



# 2019 HSDAA National Specialty

November 6-10, 2019 ■ Virginia Beach, VA

Please join us in Virginia Beach to celebrate our 2019 National Specialty! We have an exciting and fun-filled time planned for everyone. This is my first year chairing this event and I am so excited to make it the best National yet. If you haven't been to one of our National Specialties, you will be sorry you missed them after coming to this one. The National Specialty will be held at the lovely Wyndham Oceanfront Virginia Beach from November 6-10, 2019. The National Specialty is not just about showing your Silk but rather meeting old and new friends, socializing your Silk with other Silks and enjoying the beautiful oceanfront in Virginia Beach! We have plenty of other activities planned, such as our Halloween Pup Party on Saturday afternoon that includes the Costume Pawrade, Trick or Treat and Treasure Hunt. We also have some very special seminars and performance event exhibitions planned geared to all pet owners. We hope you'll come to socialize with other HSDAA members and their Silks.

Plan on arriving on Wednesday, November 6th to meet new and old friends in the evening for a Meet and Greet in Hospitality. The first Regional Specialty will begin on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm and will follow our normal format. The second Regional Specialty will be on Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Our National Specialty will take place on Saturday and Sunday mornings. On Saturday morning, the National kicks off with the Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes followed by the judging for the companion and certified class dogs. On Sunday, we will have the companion and certified Best of Breed and Best in Specialty Show rings followed by the special classes (Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Generations, Brace and Best Bred By). The entry forms for the show are on the website now. Mark your calendar for October 24, 2018 when regular entries close.

Our Annual Members' meeting will take place on Friday morning where you can share your views with fellow members and your board. Our Recording Secretary, Gloria Sharrar, will be sending a notice for this meeting and soliciting agenda items, but if you have anything you would like to put on the agenda, please contact Gloria at [nana4gks@me.com](mailto:nana4gks@me.com).

On Saturday afternoon we will have our Doggy Halloween Party, which will include our Costume Pawrade and contest, so start thinking of a special costume for your Silk that might catch the judge's eye. Marge Feiner will be judging our costume contest this year and she is planning other fun activities for all!

We will not be able to offer OFA eye testing this year as there is a national seminar for canine ophthalmologists that all such vets will be attending.

Saturday evening is our Annual Banquet, Silent and Live Auction and Awards Presentation. This event is a wonderful way to relax and socialize with other Havana Silk Dog members and support the club.

## **HOTEL**

Wyndham Oceanfront Virginia Beach  
57th St. and Atlantic Ave.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
757-428-7025

When calling for reservations be sure to mention that you are with the Havana Silk Dog Association of America and ask for the special room rate of \$104 for an oceanfront room. The pet fee is \$100 for up to three dogs for your entire stay. Each additional dog is \$25 for your stay. The deadline to reserve a room to receive the HSDAA special rate is September 25 - just weeks away! Please plan on booking your hotel room through our block of rooms. What we pay for our show room and other public rooms at the National Specialty depends on how many individual rooms our members book and stay in. If members book outside of our block on their own, we end up paying significantly more money than if they booked within our block. Plus, the pet fee is much higher if you book outside the block. If you have three dogs in your room for four nights you would pay \$300 instead of the HSDAA contracted rate of \$100. Heck, even if you only have one dog in your room, you would pay \$125 instead of \$100.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Gretchen Kellas is in charge of Hospitality this year. We will start with pizza in the hospitality suite on Wednesday night. We will provide lunch on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the hospitality suite. On Thursday and Friday evenings, we will have snacks and beverages in the hospitality suite after dinner. If you can sponsor all or part of any of these meals, please be in touch with Marilyn Spence. Please let Marilyn know if you are able to assist in hospitality by helping Gretchen unload and set up or unpack supplies or clean up after a session, she will relay the information to Gretchen.

## **WELCOME BAGS**

Susan Gunter is coordinating the welcome bags this year. We need your help in filling the bags with your favorite samples, toys, etc. We are getting 25 bags made this year. You can help us fill them by providing 25 items yourself or teaming up with a couple of other members. If you have items to donate for the welcome bags, please contact Susan at [gunterssg57@icloud.com](mailto:gunterssg57@icloud.com) to let her know what you'll be donating. She can give you an address where you can ship your items in Virginia Beach or you can bring them with you.

## **SEMINARS**

We will be having a seminar on Puppy Books and Dog Logs with Susan Ferguson, which will help you with your record keeping for your dogs. Cathy Foldesi is offering the Canine Good Citizen test again this year and is also introducing us to scent training with our Silks. We are also planning two just for fun play dates in the grooming room where owners and Silks can meet and let off some steam.

## **TROPHIES AND ROSETTES**

HSDAA will be covering the cost of all trophies, using the proceeds from the Saturday Live and Silent Auction, to offset the cost of trophies. We have some very nice trophies planned for this year. The rosettes for the National Specialty are always stunning and very coveted.

## **HALLOWEEN PUP PARTY**

Marge Feiner will be hosting a very special Halloween Pup Party on Saturday afternoon. We will have various activities for the dogs. This event was a huge hit last year and if you are only able to make this event it is worth the trip on Saturday afternoon.

- Costume Pawrade and Contest – Dress your furkids up!
- Trick and Treat - dog must perform a trick to get a treat
- Treasure hunt - dogs must find hidden treasure (toys and treats).

### **ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Lonnie Steinberg and Cindy Lanigan are in charge of our delicious banquet on Saturday evening. The banquet menu and registration forms will be available on the HSDAA website soon. This is not to be missed! They did an amazing job last year!

Our Annual Awards Presentation will follow dinner. We will be presenting plaques to all dogs achieving their Grand Championships this year. Please plan on joining us to congratulate our recipients.

### **SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION**

Our annual Silent and Live Auction will be held before and during the banquet on Saturday night. Janet Mulligan is taking donations for the auction. Please contact her if you have anything you wish to donate. Many items in the auction are donated by our members, while others will be donated by sponsors. Even if you are not going to the National Specialty this year please consider donating an auction item. This is a great way to share your favorite items with other members. Both human and doggy items are appreciated. Gretchen Kellas will be repeating as our Live Auctioneer. If you have an item to donate, please contact Janet at [janetmul@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmul@yahoo.com) to let her know what items you are donating. Auction forms will soon be available on the HSDAA website.

### **ONLINE AUCTION**

The HSDAA National Specialty Show Online Auction will return in 2019! Whether attending the HSDAA National Specialty in Virginia Beach or not, please celebrate the Havana Silk Dog by participating in the 3rd annual online auction to support HSDAA. Details to come.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone at our National Specialty! Help us make it special. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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