

UPDATE FROM THE KEESHOND CLUB OF AMERICA

The 2020 National Specialty scheduled at Founders Inn in Virginia Beach is officially cancelled.

The Founders Inn is well aware of the issues surrounding Coronavirus and is willing to work with us to minimize financial damage to the club. We appreciate their efforts in helping us reach this goal. Sadly, there will be no KCA National Specialty in 2020. The hotel does not have availability later in the year and things are currently too uncertain to move to another location.

The 2020 Show Committee has been working nonstop over the past week to try to bring a resolution to our event that protects the health and safety of the kees community and does not financially damage the club. I know you have wanted information sooner, but this is a very complex situation to tear down a show—possibly more work than actually hosting a show.

We have put together a plan, but it will take time to implement, please be patient. If due to the current national emergency you are in a crisis and need your funds quickly, please message the 2020 National Facebook page or email gregg@kcanational.info and we will do our best to accommodate. Keep in mind the Show Committee is dealing with their families and jobs on top of the emotional pain of having to terminate 3 years of hard work so abruptly.

- 1) The hotel will cancel all rooms reserved under our block directly. If you booked outside the block or at another property you will need to cancel your reservation directly.
- 2) Rau will automatically cancel all entries received and refund entry fees. There may be a small processing fee, but this is TBD. Please understand Rau still has work to do.
- 3) Agility entries will be automatically cancelled and checks will be shredded.
- 4) If you booked anything else independently (scooters, etc) please call to cancel.

Here's everything we have identified as next steps, and if we identify gaps we will update. Please have patience as nobody has ever gone through this process before.

1) For all free items registered for, there are no actions to take (Hospitality Bag, Spectator at Welcome Party/TKE, Donors Circle, Breeder Education, Companion Event Spectator or Annual Meeting).

2) The following items will be refunded: Reserved grooming, reserved seating, show catalog orders, TKE catalog orders, banquet orders, raffle tickets, catalog ads, TKE catalog ads and TKE entries will be refunded. Paypal payments will be refunded via paypal less any PayPal fees incurred and payments via check will be refunded via check.

3) Logo totes and polos will be refunded unless we have already placed your order with Land's End and cannot cancel it. In this case we will get your item.

4) Commemorative pins will be shipped unless a refund is requested. We would love for you to consider purchasing a pin if you haven't to offset expenses.

5) Companion event entries, please contact Patti Hansen (pathan514@gmail.com) to coordinate refund of these fees or optionally to pledge a donation to rescue.

6) Trophy donations will not be returned. We have already incurred significant cost in purchasing trophies and rosettes. We will find a way to recognize all donors and are still working out what to do with the trophies already purchased, which are branded for our show.

This was not an easy path to take. All of you know KCA will ALWAYS put the health and safety of our members and their dogs first and foremost above anything else. We certainly hope to see all of you somewhere, sometime soon. There's a lot that needs to get done, please give us time. We will get everything settled up as quickly as possible.

Stay safe,

The KCA Show & Event Committee

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