

# The Picardier Élevage & National Specialty

Berger Picard Club of America

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Good day, BPCA member! Every four years a very special event occurs, the Élevage. This event is intended to evaluate the quality of dogs in direct comparison to the breed standard in a non-competitive environment. Dogs are evaluated by an invited expert and given a rating of Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, or Insufficient. The dogs rating, features, and photos are recorded into the Élevage book to maintain a record of the breed. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Élevage in BPCA history and we are excited to have you there.

## Quick Élevage Q&A

### Who can participate in the Élevage?

Anyone with a Picard! The Élevage is open to all Picards 8 weeks and older, as well as those spayed and neutered. This is because the event is evaluating the breed and alignment to the standard, not just breeding stock.

**Do I need to be a “dog show person” to participate?** No, those who do not actively show their dogs in conformation are encouraged to participate, as are those who regularly show. The evaluations are based solely on the dog. If you are unsure about bringing your dog into the ring you will have no trouble finding a free hand to help.

**Allstars Delta Barke, CHIC**  
Owner: Liz Hansen & Betsy Richards (co)  
Breeder: Betsy Richards  
DOB: 1/21/08  
Sex: ♀  
Color: Brindle  
Breed: Picardier  
Reg # DN25809106  
CFA: BEP202614-V91 EL2124EVPY Card# 1/20/FIC

Evaluation: EXCELLENT

Measurements	Conformations	Notes
Height	59	23.3
Length	67.5	26.6
Chest	69	27.2
Skull	14.5	5.7
Weight	14	5.5

Comments: Very typical young bitch that needs to mature in body as well as in temperament (diffus nerves). JMS

### What should I expect at the Élevage?

The event is being held at a local Colorado ranch where you will find goats, ducks, sheep, and a few horses. Expect livestock poop, and a good time!

### What will happen to my dog when being evaluated?

Your dog will have their height measured, weight taken, breed type evaluated – such as head, shoulders, and gait, and photo taken. All of this will be recorded in the Élevage book.

### My friend has a Picard, but isn't a BPCA member, can they participate...?

Yes! We would love for you to bring your friend and their Picard along to participate. We would also encourage them to consider joining the BPCA, they will find no shortage of people willing to sponsor their application after getting to know them at the Élevage.

**Do I need a special lead/collar?** Nope, you can have your dog evaluated in the leash and collar you walk them in everyday. Or you can use a show lead, or slip lead.

### Who is the “invited expert” evaluating the dogs this year?

Our expert this year is Jean-Marc Girard from France. They have an excellent eye for the traits that make up a Picard.



Élevage Dates:  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Location:  
Rancho Terra Norte, Wellington, Colorado

# Schedule of Events

## Herding trials, Élevage, & National Specialty



Taking place at Rancho Terra Norte in Wellington, CO



Taking place at Island Grove Park in Greeley, CO

Saturday  
August 29<sup>th</sup> - Monday  
August 31<sup>st</sup>

**AHBA herding trial sponsored by Rancho Terra Norte (RTN)**

- French course to be offered
- All breeds welcome, priority given to Picards

Tuesday  
September 1<sup>st</sup>

**Herding clinic, AKC Instinct Tests, and Farm Dog Tests**

- Herding clinic with Val Manning in the morning
- Judges for Instinct and Farm Dog test are Karen Trimble & Carol Ann Hartngale

Wednesday  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Élevage Day 1, Herding trials, CGC & Fit Dog tests, + Demos**

- Élevage Judge Jean-Marc Girard
- AKC Herding trials - C course with Judge Karen Trimble
- GCG, Mondio and Fit Dog demonstrations w/ Martin D. Koenig

Thursday  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Élevage Day 2, Herding trials, ATTS Temperament tests, AKC Tests**

- ATTS Temperment Test
- AKC Herding trials - D course w/ Judges K. Trimble & C.A. Hartngale
- Additional CGC & Fit Dog tests with Martin D. Koenig

Friday  
September 4<sup>th</sup>

**Herding Trials**

- AKC Herding trials - A & B Courses, sheep, ducks, HIC, PT Boundary
- Judges Val Manning & Karen Trimble

**Annual Membership Meeting @ Island Grove Park**

- Light refreshments served
- Time to be announced

Saturday  
September 5<sup>th</sup>

**Designated Speciality, OFA clinics, judges dinner & auction**

- Speciality Judge: Amy Gau
- Sweeps Judge: Tami Worley
- OFA Heart & Eye clinics - signup in advanced!
- Judges dinner & live auction at the bunk house

Sunday September  
6<sup>th</sup> - Monday  
September 7<sup>th</sup>

**Supported entry for Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club Show**

- Located at Island Grove Park in Greeley, Colorado

# Élevage

## *What to Expect*

The Élevage is a chance to have your Picard evaluated by European experts, who have bred or judged Picards for many years, and to get a detailed written assessment of your Picard in a non-competitive, learning environment. Any Picard 8 weeks and over may participate. Puppies are rated separately from adults, but the process is the same whether the Picard is a neutered pet, a top show dog, a veteran, or an 8 week old puppy.



