

## WELCOME & VERY IMPORTANT DETAILS

Welcome!

The Poodle Club of America is looking forward with delight to welcoming you to its 2024 National Specialty Hunt Test at beautiful Mt. Ararat Farm in Port Deposit MD. Mt. Ararat is one of the finest dog training facilities in this part of the country and we are extremely grateful to Gaby Buck and the entire Buck family for allowing us to use this wonderful facility for our event. We want to thank all of those who make such an event possible.

First, of course, our judges. We are grateful for your time, your expertise and your enthusiasm. We understand that by being here, you are taking time away from your own dogs and we appreciate that very much. We also greatly appreciate your support of our breed. We want to express our gratitude to the two local clubs that are supporting the Poodle Club of America in this venture. The Waterland Retriever Club and the Maryland Sporting Dog Association are providing both equipment and workers for our training day as well as our tests. We also want to express our appreciation to the many others who have volunteered their time to work at this event—friends, family, members of groups who train at Mt. Ararat Farm, and of course, many of you who will be entered. Without all of you this event could not take place. Please accept our most sincere thank you.

The Poodle Club of America is an AKC member club and also a member of the Master National Retriever Club. All participants and guests are expected to follow AKC Rules and Guidelines with respect to their conduct at this event. Please respect this property and its owners. If you meet Gaby and/or her sons, introduce yourself and express your appreciation. Please drive slowly and park in designated areas and take all of your trash with you when you leave.

The Officers and Directors of the Poodle Club of America as well as the members of the Hunt Test Committee are very excited about the return of our National Specialty Field Events to Maryland. In addition to the tests themselves, we have a training day (Thursday) a Welcome Party (Friday) and perhaps some other social events planned for the long weekend. Check the details below.

By the way, make certain you don't miss the Swag Alert!

We look forward to having you join us for what we hope to be one of the best Specialty Events ever! Check back often for updates and additional details. They'll be posted on the PCA Website under the 2024 Hunting National Events.

See you in Maryland!

*Helene Huffer, Event Coordinator*

## **TRAINING DAY**

Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be a pre-test training day.  
There will be a spaniel session and a retriever session.

Entrants may participate in one or both.

Each session will work on both land and water.

Two very accomplished experts will do the set ups  
and offer tips and coaching to those who would like it.

Cost: \$25 per dog, per session, birds (fliers) included

***RSVP and prepayment required***

***Go to PCA website and click on SHOP***

## **WELCOME PARTY**

Our Welcome Dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, October 4th.

It will be held in the grand, historic residence,  
the centerpiece of the Donaldson Brown Conference Center.

It stands high on the banks of the Susquehanna River,  
but is literally just steps away from the test fields and ponds  
of Mt. Ararat Farm!

You can feast and fete

knowing that your dog is safe and comfortable  
right outside the door on this private farm.

Dinner will be a delicious buffet,  
concluding with an ice cream sunday bar with all of the fixings.

Cost: \$57, tax and gratuity included

Dress, casual (no need to go back to the hotel to change!)

BYOB

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*( Want a peek at the location in advance of the party? Visit <https://donaldsonbrown.com/> )*

## **SWAG ALERT!**

PCA 2024 Hunt Events may not have a Red Carpet but . . .  
they have plenty of SWAG.

To celebrate our return to Maryland

each 2024 entrant will receive a Swag Bag  
filled with more than \$225. of absolutely fabulous gifts!

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