



It's time for the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills – here come the Kooikerhondjes, Xoloitzquintli, Bergamascos, Spinoni, Pumi and Azawakhs

The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, with a history of dog shows in Southern California for more than a half century, is back again in 2019, and will bring a lot of additional friends along to the Los Angeles County Fairplex in Pomona on Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3 for an extraordinary show weekend at a special site, with lots of dogs and great competition.

And it's free to the public!

You'll get to see some familiar doggy faces: Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Dachshunds, Beagles, Chihuahuas, Bulldogs, German Shepherds and more. But you will probably also spot a few dogs that you won't see walking in the park, like a Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, a Xoloitzquintli, a Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, a Boerbel, a Bergamasco ... and perhaps even the newest breed recognized for American Kennel Club competition: an Azawakh.

KCBH hosts two of its own shows on the weekend, with more than 1,500 dogs of some 200 breeds and varieties expected each day at the Fairplex. But this year, there are a lot of other clubs showing up as well, with 11 independent specialties on the day before (Friday, March 1), including two shows from the famed Great Western Terrier Club, as well as 28 supported entries over the weekend.

Of course, the dogs are the stars, but there will be some dog-loving Hollywood red carpet TV and movie celebrities sprinkled in amongst the activities to bring a few more smiles to the day.

And speaking of television - the Saturday show on March 2 is called the Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina, and is taped for broadcast on Easter Sunday, April 21 (10am PT, 1pm ET).

Again this year, NBC is bringing John O'Hurley and David Frei, the co-hosts, and Mary Carillo, the features reporter, to California to be a part of this show, just as they have been with NBC's hugely successfully National Dog Show on Thanksgiving Day for the past 17 years. For the dogs, their people, and the spectators, it is the third year that they get to be part of a television event.

Breed judging begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday and at 8 a.m. Sunday. Breed and Variety winners advance into their respective Groups (Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, Herding), with judging starting at 1 p.m. each day. The seven Group winners become the finalists for red carpet judging for Best In Show, following the Groups.

For more information, log on to the club website (www.kennelclubofbeverlyhills.com) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/kcbeverlyhills).

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