



# Lagotto Romagnolo Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America

National Specialty 2023  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Supported Entries March 23, 24, & 26, at The  
Meadow Event Park Pavilion, 13191 Dawn  
Boulevard, Doswell, Virginia 23047

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## 2023 National Specialty Judge

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**The Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America is honored to have Claire Wisch Abraham as our 2023 Judge.**

*“I have been involved in Sporting Dogs for over 30 years. Much of my success as a Breeder and Owner has coming from Pointing breeds. Multiple generations of All Breed Best in Show and multiple National Specialty winning German Wirehaired Pointers culminating with a Top Dog All Breeds.*

*Most recently my Italian roots lead me to the Spinone Italiano. I own the Top Winning Spinone Italiano in AKC History. She finished 2022 by winning the Sporting Group at the AKC National ampionship in Orlando and was the #3 Sporting Dog. I have traveled to Italy for many visits and attended the World Dog Show in Milan.*

*I live in Lovettsville, Virginia with three Spinone Italiano, a Pointer and five Chinese Cresteds.*

*I am thrilled to be judging your National Specialty!”*

**Claire Wisch Abraham**

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## 2023 Sweepstakes Judge

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### Sara Manzi

*"I am honoured to be asked to judge the 2023 LRCA National Specialty Sweepstakes. I am a second-generation purebred enthusiast born into a family that raised and showed APHA Paint Horses and Miniature Schnauzers under the prefix 'Drewsar'. I started junior handling at the age of four. I enjoyed studying pedigrees and learning about genetics at a young age and soon acquired our foundation Portuguese Water Dog. After finishing her championship, she gave us a beautiful litter of nine of which seven became Canadian Champions. By the age of 10, I finished my first bred-by puppy. We are now six generations out from her with over 60 home bred CKC Champions, Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show and multiple Best Puppy In Show winners. In 2021, I breeder-owner-handled the #1 PWD in Canada.*

*We have over ten Lagotto Champions, a Best Puppy in Show winner, and Group placers. I have sat on the board of the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Canada and currently serve as the Vice-President.*

*Dogs are my passion - planning breedings, raising puppies, picking out and growing up the next generation never gets any less exciting. We are thrilled to be expecting our 3rd home bred generation in the coming weeks. Thank you to the LRCA for the invitation and I hope everyone enjoys the speciality!"*



***Entries for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday respectively:  
57, 65, 75, & 48***

Don't live a life of regret, be there, have fun, and enjoy the Lagotti Life... Zoomies for everyone.

The National Specialty is an event for anyone that loves Lagotti. There will be events for everyone to train and learn about our dear fur family.

We even have events for humans to interact without social distancing.

***NEW Attention Revised March 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 2:30-4:00, The Mansion, Breed Education will be a Video Presentation by Professor Giovanni Morsiani. "Judgement criteria in dog shows of the Lagotto Romagnolo with notes on the main characters of the type in the breed."*** This will be the first time this presentation has been presented in the USA.

***NEW Ring Number 11 is The Pavilion Building***

**NEW** Apparel in limited quantity will be available at the Pavilion. First come, first served.

**NEW** See page 8 & 9 for Grooming, Crates, Tents, & Chairs

**NEW** See page 10 for venue Map

**NEW** Sunday, National Specialty Show. AKC rules restrict Sunday venue to dogs being shown.  
No visiting dogs.

**NEW** Showers, The North Campground showers by the LRCA RV sites will be available!

A free special presentation by Claire A. Wiley, VMD, DACVIM, Executive Director, AKC DNA will inform us on DNA issues.

The Silent Auction on Saturday night is open to all with some beautify and useful items.

**Proceeds from some fun activities on Saturday night will go the Lagotto Romagnolo Dog Rescue.**

Check out the Italian Flag Dog Bandanas, offered by Ann Sweeting, for each Lagotto attending the National Specialty that is registered in Conformation or in any event.

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**LRCA Host Hotel:**(No events will be held in the Host Hotel) (ALL activities will be held at The Meadow Event Park Pavilion or next door in The Mansion.)