Individual dogs are evaluated by our invited expert, and then assigned an overall rating. The AKC Berger Picard standard is used for evaluation.

At the end of the day of the Élevage, those dogs that received a rating of Excellent “Pre-select” return to the ring, and the evaluator will “Select” those whose overall high quality is worthy of recognition. During this process, the evaluator explains his reasoning, and point out the strong and weak points of each dog, selected or not. “Selection” is the culmination of the Élevage.



A pedigree and photo will be included with the entry for each Picard. These are published with the written evaluation by the judge/evaluator in the Élevage book, providing a permanent record.

Your Picard must know how to trot on a leash, and stand with all four feet on the ground. During the evaluation, your dog will have a nose to tail, hands-on examination. So, your Picard must be able tolerate this kind of exam by a stranger. You do not have to stack or bait, but you may if you choose. Your Picard should be shown in its most natural state, free stacking and moving on a loose lead. The goal is to present your Picard at its natural best.

More than one person may handle the dog, in and out of the ring. In fact, it's easy to find someone to take your dog in the ring for you, if you are not comfortable. Your dog can be shown with a regular or show collar, and you can be as dressy or casual as you like – it's up to you!

The Élevage is about the qualities of the dog, not the handler. As evaluations are done singly, the evaluator's attention is focused only on one dog, alone in the ring, at a time.

# Doing Your Homework

The Berger Picard Club of America will proudly hold another French Élevage style evaluation as part of our Assemblée National Specialty beginning Wednesday, September 2, 2026 and Thursday, September 3, 2026. Our judge will be Mr. Jean-Marc GIRARD, long time breeder and current Vice President of Club Les Amis Du Berger Picard in France. He will be providing a written evaluation for each dog entered in the Élevage just like they do in France which will include your dog's measurements and photo. Every full priced entry will also receive a copy of the printed Élevage Book that includes all the dogs entered this year plus much more.

## What Else is Going On? Titles, Demonstrations and More!

Offering other title opportunities for your dog. We will also be testing temperament by way of the American Temperament Test Society, the Canine Good Citizen test, the Canine Good Citizen Advanced, Farm Dog, Trick Dog and Herding Instinct. In addition, for the first time we will have both mondioring and Fit Dog demonstrations. This testing and the demos will happen concurrently as the evaluations at the Rancho Terre Norte, CO.

## Location

Rancho Terre Norte is one of only a handful of locations where AKC "C" Course instinct testing, training and trialing are offered. This is the closest type of herding the AKC offers for the Berger Picard. This year, for the first time the BPCA will be working with Rancho Terre Norte to offer a one day only seminar introduction to this type of herding the week of our Assemblée and National Specialty.

Please take advantage of this opportunity if you would like to see your Picard doing what he or she was bred to do! There is nothing that can compare!

### Allstars Lucille Ball

Owner(s) Elizabeth Richards  
Breeder(s) Elizabeth Richards  
DOB: 12/28/15 Call Name: Lucy  
Reg #: DN45112001 Color: Fauve Charbonne

Evaluation: Excellent - Selected

Health	Result	Number
OFA Hips	Good	BEP-207G7F-VPI
Penn Hips		
OFA Elbow	Normal	BEP-EL201F7-VPI
OFA Cardiac		
OFA Thyroid		
OFA Dentition		
OFA Eyes	Normal D1a, E2	BEP-EYE216/28F-VPI
Measurements	Centimeters	Inches
Height	27.15	22.5
Length	64.77	25.5
Chest	72.39	28.5
Skull	11.63	4.58
Muzzle	11.43	4.5
Weight	23.49kg	51.8lbs



Comments: A beautiful bitch with movement, type, temperament.

- |- Ruckham de la Tour Philippe
- |- Verlaïne de la Tour Philippe
- |- Sagine des Mandarines Bleues
- |- Charlet des Mandarines Bleues
- |- Sloop des Mandarines Bleues
- |- Tesika des Mandarines Bleues
- |- Pyrrha des Mandarines Bleues
- |- Eden de la Vallée d'Ottawa
- |- Ravaille de Pavey de Stephic
- |- Victor of Silver Glen
- |- Uricane
- |- Belle of Double D Ranch
- |- Horn de la Fontegude
- |- Valmy de la Vallée du Mouton
- |- Omerle de la Mare aux Chouxons
- Allstars Lucille Ball**
- |- Quares des Wassinières
- |- Rocco du Domaine de Saint Paul
- |- Ottilia de l'Impasse des Vergers
- |- Aero du Domaine de Saint Paul
- |- Oscar du Reflet d'Or
- |- Uva du Domaine de Saint Paul
- |- Venia du Caillou qui Bique
- |- Allstars Francesca Smith
- |- Oscar du Reflet d'Or
- |- Spako du Loup d'Hermès
- |- Julie du Loup d'Hermès
- |- Aquina Valle de los Volcanos
- |- Lalko du Domaine de Brédenarde
- |- Unique de l'Abbaye Sainte Marie
- |- Réve de la Jasette du Cap d'el Mas

