



Welcome 2025 Erie Kennel Club Show Vendors

This is an important memo regarding the January 25-26, 2025, Erie Kennel Club Dog Show. Please read it carefully and let me know if you have any questions at all!

Please submit your first payment (one half) by **November 15, 2024**. Also, reservations are nonrefundable. Due to the nature of shifting booths around the past few years, I am going to work on a more first come, first served type of reservation. I will start to fill in booths starting from the front (both Premium and Regular) as I receive payments. If you want the same spot as last year, please indicate in your reservation and **get your money in promptly. If you do not plan on attending this year, please let me know so we can find a replacement vendor.** If you can't make it this year, please let us know if it was due to any fault of ours! We have a lot of newer vendors that have expressed interest and we have reached maximum capacity at the venue in terms of vendor booth availability the past few shows. With the venue now using metal scanners at the entrance, this also eliminated a few booth spaces. I will work to accommodate everyone to the best of our ability, but I want to caution that booths are beginning to see a higher demand over the past few years. I have already received interest from new vendors between this year's show and now, so the interest continues to rise.

We highly recommend staying at one of the host hotels connected to the Bayfront Convention Center. They are among the nicest in the region and offer a good rate for the show. We do not have the final pricing and hotel blocks available from the hotels yet. This information will be provided at the time the premium is printed. I will send hotel information to those that have sent in contracts at that time to be able to book a hotel near the venue with group block rates.

Unloading will operate the same as prior years, meaning you pull into the loading/unloading area and club members will help you to your booth. Those with little to unpack can use the front doors as used in the past. When leaving on Sunday, vendors and handlers are not able to pull into the great hall to load up (same as past years). One bay will be kept open for vendor loading and I will be there to coordinate with the Bayfront staff. Similar to last year, vendors will have priority in the loading dock and handlers will only be permitted to utilize the dock as long as they do not interfere with vendors exiting.

I'll be sending more detailed information as December and January approach and we get closer to the event. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Thanks for your past loyalty in coming to our show.

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