Vizsla Club of America

National Specialty
Iron Dog Competition

April 21–26, 2025

Welcome to our 10th annual Vizsla Iron Dog Competition at the National Specialty Events. In celebration of our versatile Vizslas, this competition highlights the wide-ranging abilities of the breed. Entries in Iron Dog are open to AKC-registered Vizslas, including spayed and neutered dogs of all ages. Iron Dog points accumulate from classes entered in Conformation, Rally, Obedience, Agility, and Scent Work. After all competitions are completed, the overall winners will be crowned.

Dog-and-handler teams will collect points from 4 of the 5 venues. If a team chooses to compete in all 5 venues, their best scores will be used toward the final Iron Dog results. Conformation, Obedience, and Agility are mandatory venues. Rally and Scent Work are 2 flex venues that may be dropped. (For example, if you competed in Obedience, Rally, Agility, and Scent Work but not Conformation, only 3 of the 4 venues would have scores, and Conformation would be a zero.)

Professional handlers will be allowed; however, amateur owners will receive a 30-point bonus added to their Conformation score for handling their own dogs in all venues. Any professional handler who is listed as an owner and handles the dog in all other Iron Dog events is eligible for the bonus.

AWARDS: Gold, silver, and bronze medals and ribbons will be awarded to the top three point earners.

RULES:

- Only scores earned on designated National Specialty Event days will count.
- To be eligible in the companion events, the dog must be entered at the level in which it is currently competing in AKC events.
- A dog may be entered in any or all of the companion event types. Its highest score from the events will be used in Iron Dog scoring (e.g., Conformation would use the dog's highest placement in Sweepstakes or Conformation and its best score in Rally Excellent or Rally Advanced).
- Handlers who reside in the same household and share a dog may split handling (e.g., one owner handles in Obedience and another in Agility) and still receive the owner-handler bonus. Professional handlers may not split handling with co-owners.
- Handlers who reside in different households and split the handling of a dog are not eligible for the amateur bonus.
- Overall tiebreaker: We will use Agility times. Averaging the JWW and STD rounds, the dog with the fastest clean run in yards per second wins.

SCORING: A perfect score is 1,000. There are 250 points available in each venue: Agility, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, and Conformation. (Only 4 of the 5 venues will count.)

Agility: Jumpers and Standard scores will be added together plus any achievement bonuses. Master dogs earn achievement bonuses with speed points for each second under the course time to a maximum of 20 points. Preferred dogs will divide their speed bonus points in half.

For the purposes of the Iron Dog score tabulations only, the following penalties will be applied to faulted rounds:

- **"R"** – Refusal/run-out, 5 penalty points
- **"W"**– Wrong course, 5 penalty points
- **"T"** – Pause table fault, 5 penalty points
- **"F"** – Failure to perform, 10 penalty points
- **"E"** – Excusal (NQ), 0-point score for class

The following achievement bonuses will be added to your Agility score for a maximum of 250 points:

- **10 points** for Open (10 points per event, i.e., 20 points for JWW and STD)
- **15 points** for Excellent (15 points per event, i.e., 30 points for JWW and STD)
- **15 points** for Master (15 points per event, i.e., 30 points for JWW and STD)
- **0–20 speed points** (seconds under time)—minimum of 0 and maximum of 20 points combined from JWW and STD. (Preferred dogs can earn a maximum of 10 points.) Speed points apply only to clean rounds in Master JWW and STD.

Obedience: Of the 250 possible points, 20 points can be earned for participation plus your highest Obedience score. Should you receive an NQ, the points you did earn will contribute to your score. The following achievement bonuses will be added to your score:

- **5 points** for Novice or Veteran
- **10 points** for Graduate Novice or Preferred Open
- **15 points** for Open
- **20 points** for Graduate Open or Preferred Utility or Versatility
- **30 points** for Utility

Rally: Of the 250 possible points, 130 points can be earned for participation plus your highest Rally score. Should you receive an NQ, the points you did earn will contribute to your score. The following achievement bonuses will be added to your score:

- **5 points** for Intermediate
- **10 points** for Advanced
- **15 points** for Excellent
- **20 points** for Master or Choice