Appearance	Type Overall	Exc.	V.G.	Good	Fair	Int.	Comments
Head:	Proportion						
	Type						
	Expression						
	Teeth						3 missing premolars
	Eyes, Color						
	Shape						
	Pigmentation						
	Nose						
	Stop						
	Muzzle						
	Jaw, Carriage						
	Placement						
	Ears, Size						
Head, Overall Evaluation:							
Body:	Proportion						
	Neck						
	Shoulder						
	Chest						
	Back						
	Loan						
	Trunk						
	Croup, Angle						
	Length						
	Tail, Length						
	Carriage at rest						
	Carriage at alert						
Body, Overall Evaluation:							
Legs:	Angulation, Shoulders						
	Stifle						
	Hocks						
	Apron, Front						
	Rear						
	Feet						
Legs, Overall Evaluation:							
Coat:	Quality						
	Length						
	Color						
Coat, Overall Evaluation:							
Gait, Movement:							
Natural Attitude:							
Temperament:							

After the evaluations are done Mr. Jean-Marc GIRARD will give his selection of dogs that he thought were exceptional. He will also do breed education for the club as well as answer questions about the standard.

Breakfast and lunch will be offered during the Élevage. This is a jam packed two days of opportunities not to miss!

The Cost of the Élevage Evaluations is \$65 which covers the cost of importing the judge, his lodging and includes one copy of the Élevage book.

Registrations for the Élevage must be emailed or snail mailed to the BPCA Treasurer, Jackie Carswell. However, you can pay online with PayPal.

Jackie Carswell  
4222 Old Hoboken Rd.  
Blackshear, GA  
31516

The Élevage book will be published in time for the National Specialty in 2027. All health testing should be on OFA website for verification.

# *The American Temperament Test (ATTS), & Why It's Important*



The BPCA will be offering the ATTS at our 2026 Élevage at the Rancho Terra Norte, in Wellington, Colorado. This is hugely important for our breed as a way of evaluating our breed stock, and the closest test we have in the US that compares to the French Temperament test, which is an integral part and the first component of their yearly Élevage. In France, a dog has to first pass the Temperament test as a first leg of the evaluation before continuing on. There, a Picard has to be able to complete all portions of the Élevage and pass them in order to obtain a certificate to breed.

Here, of course, that does not apply, but it is still very important for all of us in establishing this breed that we all adore, in this country. I think we can all agree that a stable, well-tempered dog is much easier to live with and much happier to be around! There is some evidence that temperament is inherited also, which helps breeders in evaluating breeding stock. In the US, if a dog passes the test and results are sent into AKC, the dog will receive a title "TT."

The BPCA has established this test as the pertinent temperament test for our breed, so if your dog is at least 18 months of age, he/she can participate.

The ATTS takes into account breed temperament, training, health and age of the dog. Minimum age for dogs to be tested is 18 months. The test takes about 12 minutes to complete. There are various stations that the owner and the dog will go to, and the dog is scored regarding how they react and recover. The idea is to mimic different situations that an owner and their dog might encounter, meeting another person, walking past another person and a dog, loud noises, walking on different surfaces, being challenged by someone jumping out at the dog, etc. The dog is on a loose 6-foot lead and 3 ATTS trained evaluators score the dog. Majority rules.

Early two-year-old Picard passing the ATTS Test on YouTube here: [https://youtu.be/q7T\\_sEREShM](https://youtu.be/q7T_sEREShM)

Failure on any part of the test is recognized when a dog shows panic, strong avoidance without recovery or unprovoked aggression. The test does require 8-10 volunteers also, which will be broken up into shifts, so I encourage you all to volunteer to help, as well as to bring your dogs! ATTS Website: <https://atts.org/>

# *Summing Up Your Homework*

1. Watch the video about the 2010 Élevage Book
2. Review the AKC Berger Picard Standard, found [here](#).
3. Make a copy of your Picard's pedigree (you can get this from your Picard's breeder) and any OFA publicly available test results (click on the print button on the OFA website).
- 3 Fill out the Blank Élevage sheet on your dog to compare with what the judge gets. (Next page news letter)

## **VIDEO ABOUT Élevage BOOK:**

2010 Book <https://youtu.be/qDwAVo5cmb8?si=QIj4bFbryaHlSHkI>

2014 and 2022 Books <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsaV6Foj88o>

(2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022 Élevage Books on Sale at the National. Please pre-order!)

4 Any questions, please email the Élevage chair Celestia Lensky at [clensky.bpca@gmail.com](mailto:clensky.bpca@gmail.com)

## *2026 Élevage Judge - Mr. Jean-Marc Girard*

My name is Jean-Marc Girard, and I was born in 1960. Coming from a family of Charolais cattle breeders, I naturally pursued this demanding and exciting activity, which still shapes my daily life today. Dogs have always been part of my life. However, it was in 1982, after my wedding, that my adventure with the Picardy Shepherd really began. I acquired my first dog, Toundra de la Grignauderie, soon followed by Unic de la Grignauderie, who tremendously helped me with the herd, despite my inexperience at the time.

