## Come show your colors and let everyone know that you are "Proud to be an American"

Plan on attending the 2012 Miniature American Shepherd National Specialty Wednesday, August 22 through Sunday, August 26 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, MN

This year marks the first year that the Miniature American Shepherd is officially an AKC breed!

We are holding our National Specialty in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club cluster which includes 3 days of AKC Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Rally.

Over 1750 dogs, 12 conformation rings, 2 rings of agility and over 40 venders with everything you could possibly need for your dog.

MASCUSA will be hosting our National Specialty, Herding Test and Herding Trial.

Please be aware that only AKC registered dogs will be allowed to show. If you have sent in your registration to the NAMASCUSA Registrar but have not received an AKC registration number you **will** be able to show ONLY in the MASCUSA National Specialty conformation show and Puppy & Veteran Sweeps.

Registration for the upcoming festivities will be coming soon. Look for the links on <a href="www.mascusa.org">www.mascusa.org</a> under Events 2012 Nationals.

Schedule of Events (tentative)

Wednesday- Herding Test and Trial, Grooming 101 seminar presented by Karen Keller

Thursday – Sweeps, MAS Nationals conformation, BBQ, Therapy Dog seminar presented by Pat Kinch

**Friday** – North Star Herding Group Conformation, AKC Obedience trial, AKC Rally trial, AKC Agility trial Excellent only, health testing, Judges Education seminar/Understanding the MAS Breed Standard

**Saturday** – AKC Conformation, AKC Obedience trial, AKC Rally trial, AKC Agility trial, Intro to Rally seminar presented by Diane Clyne, MAS Awards Banquet, MAS Annual Meeting, MARS Auction, Year End Awards and Goodwill Ambassador.

Sunday - AKC Conformation, AKC Obedience trial, AKC Rally trial, AKC Agility trial

Our host hotel has been reserved: Lexington Inn and Suites 2000 Washington Ave Stillwater, MN 55082 651-275-1401

www.lexingtonhotels.com



Room rate including all pet charges is set at \$109/night/room. Minnesota sales tax of 10.125% will apply. All room types are included in this rate structure.

A block of 30 rooms has been set aside for Tuesday, August 21, 2012 thru Sunday, August 26, 2012. With early registration, it is possible for the club to nearly fill the hotel with our event. There will be a wedding party coming in on the weekend.

The block for reservations is valid until July 22, 2012; however the hotel will continue to accept reservations on a "space available" basis after that date. It is important to note that these late reservations will be charged at the Full Rack Rate. It is important that our membership make reservations prior to the July 22, 2012 deadline in order to take advantage of the negotiated rate.

Members can call the hotel directly at (651) 275-1401, and ask for the "NSMASC Rooms" block. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or advance deposit, and cancellations must be made 24 hours before the arrival date. Check in time is 3pm and checkout time is 11am. Full payment is due at time of check in.

A Deluxe Continental breakfast is served daily as part of the lodging package and is served from 7am to 10am. The meeting room has been reserved for use as a hospitality site. Dog bathing will be set up outside the hotel. No bathing/grooming of dogs in rooms will be permitted.

This is just the first announcement with many more to come. So, get your vacation time scheduled and plan on seeing the "Land of 10,000 Lakes", 4 dogs show and 1 HUGE mall this August!

Thank you and see you at the NATIONALS!

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