Scent Work: Of the 250 possible points, 120 points can be earned for participation plus 2 of your highest scores from 5 separate elements (interior, exterior, containers, buried, and HD-handler discrimination). The following achievement bonuses will be added to your score per element in which you participated:

- **5 points** for Novice
- **10 points** for Advanced
- **20 points** for Excellent
- **30 points** for Master
- **40 points** for Detective

In addition, the following placement bonuses will be awarded per element:

- **10 points** for Qualifying score
- **15 points** for Fourth place
- **20 points** for Third place
- **25 points** for Second place
- **30 points** for First place

Conformation: Points from your highest score in Sweepstakes or Conformation class will apply. A special Iron Dog Non-Regular class, designated as "Iron Dog" or "Iron Bitch" on the AKC entry form, will be offered only to those dogs competing in the Iron Dog Competition and who are not eligible to be judged in any other Conformation (Regular or Non-Regular) or Sweepstakes class. Dogs age 7 and over must be entered in Veterans. Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, and Brace classes do not earn points for Iron Dog.

Of the 250 possible points, 150 points can be earned for participation, 30 points for an owner-handler (see Notes), plus additional points for the following bonus categories:

- **1 point** for each dog defeated in a class for a maximum of 25 points
- **35 points** for Best of Opposite Sweeps or Best Veteran Dog/Bitch in Sweeps
- **40 points** for Best in Sweeps
- **45 points** for Reserve Winners Dog or Reserve Winners Bitch
- **50 points** for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch
- **55 points** for Award of Merit or Best of Winners
- **60 points** for Select Dog or Select Bitch
- **65 points** for Best of Opposite
- **70 points** for Best of Breed

NOTES:

- **Add 30 points** for amateur owners/co-owners handling their own dogs in all venues.
- **Add 30 points** for professional handlers listed as owners handling their own dogs in all venues.
- Any dog excused from a class will receive a 0-point score for that class.
- Running totals of scores will be posted daily in a prominent location.
- Entry-level classes (Novice Agility, Beginner Novice, Preferred-Novice Obedience, Rally Novice, and Novice Scent Work) are not eligible for achievement bonus points.

Iron Dog Committee

Gail Fleming	Heather Jackson	Ginger Sammonds
Jenny Fleischer	Carol Keller	Jamie Walton

Registration Fee: The Iron Dog registration fee is $40 per dog plus the cost of all classes.

National Specialty Iron Dog Competition
Registration Form

Owner_____

Address _____

City_____State_____Zip _____

Phone_____

Email _____

AKC Name _____

Sex_____Call Name_____Date of Birth_____

Breeder _____

Sire_____

Dam _____

Handler_____Owner-Handled (Yes/No)_____

Agility Classes _____

Obedience Classes_____

Rally Classes _____

Scent Work Classes _____

Conformation/Sweepstakes Classes _____

Short Bio & Photo (100 words)_____

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The Iron Dog registration fee is $40 per dog plus the cost of entering Iron Dog classes. For Agility, enter through the Agility Secretary, Jim Payne**.** For Scent Work, enter through Norine Nieman. For Obedience, Rally, and Conformation, enter through BaRay Events . We appreciate emails with the registration form, the dog's bio and photo**;** but if entering online, please remember to mail your $40 registration check payable to VCA National Events to the following:

Jamie Walton
256 W. 8th Street
Claremont, CA 91711
(909) 730-0065
Email: Jamie@professionaldesign.org

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 2, 2025

We are looking forward to another fun event.

