time of three runs (one run Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).
- Placing dogs will receive their qualifying run points PLUS the following placement points:
 - 1st = 35 placement points (65 total)
 - 2nd = 30 placement points (60 total)
 - 3rd = 25 placement points (55 total)
 - 4th = 20 placement points (50 total)
- Standard UKC Elite Shed Dog Rules apply.

UKC ELITE SHED DOG SEIRIES AWARDS BANQUET

The annual UKC Elite Shed Dog Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 21 at Carriage House Event Center. The night will include recognition of Year-End nominees and winners as well as a raffle and silent auction to raise money for the Youth Scholarship Program. Tickets may be purchased on the UKC website. All are welcome!

BANQUET LOCATION

Carriage House Event Center
8 West Carriage Ln
Altamont, IL 62411

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 19, 2026

4:00PM - 6:00PM: Check-In

Friday, March 20, 2026

7:00AM - 7:30AM: Check-In and Bitch Check

8:00AM: Champion and Working Classes start. Youth to follow Working.

Saturday, March 21, 2026

7:00AM - 7:30AM: Bitch Check

8:00AM: Champion and Working Classes start. Youth to follow Working.

6:00PM: Dinner and Elite Awards Presentation at Carriage House Event Center

Sunday, March 22, 2026

7:00AM - 7:30AM: Bitch Check

8:00AM: Champion and Working Classes start. Youth to follow Working.

National Championship Awards.

HOTELS

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

Address: 3091 E Mill Dr, Altamont, IL 62411 | Phone Number: (618)-483-6300
Pet fee: \$25 per pet per night

Relax Inn

Address: 3 E Mill Dr, Altamont, IL 62411 | Phone Number: (618)-483-6300
Pet fee: \$20 per pet per night

Baymont By Wyndham Effingham

Address: 1811 W Fayette Ave, Effingham, IL 62401 | Phone Number: (217)-294-6051
Pet fee: \$20 per pet per night

Best Western Delta Inn

Address: 1509 Hampton Dr, Effingham, IL 62401 | Phone Number: (217)-342-4499
Pet fee: \$20 per pet per night

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