I bred a few litters until 1995, before putting breeding on hold. Professional and family commitments, as well as a profound reflection on my work, led me to take this break, which lasted until 2006. It was Sherlock Holmes de Montribois, given to me by my dear late friend Anne-Marie Gaudot, who enabled me to "get back in the saddle." Thanks to him, I rediscovered that unique bond of trust and respect that connects a man to his dog.

Since then, I have strived to produce one litter per year, remaining true to my values. For me, the essential qualities are above all trust and courage, those that guide us every day in the field. Beauty, dog show results, and perfect health come next, as the natural outcome of work carried out with passion and sincerity.







# *Rancho Terra Norte'*

1101-1967, Co Rd 82, Wellington, CO 80549

Rancho Terra Norte' is honored to host the BPCA's 2026 National Herding Trials & Tests, Élevage, ATTS Temperament tests and demonstrations. While we have had the privilege to hold national events for several French and Belgian breed parent clubs, this is our first opportunity to welcome the Berger Picards.

Located in Northern Colorado between Fort Collins, CO and Cheyenne, WY - Rancho Terra Norté resides on 40 acres of rolling, dryland native prairie grass with spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains. Established in 2003, RTN proudly offers a full-service herding and performance facility that supports all disciplines of herding styles.



It is one of a handful of facilities across the nation that offers Traditional European style herding as well as stock dog competition and training.

The facility is owned/operated by Val Manning and her husband Doug Richardson. Val, a long-time breeder of traditional German Shepherd Dogs under her Terra Norte' kennel name, started herding with her German Shepherds in the early 90's competing in AKC, ASCA, AHBA and USBCCHA venues. She is both an AKC and AHBA licensed herding judge. Since breeding her first GSD litter in 1981, she has breed and exhibited her dogs successfully in both conformation and performance. She finished her 26th AKC Breed Champion (20th Bred-by Exhibitor) in August, 2025.





Rancho Terra Norte' supports a flock of Black Belly Barbado/Katahdin/White Dorper crossbred sheep that number 60 head in the fall/winter and expands to around 125 head in the summer with lambs. RTN also breeds purebred Kiko goats and manages a herd of between 60 to 80. In addition to the hooved stock – RTN also manages a flock of Campbell Khaki x call ducks who spend most of their time as free-ranging pest exterminators.

Whether you are planning to compete or spectate: RTN is excited to be able to offer a front row seat. Your national committee has created a diverse schedule of events which starts with an Introduction to Herding clinic on Tuesday September 1st from 9 am to 12 noon. Clinic attendees will discuss herding basics and introduce their dogs to dog friendly livestock in a controlled, safe, low-impact environment. Later that afternoon, the BPCA is hosting AKC

Herding Instinct and Farm Dog Certification tests. There will be 2 AKC judges to provide the opportunity to earn 2 qualifying legs and titles. Wednesday will begin with The Élevage in the West HT Arena and Staging Area. Spectators are welcome to watch from the staging area. While the elevated deck area is shaded, spectators and exhibitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and provide shade & water for their dogs. There is room for canopies and crating.



Along with the Élevage, the BPCA continues it's national AKC Herding Trials/Tests with a C-course (Continental/Boundary) trial. The Continental course is designed to emulate the maneuvers often seen in Western Europe working with a larger flock (20+ head). The Course incorporates taking stock out a night pen, controlled movement along farm and traffic roads, crossing a bridge, with stops and turns to reach the flock's appointed area to graze, then back to the night pen. The C-course will be run on the C-course field at the south end of the facility. Spectators are welcome and commentators will be available during the runs to discuss the course and judging.



Thursday brings Day 2 of the Élevage again on the west side of the facility while on the East side – the AKC D-course (Ranch) trial will be held. The D-course is AKC's newest addition to the it's herding program. In this course, the dog and handler must perform various maneuvers to move a minimum of 10 head through a course with 10 obstacles that traverses a minimum of 2 areas in a minimum of 2.5 acres. Thursday's course will utilize 4 different areas over a space of 8 acres. Again, spectators are welcome and commentators will be available.

In addition to the D course trial, the BPCA is offering an American Temperament Test Society, Inc. Temperament test. The ATTS Temperament Test focuses on and measures different aspects of temperament such as stability, shyness, aggressiveness, and friendliness as well as the dog's instinct for protectiveness towards its handler and/or self-preservation in the face of a threat. The test simulates a casual walk through a park or neighborhood where everyday life situations are encountered. During this walk, the dog experiences visual, auditory and tactile stimuli. Neutral, friendly and threatening situations are encountered, calling into play the dog's ability to distinguish between non-threatening situations and those calling for watchful and protective reactions.

Dogs must be at least 18 months old to enter this test. The test takes about eight to 12 minutes to complete. The dog is on a loose six-foot (6') lead. The handler is not allowed to talk to the dog, give commands, or give corrections. Walk-up registration will be available as space and limit allow.

There will also be a Mondioring demonstration that will be held in the B-course field on the east side of the facility adjacent to the driveway. Mondioring is an FCI authorized international dog sport developed in the late 80s by representatives from every major country that has a competition dog sport.

