USLHC Survey Regarding Our National Specialty

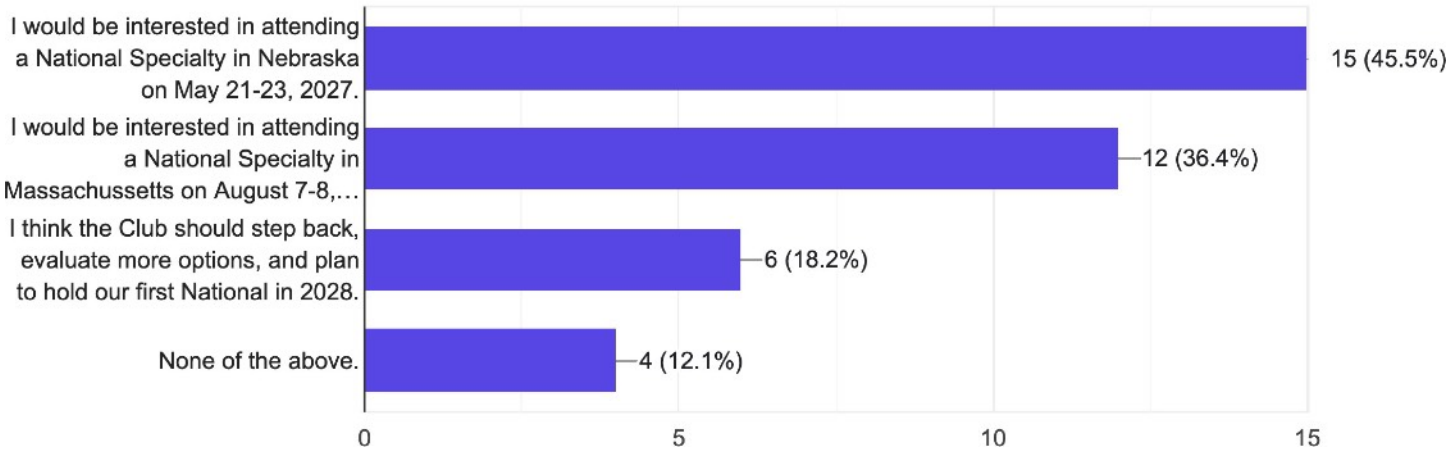
Conducted in October 2026

Three Possibilities

- We considered…
  - A National Specialty in Nebraska on May 21-23, 2027
  - A National Specialty in Massachusetts on August 7-8, 2027
  - Evaluating more options and planning to hold our first National in 2028
- We asked for Club members' preferences and plans, ideas, and volunteers!

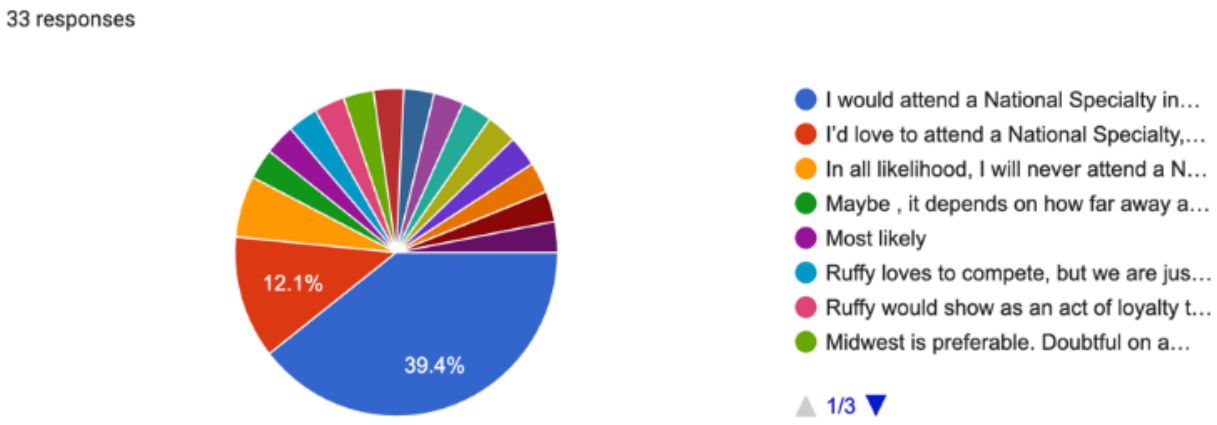
National Specialty Survey Responses

1. Our 2027 National Speciality options are Nebraska on May 21–23, 2027, or Massachusetts on August 7–8, 2027. Which are your most interested or likely to attend?



