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## THOUSANDS OF CANINES COMPETE IN DOG SHOW AND AGILITY TRIALS AT THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

**LOUISVILLE, KY (March 9, 2016)** –The Kentucky Exposition Center will be overrun with dogs Thursday, March 17 – Sunday, March 20 when the Kentuckiana Cluster All-Breed Dog Show and the Greater Louisville Club American Kennel Club's Agility Trials brings more than 3,500 competitors to town.

Show competition starts at 8:00 a.m. daily in the West Wing, West Hall, and Pavilion. Canines are judged on conformation, obedience, rally and agility. The competition begins with classes based on sex, age and breed with the winners earning the right to move to the next level of competition. Winners of the early rounds and present AKC Champions will compete for Best of Breed before moving on to group competition. From there competitors advance to Best of Show.

For the first time in show history, attendees can "Meet the Breeds" and their handlers in the show ring on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The exciting Dock Diving Dogs are back. Competitive canines will long jump into a swimming pool, chasing a toy or Frisbee, aiming for the furthest distance.

Alongside the dog show, the Greater Louisville Training Club American Kennel Club's Agility Trials comes to Broadbent Arena Thursday, March 17 – Sunday, March 20, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Agility Trials are open to the public.

Admission to the first day of the show is free. For Friday-Sunday, admission to the Kentuckiana Cluster All-Breed Dog Show is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children (under 12) and seniors, and \$15 for a family pack of four tickets (must include at least one adult). Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per car and \$20 for buses.

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## ABOUT THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 677,000 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go online to <a href="https://www.kyexpo.org">www.kyexpo.org</a>.

## **ABOUT PARKING**

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. The spacious grounds have 19,000 parking spaces and is accessible from six gates surrounding

the facility. Gates are located off of Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.