On Friday – the AKC National Trials/Tests continue with 2 A-course (Arena) and B-course (Field) trials and HT/PT/PTw Boundary/HIC tests. For those visiting Rancho Terra Norte – there will be concessions available with daily lunch specials. Please keep in mind that the closest convenience stores, groceries and fast food are a minimum of 15 minutes from the ranch. Those wishing to bring RV's – RTN does have space for self-contained rigs – please contact [val@ranchoterranorte.com](mailto:val@ranchoterranorte.com) to make dry camping (no hook-ups) reservations.

**Exhibitors** – if you are interested in getting in some herding practice prior to the BPCA National – RTN is hosting AHBA trials the weekend leading. There will be Large Flock Ranch, Herding Ranch Dog, Arena & Field and tests offered on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday August 30th. On Monday RTN will be hosting BSCA sanctioned French Course Trials on Sheep and Goats. More information and registration available at [www.ranchoterranorte.com](http://www.ranchoterranorte.com)

## *Events at RTN:*

- AHBA Herding trials (8/29 - 8/31)
- Herding clinic, instinct & Farm dog tests (9/1)
- 8/29/26 - 9/4/26 • Élevage, CGC, CGCA & trick dog testing, Mondioring and fit dog demos ATTS, Herding trial - C/D-course (9/2 - 9/3)
- Herding trial - A & B courses, HIC, PT Boundary (9/4)

# Lunches at Rancho Terra Norte

Lunches during herding and Élevage events will be provided at a cost of \$20 per day. Here is a menu of what will be served during that week. Some items may change due to availability.

Day	Theme	Main Dish	Sides	Vegetarian / Gluten Free
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Ranch Lunch	Pulled Pork BBQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baked beans</li> <li>• Coleslaw</li> <li>• Watermelon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black bead veggie burgers</li> <li>• GF buns</li> </ul>
August 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	Sloppy Joes	Ground beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potato salad</li> <li>• Corn on the cob</li> <li>• Garden salad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetable baked ziti</li> </ul>
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sandwich & Soup	Turkey & Ham sandwiches, veggie hummus wraps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pasta salad</li> <li>• Fruit tray</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tomato basil soup</li> <li>• GF bread</li> </ul>
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Taco Bar	Mexican spiced meats & beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mexican rice</li> <li>• corn salad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black beans</li> <li>• Corn tortillas (GF)</li> </ul>
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	French bistro	Quiche lorraine, Quiche Florentine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French potato salad</li> <li>• Green salad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spinach quiche</li> <li>• Crusless quiche (GF)</li> </ul>
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	French Countryside	Chicken Provencal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rice pilaf</li> <li>• Green beans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ratatouille (GF &amp; Vegan)</li> </ul>
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Salad & Wrap bar	Grilled chicken, build your own veggies & greens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hummus &amp; veggies</li> <li>• Chips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GF bread &amp; wraps</li> </ul>

Bottled water, sparkling water, and some sodas will also be provided. There will also be breakfast foods, coffee, and tea (donations put into an honor box) every day that we're there.

Remember to sign up for these lunches for the days you're attending events at RTN. Keep an eye out for the herding premium (coming soon). The food order form will be listed in there.

# *National Specialty & Sweeps Judges*

## *Amy Gau - Our National Judge*

Amy was born into a family of dog fanciers. Her father raised Collies and was particularly involved in performance events. Amy trained her first obedience dog at 13. Not long after that, she finished her first champion in conformation. She is very proud of the fact that her breeding program has produced dogs that are both competitive in conformation as well as performance and sports.

She has been a judge since 2009 and now judges Sporting, Toy, and Herding groups, as well as Juniors. She has judged in the US, Canada, and all over the world. In April, she will judge the Collie National for the second time.

Amy has always believed that structure, temperament and the function of a breed are what's important. She loves the challenge of breeding dogs that meet these hallmarks, while understanding that mother nature doesn't always cooperate with us. As a judge, she loves rewarding dogs that show many of these virtues.

She began judging Picards in 2016. She is impressed with the hard-to-get virtues that show up in this breed. It is a breed with many strengths. In the beginning, there was a softness or uncertainty in the Picards' temperaments, but now, overall, she sees some 'clowns' in the ring. This shows that breeders have done a great job with their dogs today. As herding breeds are visual and alert to their surroundings, she is aware of the need to cut the dogs some slack when judging them especially young dogs. But overall, she has been impressed with the Berger Picard and looks forward to judging them at their National in September.

## *Tami Worley - Sweep Judge*

First of all, let me say it really is a true privilege to judge at a national whether it's for sweeps or any of the classes.

My husband and I have been in Belgian sheepdogs for almost 50 years. I have been a judge for over 10 years now. I love the versatility of the herding breeds.

I have titled dogs in herding, tracking, agility, carting, obedience, and rally. I've done some scent work and ring sport and had dogs that have earned service dog status. And certainly confirmation. I have won the national versatility award given out by my breed at the nationals with several of our dogs. I have shown dogs in Europe, which is quite different from here but such fun.

