



WUSV 2008: Championship Update

The countdown is on. By the time you read this, there will be less than nine months before the top dog/handler teams from around the world converge on the United States for the 21st WUSV World Championship. Hosted by the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, this world-class event will take place Oct. 9-12, 2008, in the Greater Cincinnati, OH, area.

First, let's recap the great amount of progress that's been made so far. USA has selected a 4,000-seat minor league ballpark in Florence, KY, as the site for the trial. The dirt portion of the infield will be replaced with grass. Tracking grounds, about a 10-minute drive from the stadium, will consist of 1,200 acres of grass on rolling hills.

Our major sponsor, Royal Canin, has been secured, as has our equipment sponsor, Hallmark K9. The project plan for the event has been further detailed, and a budget has been finalized and approved by the Executive Board.

On the promotions front, we have an official event logo, and the event web site (www.wusv2008.org) is live. The web site is an excellent resource for spectators and competitors alike, and will include extensive details on everything from route planning and travel information to officials, sponsors, key contacts, results

and team bios. If you'd like a sneak peak into the event location and facilities, check out the short video located on the home page. Be sure to visit the WUSV 2008 Event Merchandise shop (www.wusv2008.org/shop.htm) to order commemorative t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats decorated with the official event logo—available now.

We are also thrilled to report that we have exceeded our membership fundraising goal! We hoped to raise \$25,000 from 450 donations (which represents about 11% of the membership) by April 2007. To-date we have raised \$33,780 from about 630 individuals. Thanks to those members for their generous and much-needed support, and let's keep those donations coming.

Though we have made great strides, there is still much hard work to be done to ensure that this is truly an event to remember. The success of this championship depends on the support and involvement of our membership—are you up to the challenge?

Karen Groh is compiling an extensive database of volunteers. She can be reached at (805) 529-1005, or by email at k9@Grohaus.com. Please contact her if you'd like to be part of the team. **USA**

*Jennifer Acevedo, PR Coordinator,
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The Stadium is a 4,000-seat minor league baseball stadium in Florence, KY. It will be the home of the 2008 WUSV World Championship.

Event organizers have secured 1,200+ acres of beautiful grass tracking about 10 minutes from the stadium.