~~DEADLINE for booking until 3:00 p.m. on MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>~~

Hampton Inn by Hilton Richmond – North / Ashland

705 England Street, Ashland Virginia 23005

Tel: 804.752.8444 Fax: 804.752.8445

Contact: **Vonshea Wimberley, 804.752.8444, [Vonshea.Wimberley@hilton.com](mailto:Vonshea.Wimberley@hilton.com)**

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### **The Meadow Event Park, RV Parking:**

We will have 24 RV hookup sites withing 200 feet of The Meadow Pavilion. All of our activities and Judge's Dinner will be within 300 feet of the RV(Pavilion) Hookup Sites. Official RV Registration will appear in the Premium as list at \$60/Night. (Water & Electric / Dump Station)

- ◆ No refunds after close of entries on 08 March 2023.
  - ◆ Make checks payable to: Langley Kennel Club, Inc.
  - ◆ Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, \$60.00 per night with 30 Amp Electric and water.
  - ◆ Dump site upon exiting.
  - ◆ **RV Parking is available starting at 12:00 Noon Wednesday, March 22, 2023**
  - ◆ **Those arriving without a reservation will pay an additional \$10.00 per night.**
- Check here for RV Parking in upper lot near Lagotto specialty building.**

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**Directions to the Event Site:**

**From Washington, DC:** Take US-1 South/14th St. Bridge. US-1 becomes I-395 South. I-395 South becomes I-95 South. Take the VA 30 exit, Exit 98 toward Doswell/West Point. Turn left onto VA-30 Exit/Kings Dominion Boulevard. Follow approximately 1.8 miles to The Meadow Event Park. Use Gate #3.

**From Fredericksburg, VA:** Take VA-3 West to I-95. Merge onto I-95 South toward Richmond. Take the VA-30 exit, Exit-98 toward Doswell/West Point. Turn left onto VA-30 Exit/Kings Dominion Boulevard. Follow approximately 1.8 miles to The Meadow Event Park. Use Gate #3.

**From Richmond, VA:** Take I-95 North towards Washington. Take VA-30 Exit, Exit 98 toward Doswell. Merge onto VA-30 Exit toward West Point/Kings Dominion. Follow approximately 1.6 miles to The Meadow Event Park. Use Gate #3.

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**The Meadow Pavilion** will be our “Ring Number 11” for the entire four days, with three days of Supported Entry and our National Specialty. *Puppies and Juniors will use Rings in the Farm Bureau Center Building.*

The 6,984 total square-foot Meadow Pavilion is a multi-purpose facility bathed in light from its central skylight and sectional glass doors. It offers parking adjacent to the building, and the eight doors can be left open in warm weather. This is a heated venue with concrete floors. A large industrial fan provides excellent air circulation.

Hookup for 24 RVs is within 100 feet of the building. <https://meadoweventpark.com/meadow-pavillion>

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**About The Meadow Event Park:**

Birthplace and home of Secretariat (March 30, 1970 – October 4, 1989), also known as Big Red, was a champion American thoroughbred racehorse, born at The Meadow, Doswell VA, who is the ninth winner of the American Triple Crown, setting and still holding the fastest time record in all three races. He is regarded as one of the greatest racehorses of all time. He became the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years and his record-breaking victory in the Belmont Stakes, which he won by 31 lengths, is widely regarded as one of the greatest races in history. During his racing career, he won five Eclipse Awards, including Horse of the Year honors at ages two and three. He was nominated to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 1974. In the List of the Top 100 U.S. Racehorses of the 20th Century, Secretariat is second only to Man o' War. Audio Tour of Farm, <https://www.youraudiotour.com/tours/1570/>

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## Special Presentations / Requiring Registration

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**March 23rd, Thursday, 12:00-2:00, Lagotti Grooming Demonstration, The Pavilion.** Allison Bacelli, is a professional groomer, trained by Haley Keyes at Nanhall School of Grooming.

She has been grooming Lagotti since 2014 and maintained several show coats, with a few of her haircuts placing at National Specialties. Non-members, \$15.00 Registration will be posted on [www.LagottoUS.com](http://www.LagottoUS.com)

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, 2:00-4:30, Scent Work Seminar, The Pavilion,** offered by Meg Lockwood. There will be limited registration for these programs which will include two workshops, one for beginners and one for advanced scent work with two categories, working dog with a handler and a handler without a dog. **Registration** will be posted on [www.LagottoUS.com](http://www.LagottoUS.com)

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday Afternoon 1:00-4:00 p.m., AKC Judges Education Seminar, The Mansion 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West Wing,** Contact Adrienne Perry at [allegrolagotto@gmail.com](mailto:allegrolagotto@gmail.com)

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Noon, Box Lunch at The Pavilion,** If you did not order a lunch box, there is concession food in the main building, Farm Bureau Center.