# *Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club*



## *Dog Show*



The Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club has been hosting thier show at Island Grove Park in Greeley, CO for many years. It's a fantasitically run show in a beautiful location, and lots of additonal events acompany the show! These additional events include:

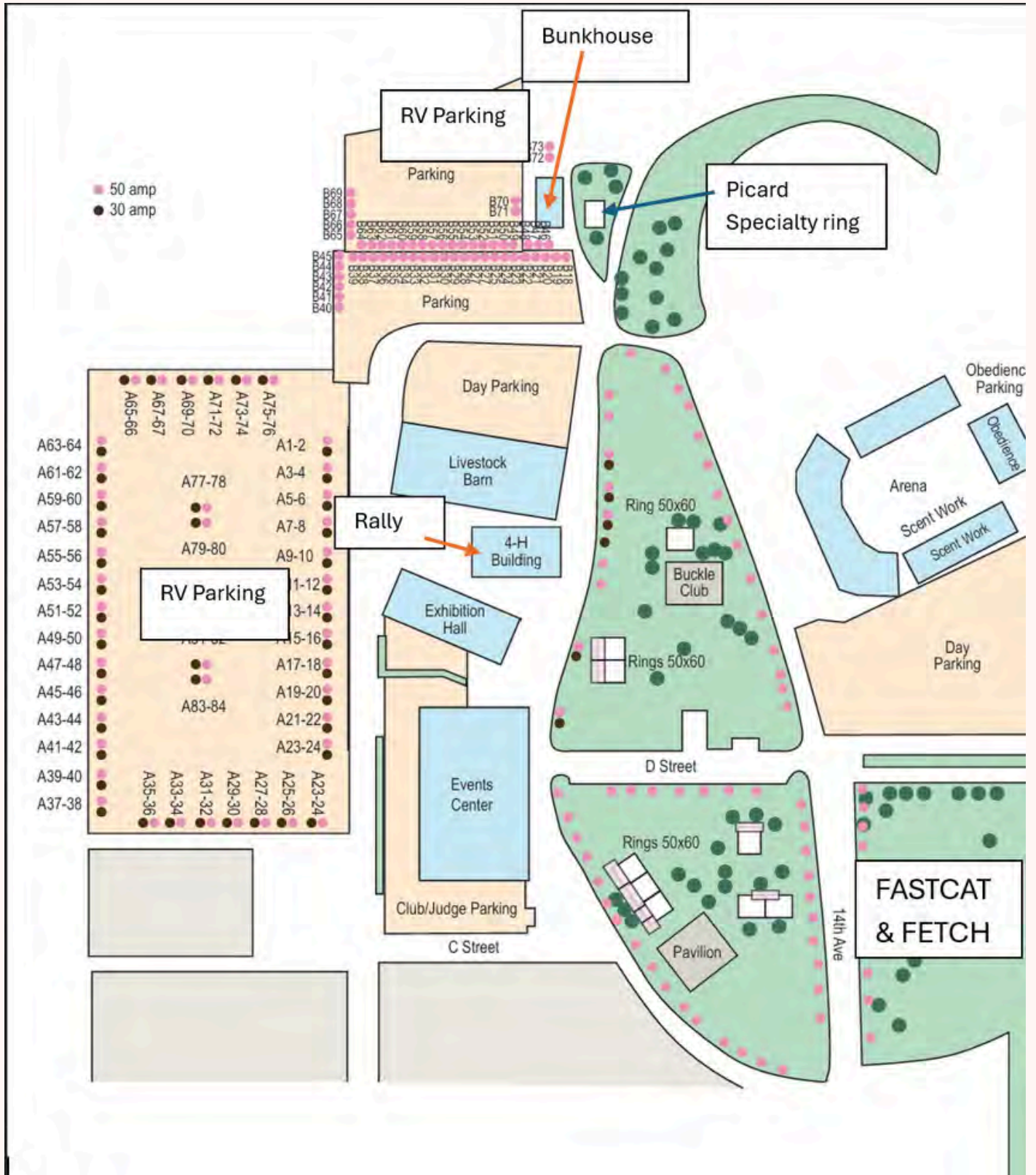
- Rally
- Obedience
- FastCAT
- Fetch
- Fit Dog
- Scent Work
- Barn Hunt
- Dock diving (to be confirmed)

**Picard themed prizes will be awarded to our high scoring dogs in sports and performance events!!**



The Bunkhouse

# Ring Map for ECKC



# Lunches for Élevage & Herding Events

**Cost:** \$20/day per person (vegetarian and gluten-free options available)

Includes non-alcohol drinks and water (Please bring your own water bottle to be refilled!), breakfast snacks and:

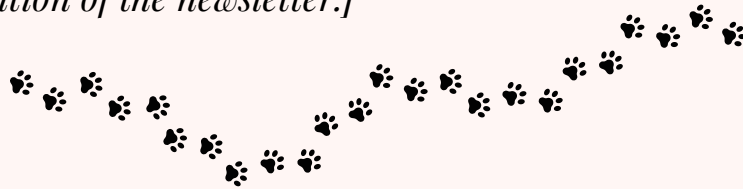
- Saturday to Monday: See AHBA trial premium for details.
- Tuesday: Tacos
- Wednesday: French Countryside Bistro
- Thursday: Deli and Salad Buffet
- Friday: Comfort Foods



