KERRYFEST

2021

United States
Kerry Blue Terrier Club

Welcome to the biggest and best KerryFest in its 5-year history. Thank you for supporting KerryFest and our wonderful breed by entering and attending.

Planning and staging an event like KerryFest take many volunteers and months of planning. These events do not just happen. They involve dedicated volunteers who unselfishly give their time to assure all attendees have a flawless experience. Here are just a few of the people (in no order) who have worked to assure this is the best KerryFest ever:

Melanie Fledges - USKBTC Artist in Residence who not only provides our T-Shirt design each year but prepares all the materials for the Challenge of Champions and co-editor of Blueprints.

Janie MacBryde - Janie has prepared both the Challenge of Champions and Futurity Catalog and co-edits Blueprints.

Nick Fletcher – Nick leads the Judge Selection Team. No easy task as roughly 20 judges must be chosen and contracted each year.

Eva Hansen – Eva has chaired the Futurity/Maturity for 2020 (held at KerryFest this year) and the Futurity/Maturity for 2021 to be held at Montgomery County this Fall.

Gigi Reiling – Gigi serves as President of the St. Louis Kerry Blue Terrier Club and has been a key person in coordinating our events with Purina Farms. (A special thanks for George Lorentz, Gigi's Dad, for storing our trophies year after year.)

Lindsay Kirk – Lindsay pulls together and orders the KerryFest T-Shirts

Eddie Dulaney - Eddie handles the paperwork with AKC for KerryFest and the interface with the superintendents.

Cheryl Stanczyk and David Poynter– Cheryl is our Barn Hunt coordinator which will return to KerryFest in 2022. David has helped with our Barn Hunt judges as we move forward.

Rick Fledges – Rick is providing much of the Hospitality this year...no small feat with over 80 in attendance. It pays to get to know Rick.

Mark Adsit and George Hanna – Mark will serve as KerryFest photographer and George will serve as videographer streaming live on Face Book.

Julee Manahan – Julee serves as Trophy Chair and is assisting with Hospitality

...and many others will step up as the weekend progresses...all of you are valued...THANK YOU!

The Big Event

You know the challenges of the past 15 months and, as we emerge from the pandemic, we are pleased that Purina Farms is again hosting events. Purina Farms continues to have strict protocols in place and our presence here is permitted by our assurance each exhibitor will be respectful of those protocols and comply with them.

We chose to have as many events outside as possible to provide opportunities for renewing friendships, enjoying the dogs, and having a bit more

freedom than available inside the main building. This decision comes with a weather risk which we will mitigate to the extent possible by keeping one show tent clear to move the ring under if required.

What follows are the planned layouts, facility information and what we hope are helpful hints to consider before you arrive:

1) There are 2 outside layouts depending on weather. Our preference is to show on the grass or pad weather permitting but we will move under the tent in case of rain. Figures 1 and 2 show the potential layouts. Whether or not we use the concrete pad for the ring will depend on the condition of the turf, rain leading up to the event, etc.
2) One tent is dedicated to grooming. There are 24 5 by 8 spots. These are first come first served. If you have multiple dogs, we will work with you on the combining of space but ask first...do not just "move in" .... you may be asked to move if it does not comply with Purina's guidelines. We believe this is more than enough space given many will groom under their own popup or at their rig.
3) If you have a popup tent we urge you to bring it as it will give you more flexibility. Tents must be 6 feet apart unless you are part of a group traveling together.
4) There will be 2 bathing tubs at the grooming tent and there will be limited power for dryers. Please share as needed.
5) Porta Johns will be available as well as sanitizing stations. Masks are currently required.
6) At the request of Purina Farms, the Challenge of Champions was moved to the Founders Room. We could not accommodate the 80+ people who will attend under the show tent and could not risk inclement weather. We know this will be an inconvenience to our 13 Challenge participants, but grooming space will be arranged on the main show floor. Details will be available once we get on site Thursday and work with the Cluster. There will be one way in and one way out of the Founders Room. Purina will provide personnel to help with traffic in and out. Figure 3 shows the layout for the Founders Room however the ring entrance will be on the other end than that shown.
7) You must have a hospitality wrist band to enjoy KerryFest hospitality. No hospitality is available for purchase at the show. You can pick the wrist bands up at the Futurity/Maturity on Thursday afternoon. Julee

Manahan has volunteered to handle this job. *The person who made the reservation is the person who must pick up the wrist bands for their party.*

a. Lunch on Friday will be available on a "take out" basis in the motorhome area. More details on Friday.
b. Dinner Friday night will be in the Founders Room. Due to changes by Purina in the last week it will be in plastic containers such as restaurant takeout and be served in the Founders Room. There will be a cash bar with wine and beer available...no spirits this year due to Purina restrictions on serving open beverages.
c. Lunch on Saturday is a boxed lunch prepared by the Purina caterer and will be delivered to the Show Tent during the lunch break.
d. Saturday evening, we will again have a "take out" supper served from the motorhome area. More details on Saturday.