2025 Iron Dog Logo Merchandise

	Embroidered Iron Dog Logo Items	Color	Size	Cost	Qty.	Total
Heather Royal	**Sport-Tek Ladies' Sport-Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover—LST850** 6.8 oz., 90/100 poly/spandex An extremely flexible layer with a soft-brushed backing and moisture control for year-round comfort. *Colors: White, Black, True Royal, Heather Royal, Charcoal Grey & Heather Gray* **Sizes: XS–4XL**			$42.00		
Black	**Sport-Tek Men's Sport-Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover—ST850** 6.8 oz., 90/100 poly/spandex An extremely flexible layer with a soft-brushed backing and moisture control for year-round comfort. *Colors: Black, Charcoal Grey, True Royal, Heather Royal & Charcoal Heather Grey* **Sizes: XS–4XL**			$42.00		
Heather Charcoal	**District Made Men's Perfect Blend Crew Tee DM108** 4.3 oz., 50/50 cotton/poly, 100% pure tee perfection *Colors: Heather White, Heather Royal & Heather Charcoal* **Sizes: XS–4XL**			$16.00		
	District Made Ladies' Perfect Blend Crew Tee DM108L 4.3 oz., ring-spun, combed cotton/poly We mixed one part comfort and one part style. *Colors: Heather White & Heather Charcoal* **Sizes: XS–4XL**			$16.00		
	District Made Ladies' Perfect Blend V-Neck Tee DM1090L 4.3 oz., ring-spun combed cotton/poly We mixed one part comfort and one part style. *Colors: Heather White, Heather Royal & Heather Charcoal* **Sizes: XS–4XL**			$17.00		
Iron Grey	**Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket F217—Men's & Women's** 13.8 oz., 100% polyester Exceptionally soft, midweight fleece. *Colors: Winter White (Women's only), Black, Iron Grey & True Royal* **Sizes: XS–6XL (Small upcharge for 2XL–6XL)**			$45.00		
	Deluxe Washed Cotton Twill Hat – 18-692 100% cotton The great classic look and lightweight feel make this low-profile cap an all-round favorite. *Colors: Black, Royal & White*			$20.00		
	Port Authority Lunch Bag Cooler BG500 Take your lunch in this cooler that has a heat-sealed, water-resistant lining for easy cleanup. Side mesh pocket. *Color: Twilight Blue* **Dimensions: 10.5″h x 7.5″w x 6″d**			$22.00		

Custom Iron Dog Cell Phone Covers

Extra-Durable Case with Impact-Resistant Bumper—$55

This form-fitting, durable case with an impact-resistant silicone bumper adds up to great style and security for your phone. The integrated two-piece design safely cradles your phone, adding protection while complementing its fun look.

Join the Iron Dog craze and order your custom cover today!
You can personalize it with your name or your dog's name.

Personalization _____
(30 characters maximum)

Phone type (please circle):

iPhone 15	iPhone 13 ProMax	iPhone 11 ProMax	Samsung Galaxy S22	Samsung Galaxy S9
iPhone 15 Plus	iPhone SE	iPhone 8/8 Plus	Samsung Galaxy S21 Ult 5G	Samsung Galaxy S8+
iPhone 15 Pro	iPhone 12 Mini	iPhone 7/7 Plus	Samsung Galaxy S21 5G+	Samsung Galaxy S8
iPhone 15ProMax	iPhone 12	iPhone 6/6s Plus	Samsung Galaxy S21 5G	Samsung Galaxy S7
iPhone 14	iPhone 12 Pro	iPhone 6/6s	Samsung Galaxy S20 Ult.5G	Samsung Galaxy S6
iPhone 14 Plus	iPhone 12 ProMax	iPhone 5/5s/SE	Samsung Galaxy S20 5G+	Samsung Galaxy A5
iPhone 14 Pro	iPhone XR	Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra	Samsung Galaxy S20 5G	Samsung Galaxy Note 10+
iPhone 14 ProMax	iPhone XS Max	Samsung Galaxy S23+	Samsung Galaxy S10+	Samsung Galaxy Note 10
iPhone 13 Mini	iPhone X/XS	Samsung Galaxy S23	Samsung Galaxy S10e	Samsung Galaxy Note 9
iPhone 13	iPhone 11	Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra	Samsung Galaxy S10	Samsung Galaxy Note 8
iPhone 13 Pro	iPhone 11 Pro	Samsung Galaxy S22+	Samsung Galaxy S9+	

Iron Dog Merchandise Order Form

Pre-Orders Only

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number_____

Iron Dog Logo Cell Phone Cover Total Quantity____ @ $55.00 each = $_____

Iron Dog Logo Sportswear Total Sportswear Order = $_____

Please make check payable to VCA-NE Iron Dog $_____

Send sportswear choices and this order form with a check to the following:

Jamie Walton – Iron Dog
256 W. 8th Street
Claremont, CA 91711
(909) 730-0065
Email: Jamie@professionaldesign.org

Order deadline is Wednesday, April 2, 2025
All orders will be available for pickup at the Nationals.