

**MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS &  
RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS  
TO CELEBRATE AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP**

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**09/01/09**

*-- Massachusetts Residents to Participate in Nationwide  
Celebration This September --*

The Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs & Responsible Dog Owners announced that it will be celebrating AKC Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO Day) on Wednesday, September 16, 2009.

This goal of this initiative, supported by the American Kennel Club<sup>®</sup>, is to educate first-time dog owners about the responsibilities of dog ownership and help current owners enhance their relationships with their pets.

Rep. Anne Gobi will present Gov. Deval Patrick's RDO Proclamation in the Garden at the Bowdoin Street entrance to the State House in an 11:00am ceremony on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Other Massachusetts Legislators and responsible dog owners will also be in attendance.

AKC RDO Day is a month-long celebration that involves hundreds of organizations around the country holding free events filled with fun and engaging activities every dog owner can enjoy. To learn more about AKC RDO Day, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

See page two for detail of club events around the state.

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**Clubs with Responsible Dog Ownership events around the state include:**

09/11/09 – South Shore Kennel Club, Barnstable County Fairgrounds - 4 days of all breed dog shows, obedience and rally trials, Safety Around Dogs for Kids. Contact: Dianne Daley / 508-559-6532 / deedlespot@aol.com

09/18/09 – South Windsor Kennel Club, The Big E, West Springfield – Responsible Dog Ownership information at their booth at the fair. Contact: Peggy Wampold / 860-872- 4953 / pwampold@comcast.net

09/20/09 – Wachusett Kennel Club, Lancaster Fairgrounds, Lancaster, MA – "Meet the Breeds" in conjunction with Wachusett Kennel Club's agility trial. There will be a chance for people to learn about pure bred dogs and how to care for them. A variety of breeds will be present for visitors to pet, learn about their history, and to have their photos taken. Contact: Michelle B. Du Bois / 978-263-7004 / mbd@thlogic.com

09/21/09 – Hartford Obedience Training Club, The Big E, West Springfield - Hartford Obedience Training Club will be providing Obedience demonstrations as well as Canine Good Citizen demos to the general public attending the fair. Interactive exercises with the spectators promoting responsible dog ownership will occur during the entire day. Contact: Diane Connelly / 860-956-1589 / HOTC1937@cs.com

09/27/09 – Great Barrington Kennel Club, Great Barrington VFW, Great Barrington - Veterinarian lectures, many local pet vendors, rescue groups, face painting, rally & obedience demos, rally course for visitors, and food vendors! Contact: Honor S. Blume / 413-446-7147 / FAX 413-229-0147 / aussiemom01257@yahoo.com

09/28/09 – German Shepherd Dog Club of S.NH, Creepy Hollow Farm, Spencer, MA - Herding Test and Trials for German Shepherd Dogs. See exactly what this dog was bred to do! See the intelligence and how they work sheep! This is a German Shepherd Dog Herding Trial: Come watch German Shepherd Dogs perform the task for which they were bred. Contact: Diane Benoit / 603)-286-7879 / dbenoit@hodgescompanies.com

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