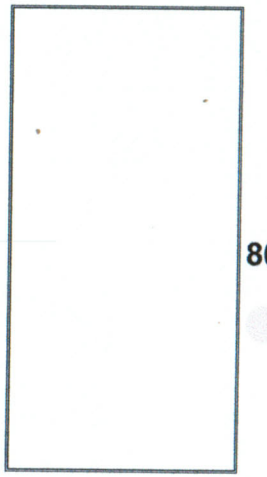
8) A tentative schedule with times is in Figure 4. All is subject to change with times in the published judging schedule taking precedent in case of a conflict with Figure 4.
9) Every day you will fill out a health screen questionnaire to enter the Purina Farms property...allow time for this process. They have extended where this will be done to keep traffic from backing up on the main road and have alternatives if the process becomes bogged down. Please be patient, get your shot, and get this behind us*!*
10) *Purina Security has a list of those who are allowed on the property. You must be on the list to get in to Purina Farms...if you are entered they have your name, if you gave it to Gigi as a volunteer you are covered...if you have done* ***neither*** *get in touch with Gigi.*
11) John Garahan, Nick Fletcher, Gigi Reiling and Carl Ashby are available if issues arrive during the shows. Please reach out to us as we have the relationship both with the Cluster and Purina Farms...***DO NOT argue with any Purina Farms personnel*** .... get us to resolve any issues. *This is the first event at Purina Farms in 15 months...there will be issues.*

Good Luck and Have a GREAT Time at KerryFest 2021!

Main Show Field
Tent 1
RAIN PLAN

un-tented

40 ft



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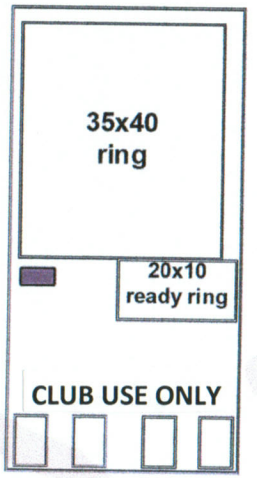

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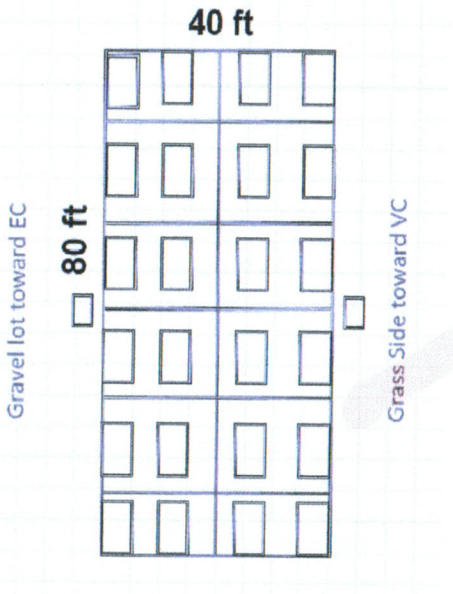
Baths- 2ft x 4ft

