

## **Press Conference Announcement**

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### **CottonLand Cluster of Dog Shows Press Conference**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 21

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Monroe Civic Center, Arena Lobby  
401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Monroe

Join us for a press conference to announce this year's CottonLand Cluster of Dog Shows. Please see the press release below for additional information.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Cottonland Cluster of Dog Shows scheduled for Labor Day Weekend**

**MONROE-WEST MONROE, LA-** The 2012 Cottonland Cluster of Dog Shows is scheduled for August 30-September 2, 2013, at the Monroe Civic Center Arena and Conference Hall. This will be the 41st year of shows, however a total of 79 shows thus far have been held at the Monroe Civic Center.

Four All Breed Shows will be featured, as well as 25 Specialty Shows including Basset Hounds, Belgian Sheepdogs, Boston Terriers, Boxers, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Chinese Cresteds, Chinese Shar-Peis, German Shepherd Dogs, Giant Schnauzers, Pembroke Welsh Corgis and Vizslas. There will also be two AKC Special Events and, for the 13th year in a row, the Southern Handlers Charity Match.

This year's panel of judges includes internationally known judges from 13 different states and Canada. Last year the shows brought 132 breeds or varieties of dogs and 97 professional handlers from over 39 states, Canada, Mexico and Costa Rica to the Monroe area.

The schedule of events is as follows:

August 30: Bayou Kennel Club All Breed Show, Basset Hound Club of Bayou Country (North Louisiana), Boston Terrier Club of Louisiana (New Orleans), Boxer Club of Louisiana (New Orleans), Cowtown Chinese Crested Club (Ft Worth), Giant Schnauzer Club of America and Trinity Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club (Dallas)

August 31: American Kennel Club Responsible Dog Ownership & Educational Booth, Bayou Kennel Club All Breed Show, Boston Terrier Club of Louisiana (New Orleans), Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Cowtown Chinese

Crested Club (Ft Worth), German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Ouachita, Giant Schnauzer Club of America, South Louisiana Vizsla Club (Lafayette), Southern Handlers Charity League Annual Charity Match and Trinity Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club (Dallas)

September 1: Vicksburg Kennel Club of Ms All Breed Show, Basset Hound Club of Bayou Country (North Louisiana), Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Cowtown Chinese Crested Club (Ft Worth), German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Ouachita, Giant Schnauzer Club of America and South Louisiana Vizsla Club (Lafayette)

September 2: Vicksburg Kennel Club of Ms All Breed Show, Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Cowtown Chinese Crested Club (Ft Worth) and Giant Schnauzer Club of America

On Saturday, August 31st, the Bayou Kennel Club will host the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Booth, as well as the 13th Annual Southern Handlers Charity League charity Fun Match. The AKC RDO & Educational Booth will be open on Saturday & Sunday. There will be Puppy classes each day and Puppy Groups and Best Puppy in Show will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, just before the regular breed Best In Show judging.

The Shows will be open from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Proceeds from the spectator gate will be donated to the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Canine Unit. Past shows have risen over \$283,500 that was donated to Canine Units, Humane Societies, and scholarships to the University of Louisiana Monroe, Louisiana State University and Mississippi State University for veterinary medicine students as well as to other charitable causes.

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