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RE: Mirabeau Park Hotel and Conference Center

To Whom It May Concern:

The Keeshond Club of America and the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club held our 2019 KCA National and PCKC Regional Specialties at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center from May 6 – 11, 2019. As Show Chair for both events in 2019, I highly recommend this facility for National, Regional and other dog shows. There are several reasons why this location worked well for the Keeshonden and their owners.

After several months searching for a suitable location along the I-5 corridor from Bellingham to Portland with little success, one of our members who has been active in organizing and participating in dog shows for over 25 years suggested we look at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley. This site proved to meet the unique needs of KCA National Shows which rotate around the country.

The Mirabeau Park is an independently managed hotel locally owned without the restrictions of chain hotels. This made it easier to work together as a team. As this was their first dog show, Delaena Bundsen, our near-site representative, who had worked in the hotel industry, negotiated, advised and consulted with them on all aspects of dog shows and hotel. This was mutually beneficial for the hotel and our group. We were able to put together a contract in a very short time. Communication between the hotel and our group was a key factor in the success of our shows.

The Mirabeau Park team was very welcoming to all of us who visited both before and during the show. Doug Griep, Sales and Catering Manager, came to our PCKC Specialty in Enumclaw, WA to learn about dog shows and meet our members. In addition, Andy Rooney, Manager, hosted a Meet & Greet at the 2018 KCA National in Kansas. Every member of the Mirabeau Park Staff were helpful and available throughout the show—offering the best service, friendliness, and help when needed. Their hospitality was one of the highlights for the show.

In addition to the helpful staff, the hotel and convention center has many qualities that made it a great location. These include:

- With 236 guest rooms many on the ground floor with immediate access into the courtyard or parking area the hotel is conducive to hosting dogs.
- Rooms are large, clean, and include a mini-fridge and microwave. Some rooms have kitchenettes.
- Hotel has a lovely interior courtyard with grass, trees, plantings, and patio with restaurant service.
- Large parking area around the building with no parking fees.
- Several outdoor RV parking spaces with power.

- The hotel provided a dedicated dog elimination area, in addition to nearby grassed areas around the parking lot for dog walking. They also added “poop” stations with bags and disposal.
- Location is convenient – just off I-90. The area includes shopping, fast food, gas stations, a mall, etc.
- The Spokane airport is 15 minutes or so from the hotel. The hotel provided shuttle service for both people and dogs.

Max Restaurant and food service: The onsite restaurant has excellent food and the chef and his staff worked hard to serve our needs. The hotel also provided other food options including “grab and go” lunch buffet and snack items, as well as menu items for those with special needs. Room service was efficient for those who choose to stay with their dogs in the room. Banquet food was delicious.

Ballroom, grooming and bathing facilities:

- The ballroom was large enough to have both a conformation ring and obedience/rally ring. In addition, there was room for display of auction and raffle items. After Obedience and Rally were completed, the area could be blocked off for the annual meeting and other functions.
- The Gallery outside the ballroom provided space for show superintendent, vendors, photographer, and information tables.
- There were several additional conference rooms in the hotel for grooming, a hospitality room, and small meetings. Grooming rooms were close to the ballroom and outside access. These smaller rooms helped contain the noise that other Nationals have had with large ballroom grooming areas.
- The hotel provided a bathing station with warm water outside the ballroom/grooming area.

From the point of view of both the Keeshond Club of America and the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club, our exhibitors, guests, and dogs found this show to be a huge success. Comments on Facebook included rave reviews.

The cooperation, willingness to work together and the wonderful hotel staff were one of the major reasons for the success of the show. When problems occurred, we worked together to solve the issues quickly. From the beginning the hotel staff listened to our needs, made adaptations to their grounds to meet our needs, and were responsive to insuring that our exhibitors were happy.

Please feel free to contact me for more information or to answer questions about holding your event at the Mirabeau Park Hotel.

Thank you to the Mirabeau Park team and hotel for making our Specialties a huge success.

Sincerely,



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