Groom- 5ft x 8ft

3ft between spaces

8ft main aisle

6ft aisles in between



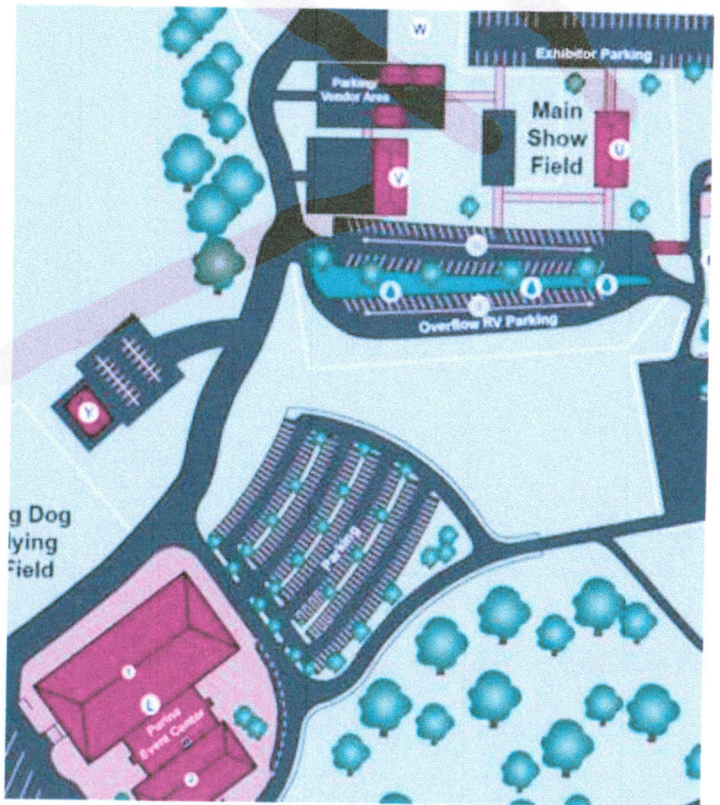
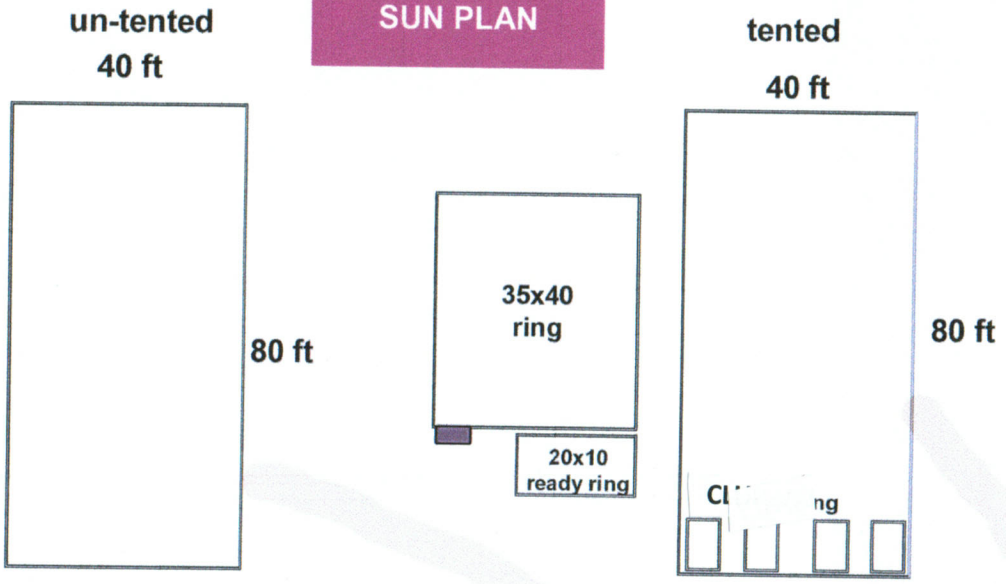


FIGURE 1

Main Show Field
Tent 1
SUN PLAN



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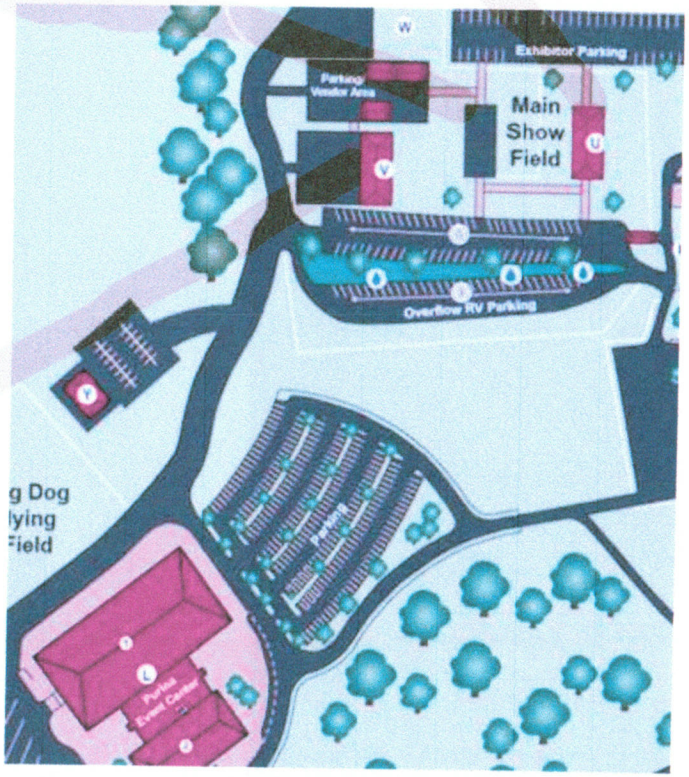

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Challenge of Champions KerryFest 2021 as of 4/23

