



## Northern California Leonberger Club **25+1 YEAR and counting!**

STILL a Butte-ti-ful Day for Leos  
Regional Specialty at the **Colusa County  
Fairgrounds in Colusa, California.**

Last year we celebrated our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** the first weekend of November. This year we will celebrate something really special, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the LCA. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1985 the Denver 8 (the original founders of the LCA met in Denver to create the great club that we all enjoy today. We have a special event planned for the afternoon on Saturday before our potluck dinner. Details will be announced soon! We will continue our tradition of a weekend that includes our Club Show and 2 AKC pointed Regional Specialty Shows. This combines the best of old and new, allowing for that same family atmosphere where newbies are welcome, can get comfortable with showing in a more casual environment, get a written evaluation of their Leo (at the Club Show) and earn points toward their AKC championship (at the AKC shows). We will offer Junior showmanship with the morning AKC show this year. We will be at our regular starting time of 11:00 AM on Saturday, and of course the Club Show is on Sunday. We will welcome two returning judges for the AKC shows, Mr. Vincent Mulligan for the AM show and Mrs. Sandra Pretari Hickson for the afternoon show. Our Club Show Judge will be judged by friend of the club, Ms Karen Burgess.

***Again this year...we will hold the shows on the lawn area next to the building that we traditionally use to host our super raffle and membership meeting. This year we will return to our traditional potluck format, with the club providing protein and a side. We appreciate you all bringing an item to add to the potluck. Signup will also be via our website. Parking is best on the road. If you park by your set-up you must be no closer than 50" from the ring.***

### ***Important show schedule notes:***

On Saturday 11/1 – Handling clinic – instructor TBD

Two LCA/AKC Regional Specialties with Junior Handling (morning show only) & BPUP: We will have an AM Conformation show and a PM Conformation Show. Each Show will immediately follow the corresponding BPUP Event.

On Sunday 11/2 – NCLC Club Show: We will begin by judging Baby Puppy followed by Spay/Neuter, Youth and Adult Males, including Winners Dog, Veterans & Champions. We will then judge Youth and Adult females, followed by Winners Bitch, Veterans & Champions, then Best in Show and last, but not least we will all gather to watch our Juniors & Pee-Wee Handlers.

### **Additional AKC offerings – 2 AKC Temperament Tests**

This year we will be offering AKC Temperament Testing. The cost will be \$30 for each test. Scheduling will be determined closer to the show. You can sign up day of the event, but we'd really like to get a rough head count, so we prefer that you preregister via the link on our website.

Our shows will be outdoors, so please, remember to bring shade covering for the dogs. The weather in Colusa this time of year usually ranges from low 60's to high 90's and there is always the possibility of rain so be prepared for anything. ***(Don't forget to set your clocks BACK an hour on Saturday night!)***

Everyone is welcome, show dog or not, to come and enjoy this LCA/NCLC Leonberger event.  
**We are excited to see our friends old and new to help us celebrate 40 Years of the LCA!**

Specialty Chairs  
Jim Carretta & Jiley Romney  
nclshows@gmail.com - 916.801.2865

## **SUPER – RAFFLE – SUPER - RAFFLE**

Please remember to bring something for the table. Our raffle has become the envy of many regional clubs with our many quality items. The Super-Raffle is one of our biggest moneymakers and we can't do it without you! Raffle will be drawn Saturday after the Membership meeting or during dinner.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Saturday November 1st, 2025</b>		
9:00 – 10:30	Handling Clinic	\$20/dog – pre-reg only - unless we have room
11:00 – Conclusion	AKC AM BPUP & Conf & Jr Show	Judge – Mr. Vincent Mulligan
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	On your own
2:00 - Conclusion	AKC AM BPUP & Conf	Judge – Mrs. Sandra Pretari Hickson
Conclusion of show	Judges Photos	Please help us clean up for the day
4:30 (after photos)	NCLC Annual Membership Mtg	Reports, Board Elections, etc
5:30 (after meeting)	Special Guest – Mr. Yves Parent	Special Celebration of LCA's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
6:30	Annual Potluck Dinner	Relax & Unwind!
<b>Sunday November 2nd, 2025</b>		
8:30 – 9:30	Registration Open	
9:30 – Conclusion	LCA Conformation & Jr. Show	Judge – Mrs. Mary Decher
After BIS	Pee-Wee Handling	A fun class for the wee ones
Conclusion of show	Judges Photos	Please help us clean up

## **Other Club Show Details**

	Registration for all classes & events <b>closes 10/16/24</b>	
Regular Classes	Entry Fee per dog / per class	25.00
Non-Regular Classes	Entry Fee per dog / per class	15.00
Pee-Wee Class		No Charge

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## **Friday – Dinner**

Last year we discovered a new venue on the river for our Friday night dinner. We hope to book that again and will confirm soon. We will be seated in a covered patio, and dogs are welcome & in fact, encouraged! This will be held at: Slough House Social 3249 Butte Slough Road, Colusa, CA <https://sloughhousesocial.com/> to view the menu

## **Saturday - Lunch**

We recommend you order and pick up your own lunch. Granzella's deli is nearby the hotel and there are other options in Williams as well as Colusa, including Jeff's burger stand just a few blocks from the fairgrounds, Subway Sandwich in Colusa and a few other options.