**Please indicate your interest in ordering lunches here:**

<https://form.jotform.com/260725389223056>

*[This is a tentative indication for our catering purposes. Payment will not be needed until the issue of the July edition of the newsletter.]*



# Judges' Dinner & Gala/Auction Night

**Date:** Saturday September 5, 2026

**Caterer:** Naughty Cooking Co.

**Cost:** \$48 per person

**Menu:** See next page!



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# Menu for Fudges' Dinner

## NAUGHTY COOKING CO.

### Skewers

Pork Belly  
*served with a huckleberry  
glaze*

Prawns  
*with a sesame and scallion  
crunch*

Sunchokes  
*with a herb medly*

### The Feast

Bison Tenderloin  
*peppercorn crust*

Chicken Roulade  
*served with a leek soubise*

Pasta Salad  
*with antipasta*

arugula salad  
*cranberries, fennel, blueberries, croutons*

Roasted Zucchini and Eggplant  
*with crispy shallots and garlic, balsamic*

Hasselback Potatoes  
*pine nuts, basil, mozzarella, tomato*



### Dessert

Sourdough Doughnuts  
*Chilled espresso with spent grain caramel and  
huckleberry syrup and whipped cream*

Blueberry Cobbler  
*Date filled caked topped with a vanilla ice cream,  
mint and walnut toffee*



# Auction



*The Bunkhouse at Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO  
Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> during judges' dinner*

Every year the BPCA puts on an auction to raise funds for various club activities. This year, the purpose of the auction is to raise funds for Health and Research (and 10% to AKC Legislative fund).

We encourage breeders, owners, and exhibitors to donate baskets or items that our members would enjoy having.

Set up starts on Friday September 4 at the Bunkhouse at the Island Grove Regional Park. The live auction will be held at our dinner on Saturday September 5.

If you would like to donate an item or basket, please email [bpcanational26@gmail.com](mailto:bpcanational26@gmail.com)



# Health Clinics



*Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO  
Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 10AM - 4PM*

## HEART

On Saturday September 5, Dr. Julie Martin of Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado – Cardiology Department, will be available to conduct OFA heart tests – auscultation and echocardiograms.

The Cardiac Clinic will be on Saturday September 5, 2026, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Auscultations will be on a walk-up basis, but Echocardiograms need to be scheduled. Please call 303-874-2094 to make an appointment.

**Auscultations will cost \$70.**

**Echocardiograms are \$260** (Cash, check, Venmo, or Zelle)



## EYES

Also on Saturday September 5, Dr. Ashley Bendlin or Mountain Star Veterinary Specialists, will be available for OFA eye tests.

**Each test will cost \$60.**



## General Info for Health Clinics

Please indicate your interest here. <https://form.jotform.com/260725389223056>

This is a tentative indication. Payment for eye clinic will not be needed until after July 1. Echoes should be booked as soon as possible.

Signups will prioritize Bergers Picards who make appointments before July 1. Then, the clinics will be open to all breeds.

# Host Hotel

## Candlewood Suites Fort Collins

314 Pavillion Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525

To book, use this link: [HOST HOTEL](#)

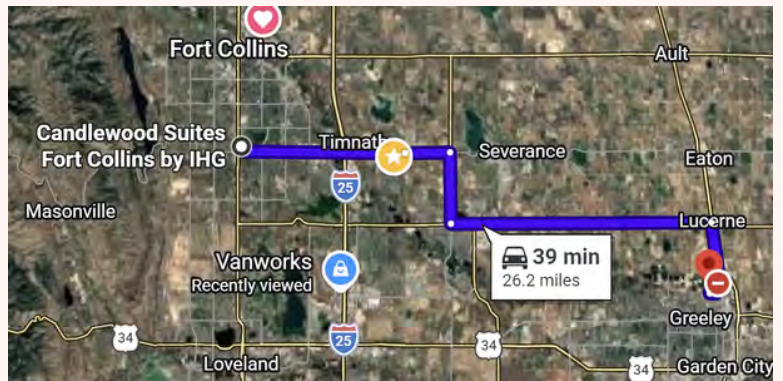
Or call the hotel directly at 970 223 0200 and ask for the block price for the Berger Picard Club.