**Attention Revised March 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 2:30-5:00, The Mansion, Breed Education Video; A Video Presented** by Professor Giovanni Morsiani. *"Judgement criteria in dog shows of the Lagotti Romagnolo with notes on the main characters of the type in the breed."* This will be the first time this presentation has been presented in the USA. **Registration** will be posted on [www.LagottoUS.com](http://www.LagottoUS.com) **FREE** for LRCA Club Members and Judges

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Buffet Judge's Dinner at The Mansion,** Food Registration is closed. **You are invited to attend for Judge's Review, the Auction, and Fun at no charge.** If you want a meal, check with Jim Talbert, there are a few door sale tickets.

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## Event Schedule

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### Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**Silent Auction Opens,** The Pavilion, Open to all.  
**Supported Entry,** Langley Kennel Club, The Pavilion / Ring 11  
10:15, **Ring 11, Lagotti Romagnoli,** The Pavilion  
Entries  
57 Lagotti Romagnoli 8-26 (15-8) 0  
12:00-2:00, **Lagotti Grooming Demonstration,** The Pavilion  
2:00-4:30, **Scent Work Seminar,** The Pavilion

### Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>

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**Lagotti DNA Sample Collection** for AKC Research, The Pavilion  
**Supported Entry,** Langley Kennel Club, The Pavilion / Ring 11  
10:00, **Ring 11, Lagotti Romagnoli,** The Pavilion  
Entries  
65 Lagotti Romagnoli 11-26 (18-10) 0

10:15, **Ring 8, Junior Showmanship**, Farm Bureau Center  
 1:00-4:00 p.m., **AKC Judges Education Seminar**, The Mansion 2nd Floor West Wing  
 2:00-3:30 p.m., **DNA Seminar**, The Pavilion, Claire A. Wiley, VMD, DACVIM,  
 Executive Director, AKC DNA Program. Open to all.  
 2:15, **Ring 2, 4-6 Month Puppy**, Farm Bureau Center  
 5:00-7:00 p.m., **Welcome Reception**, The Mansion North Patio. Open to all.

## Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>

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**Lagotti DNA Sample Collection** for AKC Research, The Pavilion

9:00, **Ring 10, 4-6 Month Puppy**, Farm Bureau Center

### National Specialty,

9:45, Special Presentation to Ms. Abraham & Ms. Manzi / Ring 11 by The Honorable  
 Hyland "Buddy" Fowler, Jr., Virginia House of Delegates, 55th District

10:00-10:45, **Ring 11, Lagotti Romagnoli, Sweepstakes, Regular Classes**, The Pavilion

Entries

14 Lagotti Romagnoli SWEEPS 4-10 (0-0) 0

2 Lagotti Romagnoli Veteran Sweeps 1-1 (0-0) 0

11:00-12:00 p.m., **Regular Classes**, The Pavilion

Entries

75 Lagotti Romagnoli 12-26 (16-12) 9

12:00-12:45, **Lunch**, The Pavilion, Advance meal purchase at [www.LagottoUS.com](http://www.LagottoUS.com)

12:45-2:00 p.m., **Regular Classes**, Continued, The Pavilion

2:00-2:30 p.m., **Special Attraction**, The Pavilion

2:30 p.m., **Ring 2, Junior Showmanship**, Farm Bureau Center

**Revised** 3:00-4:30 p.m., **Breed Education Video**, The Mansion, Prof. Morsiani, .

*"Judgement criteria in dog shows of the Lagotto Romagnolo with notes  
 on the main characters of the type in the breed."* Registered Event, Free  
 for LRCA Members & Judges

4:00 p.m., **Silent Auction Closed**, The Pavilion, Open to all.