## **Saturday – Dinner & Fun Night**

*This year we will return to our traditional potluck format with the club providing protein & a side*

We appreciate everyone pitching in with appetizers, salads, sides and desert items. Please sign up with the potluck form via our website.

## **Volunteers**

The success of each show depends largely on the many people who put in a little extra time and effort to make it all happen. There are many, many ways to help and it's a great way to get to know your fellow Leo Lovers. To sign up, please contact Jim Carretta at [nclcshows@gmail.com](mailto:nclcshows@gmail.com) or 916-801-2865

## **LCA Safety Policy**

- All dogs must be leashed or crated at all times, unless authorized by a judge or event chairperson. Leashes may not exceed 6' in length. Retractable leashes are not allowed.
- Dogs must be under control at all times.
- Dogs exhibiting uncontrolled or aggressive behavior may be asked to leave the show grounds or to be crated by an event chairperson, or an NCLC board member.
- Please walk your dogs in appropriate areas and be sure to deposit waste using the usual bags and buckets.
- Proof of current rabies certificate required at show site. In consideration of dogs and exhibitors entering the rings, please do not allow your dog to block or distract dogs entering the ring areas.

## **LCA CONFORMATION SHOW CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

The following definitions are guidelines for dog show class entries at LCA events

### **REGULAR CONFORMATION CLASSES**

**YOUTH CLASSES** - The Youth Classes shall be divided by sex into age categories. The first place from each class will compete for Best Youth Dog or Best Youth Bitch before the judging of the regular adult classes. These two youth winners will then compete for Winners Dog/Bitch against the first place from each adult class. Note: when calculating a dog's age, count month-to-month from the birth date: January xx, to February xx, to March xx, etc.

- **Youth Dogs/Bitches 6-9 months**
- **Youth Dogs/Bitches 9-12 months**
- **Youth Dogs/Bitches 12-18 months**

**ADULT CLASSES** - The same classes will be offered for both dogs and bitches 18 months and older. The first place winners from each class compete for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch with the Best Youth Winners Dog and Winners Bitch who will then compete in the overall Best of Breed competition. Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch is selected from among the first place class dogs remaining in the ring following the selection of Winners Dog/Bitch.

- **Novice Dog/Bitch:** This class is open to males/females 18 months and older. Entrants must NOT have won three Novice first place awards or first place awards in Bred by Exhibitor, Open, Veteran, Foreign Bred (LCA) American Bred (AKC), or Amateur Owner-Handler (AKC), and must have earned no points toward an AKC Championship.
- **Bred By Exhibitor Dog/Bitch:** This class is open to males/females 18 months and older who are exhibited by their breeder who is the sole or part owner of the dog.
- **Foreign Bred Dog/Bitch:** This class is open to males/females 18 months and older who were whelped outside of the U.S. by virtue of a mating that took place outside of the U.S.
- **Open Dog/Bitch:** This class is open to all males/females 18 months and older.

**ADULT SPECIAL CLASSES** - The same classes will be offered for both dogs and bitches. The first place winner from each class proceeds to the Best of Breed competition.

- **Veteran Dog/Bitch:** Open to any Dog/Bitch who is 7 years of age or older, including AKC or LCA Champions.
- **LCA or AKC Champion Dog/Bitch:** This class is open to males/females who have attained an LCA or AKC Championship. Champions MUST enter this class and are ineligible for any other LCA regular conformation class, except Veteran's Class.

## NON-REGULAR CONFORMATION CLASSES

- **Puppy Dog/Bitch 3-6 months:** This class is open to all puppies at least 3 months but less than 6 months of age. The specialty committee strongly recommends that puppies be well along in their immunization schedule prior to the event. The first place puppy from each gender will compete for Best Baby Puppy.
- **Neutered Dog/Spayed Bitch:** This class is open to neutered males or spayed females of at least 6 months of age. It is not necessary for the dog/bitch to have produced offspring prior to being neutered or spayed. Written evaluations must be provided for the Conformation Certificate.

## LCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- **Novice:** Open to boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who at the time entries close have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class at any LCA or AKC show.
- **Open:** Open to boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show, and who have won three first place awards in a Novice Class in an LCA or AKC show, with competition present in the Novice class. Junior Handlers who win a third Novice Class with competition present after the closing of entries for a show may transfer their entry from the Novice Class to the Open Class provided that this transfer is made by Show Chair or Show Secretary at least one half hour prior to the scheduled start of Junior Showmanship judging at the show. No entry may be changed or cancelled unless notice of the change or cancellation is received in writing by the Show Chair or Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries, prior to the closing date for entries, except that a correction may be made from one age division to another provided this transfer is made by the Show Chair or Show Secretary at least one half-hour prior to the scheduled start of any Junior Showmanship class at the show.
- **Junior and Senior Classes:** Each of the regular classes may be divided by age into Junior and Senior Classes. The Junior Class shall be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 13 years old on the day of the show. The Senior Class shall be for boys and girls who are at least 13 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show.
- **Best Junior Handler:** The Junior Handler who placed first in each of the regular Junior Showmanship Classes shall automatically be eligible to compete for Best Junior Handler in Show.

## PEE-WEE CLASS

**Pee-Wee** is a very informal event designed to get the kids involved in the show and introduce them to what handling in the ring is all about. We consider this to be a fun class and encourage kids of all levels to join in. Dogs should be patient and well behaved. There is no charge for this event.

- **Pee Wee Handler:** Open to boys and girls younger than 9 years old on the day of the show.
- This class does not compete for Best Junior Handler.

## Show Directions and Hotel Information

The show is located at the Colusa Co. fairgrounds, 1303 10<sup>th</sup> St. The entrance to the fairgrounds is located directly on Hwy 20. Colusa is approx. 65 miles north of Sacramento or about 50 minutes drive time.

**Directions from the SF Bay Area:** take Hwy 80 East toward Sacramento. From I-80 east, take exit for Hwy I-505 North toward Winters. Follow I-505 north to I-5. Take I-5 North toward Redding. Exit East (right) at Hwy 20

Williams/Colusa. Follow Hwy 20 east for approx. 8 miles. The Colusa fairgrounds will be on your right. Follow signs to the TK Marshall arena.

**Directions from South Bay:** Take I-680 north towards Concord. Follow I-680 until it connects to Hwy I-80. Exit East onto Hwy I-80 toward Sacramento. From I-80 east, take exit for Hwy I-505 North toward Winters. Follow I-505 North to I-5. Take I-5 North toward Redding. Exit East (right) at Hwy 20 Williams/Colusa. Follow Hwy 20 east for approx. 8 miles. The Colusa fairgrounds will be on your right. Follow signs to the TK Marshall arena.

**Directions from Marin Co.:** Take Hwy 12 Or 37 East toward Vallejo. From either, take Hwy I-80 East. From I-80 east, take exit for Hwy I-505 North toward Winters. Follow I-505 north to I-5. Take I-5 North toward Redding. Exit East (right) at Hwy 20 Williams/Colusa. Follow Hwy 20 east for approx. 8 miles. The Colusa fairgrounds will be on your right. Follow signs to the TK Marshall arena.

**Directions from Central Valley/ So California:** take I-5 north to Hwy 20. Exit East (right) at Hwy 20 Williams/Colusa. Follow Hwy 20 east for approx. 8 miles. The Colusa fairgrounds will be on your right. Follow signs to the TK Marshall arena.

**Directions from OR/WA:** Take I-5 south (for a long time). Exit east (to left) at Hwy 20 Williams/Colusa. Follow Hwy 20 east for approx. 8 miles. The Colusa fairgrounds will be on your right. Follow signs to the TK Marshall arena.

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**Hotel Info:**

The hotels we recommend are located in Williams, approx. 9 miles from the show grounds. Following the directions above to get to all four hotels, you would exit West from I-5 to Williams, one exit South of Hwy 20.

*Please be respectful and pick up after your dogs*

**Host Hotel - Granzella's Inn** (530) 473-3310 or 1-800-643-8614 / 391 6<sup>th</sup> St. Williams, CA 95987

This is our favorite place to stay and they treat us well. We have blocked the entire hotel, so you MUST mention the show. Please be kind to them and pick up after your dogs.

**Other hotels/motels in the area**

**Traveler's Inn** (530) 473-5387 215 7th St, Williams, CA 95987

**Motel 6** (530) 473 – 5337 455 4<sup>th</sup> Street Williams, CA 95987 (No pet fee)

**Comfort Inn** (530) 473-2381 400 C St. Williams, CA 95987 (15.00 per dog/per night)

RV HOOK-UPS: There are RV hook-ups at the show site. There is a fee.

The NCLC will not be responsible for arrangements or collection of fees.

You must contact the fairgrounds directly for arrangements and payment.

(530) 458-2461 E-mail: [ceo@thefarmshow.com](mailto:ceo@thefarmshow.com)

**Please Note:**

Vehicles may NOT be parked within 50' of the ring unless they are parked on the road. Thank you for your cooperation.

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