



A message from the event coordinator and chair, WUSV committee

2008 WUSV Championship Update

As we celebrate the New Year and extend our wishes of good health and good training to our fellow members, it's not too soon to look ahead to 2008. In fact, October 9, 2008, the first day of the 2008 WUSV World Championship hosted by United Schutzhund Clubs of America, is coming fast. But, rest assured that USA's WUSV Committee is preparing even faster!

What's been done...

The vast scope of preparations required to host an event such as the WUSV World Championship is incredible, and many have already dedicated countless hours of work to this effort. With just less than two years until the event, we have selected our location and venue: Florence Freedom Ballpark in the Greater Cincinnati area (Florence, KY). We've also secured 1,000+ acres of beautiful grass tracking just 10 minutes from the stadium.

On the administration front, a detailed project plan that outlines tasks, responsibilities, and milestones has been drafted, and all six of the key coordinator positions have been assigned. A budget has also been prepared, but must still be finalized. Projected expenses are \$143,000 and projected revenue is \$152,000.

Promotion of the event is also well underway: a preliminary logo concept has been developed, and we have secured all of the appropriate domain names for the event web site.

What's next...

In the near term, there are a number of tasks to complete. Among them, the development of an event web site and the approval of a final logo.

We are also in the process of developing a volunteer database. If you feel that you would be an asset to the team of volunteers working on this event, please contact Karen Groh at grohaus@worldnet.att.net and let her know what your interests and abilities are.

On a broader scale, we are working to secure major funding for the event both from corporate sponsors and donations. Our goal is for the 2008 WUSV Championship Donations Fund to reach \$25,000 (see chart for current and projected figures).

Though we have much yet to do, we have already accomplished many of the key tasks before us and are building a solid and experienced team of volunteers who will ensure that this event will be one to remember. Stay tuned!

- Johannes Grewe