2. How likely are you to attend ANY National Speciality in 2027?

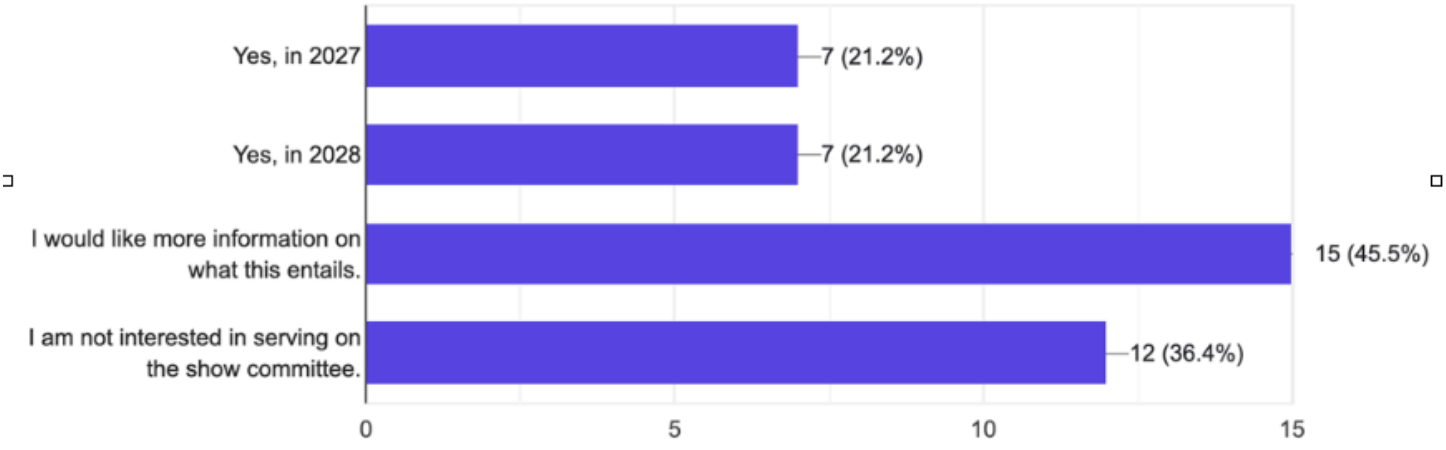
Responses



Comments

- I would attend a National Specialty in 2027, wherever it's held.
- I'd love to attend a National Specialty but won't be able to in 2027 regardless of location.
- In all likelihood, I will never attend a National Specialty. My Heeler is a beloved pet only.
- Maybe , it depends on how far away and what else I have going on.
- Most likely
- Ruffy loves to compete, but we are just too far away.
- Ruffy would show as an act of loyalty to the breed and the club.
- Midwest is preferable. Doubtful on a Massachusetts event
- Would do FastCat if in Orlando
- Depends on location
- Unlikely in 2027 unless stars align.
- I would attend a National Specialty that I could drive to from NH.
- I would love to attend a National Specialty in 2027, but it will depend on dates and location.
- If it was closer to me I would be happy to attend
- My ability to attend a National will depend on location and time of year.
- If the national is reasonably close to where i'm living, I would love to visit and see all the heelers. I don't currently have one of my own anymore but would love to see more of them!
- I would do my best to attend any national specialty in 2027 but I will honestly struggle to go anywhere west of the Mississippi due to timing with family and work.

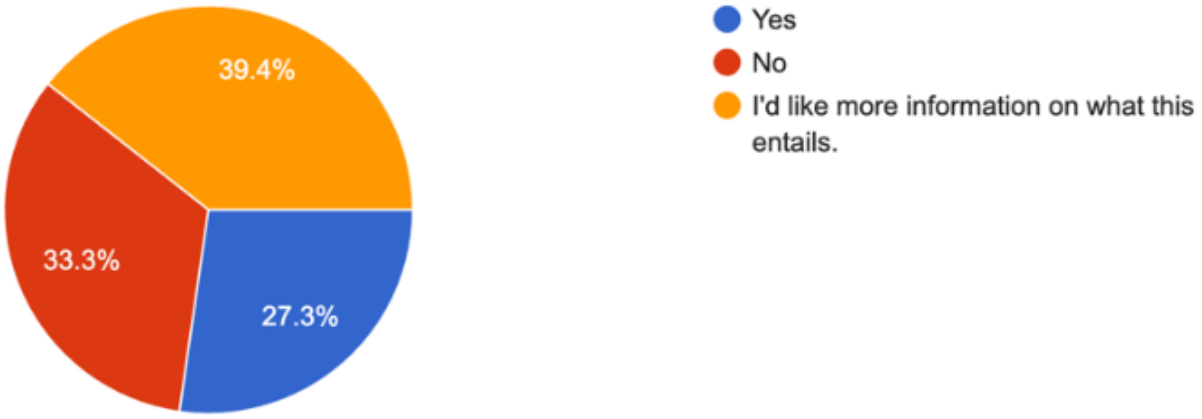
3. Are you willing to work on the show committee to put on a National Speciality in 2027 or 2028?



Thank you, voluneers!

Linda Bell	Amy Gibbs-Ehrie	Theresa Maltz
Andrea Christianson	Eliza Hajdu	Bonnie Smith
Carla Coggins	Kristen Ludwig	Jean Turoci

4. Are you willing to work on a committee to investigate future locations for a National Speciality in 2028?



Thank you, volunteers!

Linda Bell	Jona Decker	Theresa Maltz
Meridith Cairns-Mellen	Eliza Hajdu	Bonnie Smith
Andrea Christenson	Jeff Kestner	
Carla Coggins	Wren Knott	

National Speciality in Nebraska—Highlights

- Thursday, May 20 at Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington Nebraska
- In conjunction with the Nebraska Kennel Club's (KCC) all-breed shows on May 21–24, 2027
- 55 minutes from Omaha Airport
- Hotels within five miles of the venue
- Includes: Obedience, Rally, Health Clinics, and (in planning) Testing (Temperament, Canine Good Citizen, Therapy, Trick Dog), Fast CAT, Barn Hunt (offsite), Herding Instinct (offsite), Dock Diving
- Banquet Space, meeting rooms, and grooming available
- Onofrio as superintendent
- No charge from KCC
- Out-of-pocket cost to USLHC tbd, but likely to be in the $2,000 range