



The Saint Bernard Club of America's 2020 National Specialty Winners

<i>Date: October 29,30,31, 2020</i>		<i>Location: Bethlehem, PA</i>		
<i>Judges: (I & B) Arthur Shook (D) Horst Vogel - were scheduled to judge</i>		<i>Dogs In Competition:</i>		
<i>Obedience:</i>	<i>Tracking Test: No Test</i>	<i>Draft Test:</i>	<i>Weight Pulled:</i>	<i>Percentage:</i>
<i>SBCA Agility Trial: No Trial</i>				

**There was not a National Specialty Show in 2020!
Cancelled due to the Corona Virus and uncertainties, come October.**

2020 National Update

Susan Carter, RN, DNP/SBCA Recording Secretary

The Board of Directors discussed the financial implications of the 2020 National as well as the unanimous recommendation by the health sub-committee. The Board voted to cancel the 2020 National being held the last week of October in the east part of Pennsylvania. The board is working with the AKC Board of Directors for approval to move the 2020 National to early 2021. The 2021 National in Utah will be held as planned in September.

The SBCA Board of Directors appointed a sub-committee to discuss the effects of the pandemic on the 2020 National. The committee consisted of myself as chair, Cindy Valko RN, Gina Fitzpatrick RN, Doyleene Roberts and Jose Hernandez-Gil, DMD. The coronavirus is a new virus that spreads mainly through person-to-person contact and the infections range from mild to deadly. As a new virus, there are many unknowns especially with the increasing number of cases over the past month. We are experiencing a rebound of the virus and are seeing spikes in cases in the West, Southeast, and Midwest which are being traced back to where people are clustering.

Currently in Pennsylvania, the western part of the state is starting to see a spike in cases related to reopening. The Governor along with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health (PA DPH) put in measures to help decrease the raise in the number of cases. This includes reclosing of bars in certain counties, making masks mandatory even when inside a restaurant, social distancing and frequent hand washing. **The sub-committee unanimously recommended canceling the 2020 National in October.**