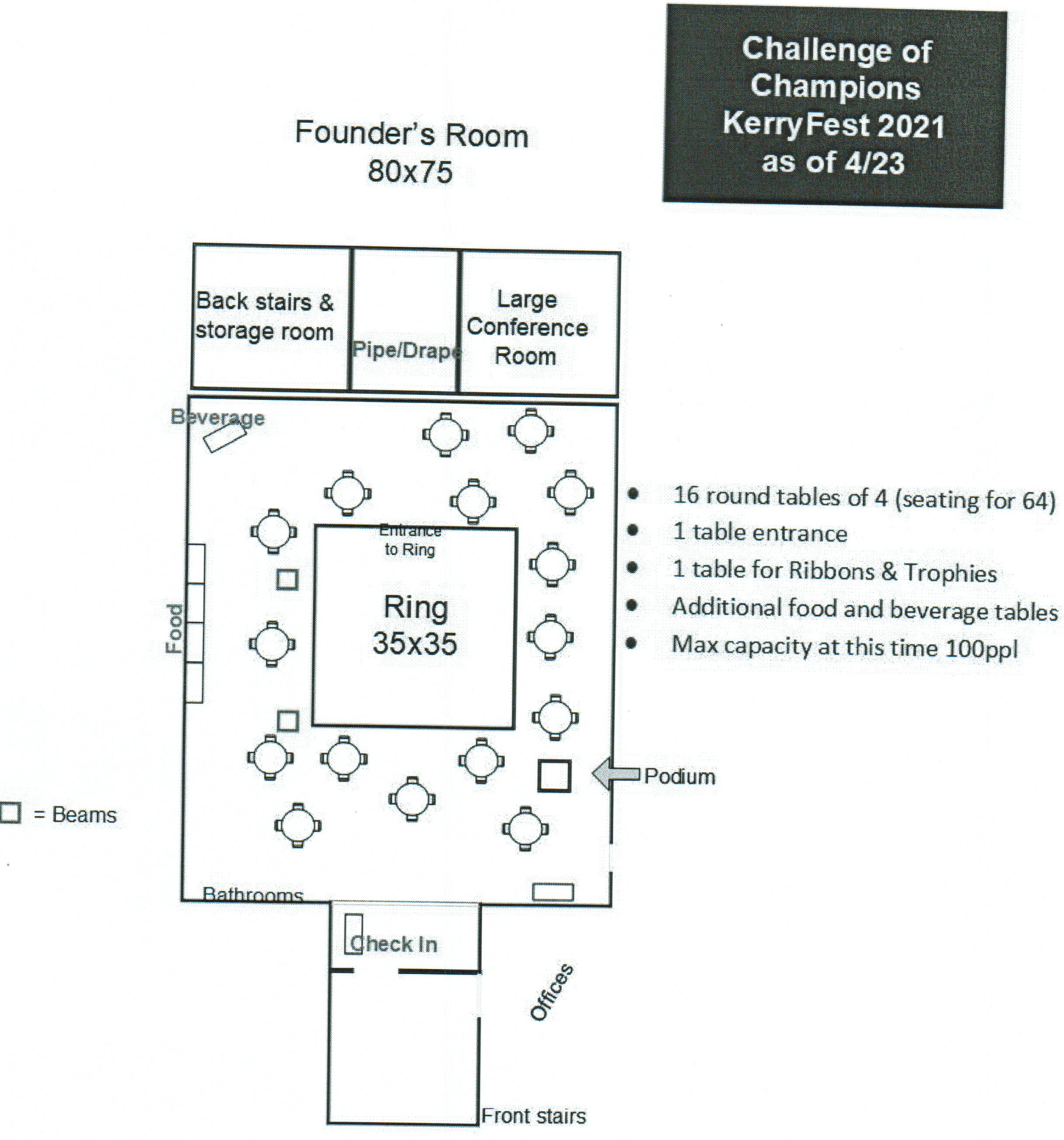

FIGURE 3

KERRYFEST 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME
FUTURITY/MATURITY	THURSDAY	3:30 PM
USKBTC SPECIALTY	FRIDAY	9:00 AM
ST LOUIS SWEEPS	FRIDAY	1:30 PM
ST LOUIS SPECIALTY CLASSES		2:15 PM
CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS		
BAR OPENS	FRIDAY	6:00 PM
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ST. LOUIS SPECIALTY	SATURDAY	10:00 AM
USKBTC SPECIALTY	SATURDAY	2:00 PM
HOSPITALITY	SATURDAY	6:00 PM
USKBTC SPECIALTY	SUNDAY	10:00 AM

FIGURE 4