5:00-6:00 p.m., **Reception & Cash Bar**, The Mansion, **ALL ARE INVITED.**

6:00-6:30 p.m., **Judge's Dinner**, The Mansion, Advance meal purchase

6:30-6:45 p.m., **Judge's Commentary**, The Mansion, **ALL ARE INVITED.**

6:45-9:00 p.m., **LRCA Live Auction & Fund Raiser for Lagotto Romagnolo Dog  
 Rescue**, The Mansion, **ALL ARE INVITED.**

## Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>

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10:05 a.m., **Ring 8, Junior Showmanship**, Farm Bureau Center

**Supported Entry**, Virginia Beach Kennel Club, The Pavilion / Ring 11

10:30 a.m., **Ring 11, Lagotti Romagnoli**, The Pavilion

Entries

48 Lagotti Romagnoli 10-18 (13-7) 0

12:40, **Ring 9, 4-6 Month Puppy**, Farm Bureau Center

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## Special Attraction

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To be awarded after Best of Breed.

The judge will select the winner of each from all the dogs presented to him (class and CH dogs). The club will provide the judge with cards that he gives to the dogs he wants to come back into the ring after Best of Breed and compete for the Three Special Awards.

- ◆ **Best Head**
- ◆ **Best Coat**
- ◆ **Best Construction & Movement**

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### Dog Bandanas

Ann Sweeting will make Italian Flag Dog Bandanas for each Lagotto attending the National Specialty that performs in Conformation or in any event. She will embroider the dog's "call name" on the bandana. Fill out the form at trophy table for correct spelling.



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### Show Committee

Jim Talbert, Carolyn Talbert, Jean Davis-Barger, Kris Harner, Kathy Hollinger

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### Grooming

- ◆ There will be **NO grooming** inside the Pavilion (We would need to pay janitorial services if we groomed)

- ◆ Grooming would be available at your RV, Auto, outside under your pop-up tent, or inside the main show hall down the hill in the Day Crate section where electricity is available and just a short walk from the Pavilion.
- ◆ Show & Go inside the Pavilion

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### Crates

- ◆ Crates may be placed inside the Pavilion.

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### Tents

- ◆ There is ample space around The Pavilion parking and garden for your pop-up tents and chairs on the lawn.

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### Chairs

- ◆ Please bring your favorite folding chair.

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### Showers

- ◆ The North Campground showers by the LRCA RV sites will be available!

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### Show Volunteers To Date with more coming. Thank you....

- ◆ Adrienne Perry, Ann Sweening, Barry Silbiger, Carolyn Talbert, Catherine Elder, Cindy Maples, Denise Peters, Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes, Jamie Soucie, Jean Davis-Barger, Kathy Hollinger, Kris Harner, Noelene Shoemaker, Sarah Turns, Susan Couch, Tammy Vann

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### Board Decision by Vote Passed on 26 October 2022

Motion that because the Lagotto Romagnolo is a low entry breed, and because we have limited personnel working on the 2023 National Specialty, any Board Members, or member of the 2023 National Specialty Committee, may enter their dog(s) in the National Specialty.

*Not part of this passed motion. It was observed at the Club Italiano Lagotto 2022 Raduno, with 271 entries, that the Board Members showed their own dogs in competition.*

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### Special Notice

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#### Prof. Giovanni Morsiani & Dinora Venturi Morsiani

We regret that our National Specialty Judge, Prof. Giovanni Morsiani and his wife Dinora Venturi Morsiani were unable to attend due to health reasons. The following is a noted from Prof. Morsiani, *“Believe me, dear Jim, Dinora and I are really dismayed and even a little desperate because we care so much about your friendship, about your club which will have done everything to accommodate us in the best possible way but, unfortunately, faced with a clinical situation that collapsed on us suddenly and obviously unexpected, we absolutely cannot do anything. We must abandon our trip to judge in the USA.*

*I'm sure you all want to understand our embarrassment, but unfortunately you can't joke with health.*

*We apologize to all of you and hope you can guarantee us your friendship and consideration for the future as well.*

*We love you and we rely on your human understanding. A warm greeting. “ Giovanni & Dinora Morsiani*

**Contact Jim Talbert [AKCLagotto@yahoo.com](mailto:AKCLagotto@yahoo.com), 757.848.3354** with any questions not covered above.



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