

## **Future BMDCA National Specialty dates and locales are as follows:**

2009 - Oregon  
April 27 - May 2, 2009\*

2010 - Wisconsin  
May 10 - 15, 2010\*

\*Future Specialty dates Pending AKC approval

## **Rotation Zones for Hosting National Specialties**

There are ten geographic zones used for rotating BMDCA National Specialties around the country and identifying host clubs or consortiums. Currently one zone, representing the Specialty anniversary years ending in 5, is an open bidding year. As more regional clubs form, this zone may also be assigned to a specific region and regional clubs.

The advantage of ten zones is that, with a 3-4 year planning process to host a specialty, this cycle gives each zone 6-7 years between hosting one specialty and starting to plan their next. These zones are formulated around regional clubs, not based on state boundaries.

Each zone includes both larger or longer established or more active clubs with those which are newer or smaller, in order to encourage a learning, mentoring process. However, specialty zone decisions should always be mutually agreed upon by all the clubs of the zone - a one club one vote policy. Decisions should not be made by votes of individual members, enabling larger clubs to outvote the smaller ones.

The clubs in each zone will be contacted four years ahead. Each club of the zone has the option of participating, either as host or co-host, or not participating at all. If no clubs or individuals in a particular zone and year wish to host, the national specialty will be held in conjunction with an all-breed club in that zone. The clubs and members of each hosting zone should feel comfortable reaching out to the members of neighboring clubs for assistance and manpower and these neighboring clubs should help by sharing information and requests for assistance with their members. In recent years members from across the country have reached out to help various specialty committees and this assistance should always be welcome. However, every effort should be made to keep the core committee within the specified zone to facilitate in-person meetings for planning.

The following list includes the location of the ten specialties prior to implementation of the ten zone system, followed by zone numbers (linked to the year) and the regional club(s) associated with that year and zone.

- 1999 Arizona
- 2000 Wisconsin
- 2001 Washington
- 2002 West Virginia
- 2003 California
- 2004 Texas
- 2005 Pennsylvania
- 2006 Michigan
- 2007 Kentucky

- 2008 New England
- 2009 (Zone 9) Seattle, Oregon, Inland NW, Alaska
- 2010 (Zone 10) Wisconsin, Illinois, Greater Twin Cities
- 2011 (Zone 1) So CA, Grand Canyon
- 2012 (Zone 2) Watchung, Helderberg, Finger Lakes
- 2013 (Zone 3) NorCal, Sierra West
- 2014 (Zone 4) Mason Dixon, Potomac, Blue Ridge, Chatahoochee
- 2015 (Zone 5) Open bidding Specialty Anniversary years
- 2015 = 40th National Specialty 2025 = 50th etc.
- 2016 (Zone 6) Rockies, Lone Star, Heartland
- 2017 (Zone 7) Michigan, North Coast, Kentuckiana, Three Rivers
- 2018 (Zone 8) Nashoba