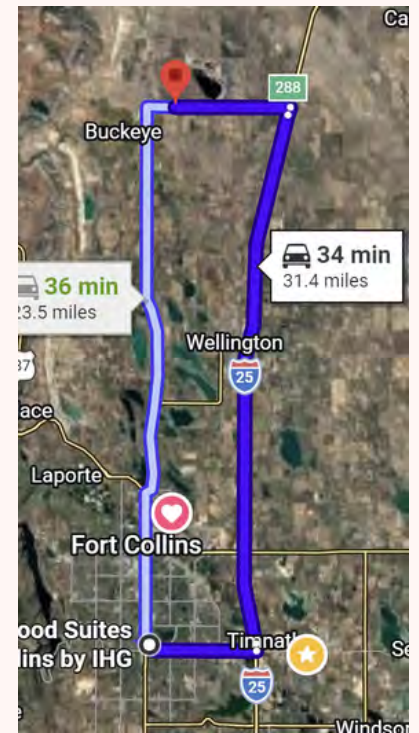
## Block Pricing

- 1 King Bed Studio Suite \$155 per night
- 1 Queen Beds Studio Suite \$165 per night
- 1 King Bed One Bedroom Suite with Sofa Bed \$165 per night

## ~40 minutes drive to Island Grove Park

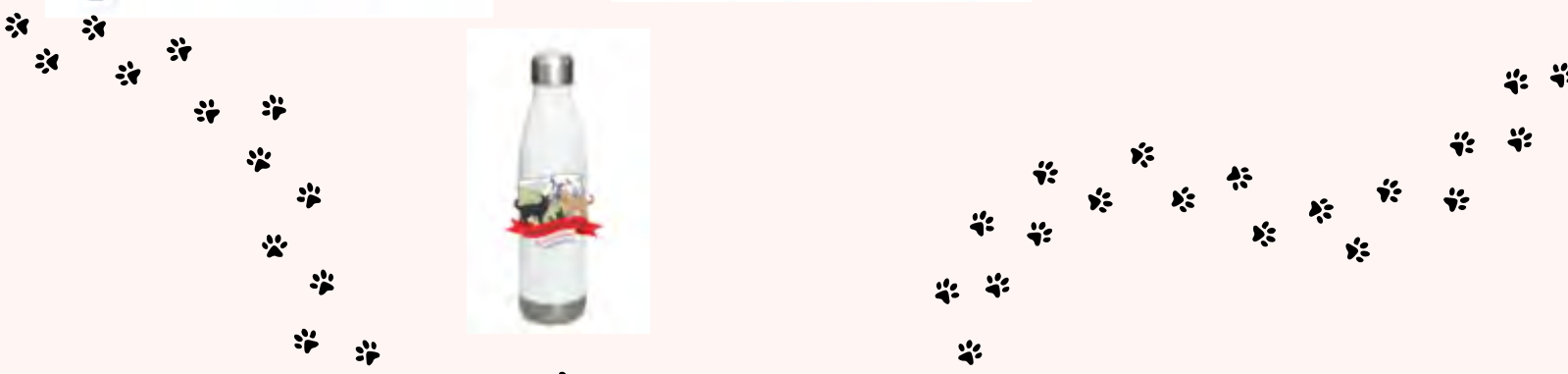


## ~35 minutes drive to Rancho Terra Norte



# 2026 National merchandise

Lots of great merch to support our National is available for purchase. Go to [Berger Picard Club Of America | Official Merchandise | Bonfire](#) to get yours now!



# *Élevage Photographer*

## *Amanda Torres*

Amanda Torres has been involved with the Irish wolfhound breed for 13 years. Prior to owning Irish wolfhounds, she participated in hunters/jumpers for 10 years where she began to study and appreciate animal husbandry and the details of equine anatomy. Amanda works as a certified mental health therapist in Clermont, FL but also enjoys doing professional watercolor artwork and photography. Amanda's and Rebecca's (Amanda's mother) Kennel (Le Beau), welcomed their first litter of IW's in 2018 and added Berger picards to their family after being introduced to the breed in 2017 through a work assignment with the AKC canine college. Her first judging assignment was at the 2024 BPCA National Speciality as the sweepstakes judge and again at IWAGS in 2025 . Amanda looks forward to being involved in the 2026 Élevage and expanding her judging assignments in the hound and herding groups in the near future!



# Interest Form

Throughout this issue you will have noticed there are a number of links to a Jotform. It is the same link to the same form, whether you clicked the link at the health clinic section or judges dinner! We are asking for feedback regarding prospective attendance to these events so that we may better plan and work to provide an excellent Élevage and National Specialty.

We realize that it's early days yet, so this form indicates interest only.

Official booking forms will be sent to you in the July edition of the newsletter. This form is to help us understand the number we'll need to cater for. Thank you for helping us make this a great National/Élevage event!

Here is the link again for your convenience: <https://form.jotform.com/260725389223056>

## Volunteers Needed!

In order to put on the event of a specialty and Élevage, your help is needed. Please check out the list below of opportunities to volunteer for this years events!

- Élevage day 1 & 2 at RTN
- ATTS temperament test at RTN
- CGC & CGCA testing at RTN
- Set up at the Bunkhouse at Island Grove Regional Park
- Help with health clinics

Please reach out to the BPCA if you would like to help!

*See you all in the fall for the National Specialty & Élevage!  
Below are some of the past National Specialty winners.*



GCHB Chynashar's Reason to Believe  
2025 National Specialty Winner



GCH Eclipse Ace in the Hole  
2024 National Specialty Winner



GCH Sportingfields Eclipse Legally Blonde  
2023 National Specialty Winner