

USA GEARS UP FOR 2008 WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Oct. 9-12, 2008, United Schutzhund Clubs of America will host the WUSV World Championships. The event, which draws top handler/dog teams from across the globe, will be held in the Greater Cincinnati area in Florence, KY. With just two years left to prepare, our organization is already hard at work to ensure the success of this exciting competition.

As part of the communications process, the WUSV committee will use this space in Schutzhund USA magazine and the USA web site (www.germanshepherddog.com) to provide members regular and timely updates on our progress as we enter the critical planning and preparation phase for the event.

USA has selected a 5,000-seat minor league ballpark in Florence, KY, as the site for the trial. Tracking conditions, about a 10-minute drive from the stadium, will consist of 1,200 acres of grass on rolling hills. USA has just received approval from the WUSV on both the trial dates and location.

At present, USA's WUSV committee is in the process of filling key leadership positions who will help coordinate the unimaginable number of tasks required in order for this event to be a success. We as an organization recognize that our strength lies in our members, and we are committed to rallying the troops and making sure that our every resource is tapped.

As a first step in that direction, I have appointed Karen Groh as Volunteer Coordinator. Karen has agreed to compile a database of volunteers so that we have a large pool of talent to draw from. Karen can be reached at grohaus@worldnet.att.net or (805) 529-1005.

We are lucky enough to have a diverse and talented membership, and I encourage each person, club and region to think how they might help our organization as we undertake this honor. Big or small, every bit of support and every contribution counts.

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The Greater Cincinnati area offers visitors and competitors easy access via an international airport, a new 5,000-seat stadium, and more than 1,000 acres of grass tracking.