



# ABC Eastern Futurity

April 4-5, 2024



*Hosted by the West Michigan Brittany Club, Michigan Brittany Club, and Michigan x Valley Brittany Club*

Dear Futurity Participant:

This entry blank is being sent to you because of your 2022 breeder's nomination and your final forfeit payment paid in 2023. When completing your entry form, **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**. Send your entry form and with checks payable to the "American Brittany Club" directly to the **Section Secretary**:

**Josh Bambach**

137 Michigan St., Kinde, MI, 48445

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**CLOSING DATE: Friday, March 15 @ 12:00 PM EST**

**DO NOT SEND ENTRIES TO JACQUI CAMPBELL** as that will only delay the entry process.

For those dogs eligible for the field, you must now make the determination whether to enter the All Age or Gun Dog stakes. You may not enter both. Performance standards for the field are on this premium. **ENTRY FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE EXPECTED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THIS EVENT.**

Prize money will be paid to both the breeder and owner of record as identified on this entry blank. If you have sold your futurity nominated dog since paying the final forfeit last year, please pass this form on to the new owner.

Sincerely,

Josh Bambach, Section Secretary, (989) 550 9659

Eileen Gust, Section Manager, (612) 919 2700

**Eastern Futurity Apparel:** There is an online store at [abceasternfuturity24.itemorder.com](http://abceasternfuturity24.itemorder.com). **Orders must be purchased by March 18,**

**2024.** If you are attending the futurity in person, Eileen can pick up your items and give them to you with no shipping charge. If not attending in person, you will be charged shipping, and it will be shipped to you. Look for the link on Facebook.

## ORDER OF EVENTS AND JUDGES

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

**Futurity Show Event**

**Western Michigan Rifle and Pistol Club**

2116 W Lincoln Ave, Ionia, MI, 48846

Start time: 3:00 PM

Judge: Stevie Duffek, Eagle, WI

**THERE IS NO GROOMING IN THE SHOW BUILDING. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE**

**Friday, April 5, 2024**

**Futurity Field All Age Event (Course 2a)**

Start: 8:00 AM

Judge: Jim Stevens, Traverse City, MI

Judge: Jim Cipponeri, New Hudson, MI

**Ionia Field Trial Grounds**

**Futurity Field Gun Dog Event (Course 2b)**

Start: 8:00 AM

Judge: John Schoonover, La Grange, IL

Judge: Ed Janulis, Manhattan, IL

**Ionia Field Trial Grounds**

The ABC Futurities, Field and Show are run under the rules of the American Brittany Club Futurity Program and shall be judged on the Standard of Performance adopted by the ABC Board of Directors.

**BITCHES IN HEAT:** Must be declared before the start of judging and will be dropped to the bottom of the running order and either paired with a bitch or run as a bye dog if no open brace exists.

**FOOD:** Dinner will be available after the show on Thursday at Linda's Corner Landing (128 W Grand River Ave, Ionia, MI, 48846). Please RSVP if you plan to attend. There will be bourbon chicken for \$17.99 or prime rib for \$22.99. Pay the day of the event. Lunch will be provided on Friday.

**HORSES:** No horses will be provided by the futurity.

**BASKETS:** There will be raffle and silent auction gift baskets available

**CATALOG ADS:** Ads are being accepted for the catalog: \$25 full page, \$15 half page. Cheer on your litter participant, promote your kennel, photos in memory of... Ads

and photos must be print ready. Contact Josh Bambach for more information.  
Deadline is March 15.

**TROPHY DONATIONS:** Donations are accepted and greatly appreciated towards the 2024 futurity trophy fund. Contact Jacqui Campbell – ABC Futurity Secretary at [campbellsbrittany@gmail.com](mailto:campbellsbrittany@gmail.com) or (425)-308-0750 for more information.

**LOCAL FIELD TRIALS:** Western Michigan Brittany Club  
3/29-3/31 (Secretary Eileen Gust)

ABC Michigan Brittany GOLAA and GOLGD Championship  
4/1-4/3 (Secretary Kathy Gulembo (616-340-9723))

Michigan Brittany Club  
4/5-4/7 (Secretary Bob Watson (906-362-9472))

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW: Western Michigan Rifle and Pistol Club**

**FROM I-96 East or West** Exit onto 66 North towards Ionia (Exit 57). Take this road until you hit 21. Turn left on 21 and follow it until Lincoln Rd. Take a right on Lincoln Rd and go 2.87 miles until you see the driveway for the Western Michigan Rifle and Pistol Club on your right-hand side.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE Ionia Field Trial Grounds**

**From I-96 East or West:** Exit onto 66 North towards Ionia (Exit 57). Follow 66 until you hit Sprague Rd, where you will take a left (it is just before the Walmart). Follow Sprague Rd until it ends. When it ends, take a Right. You will see the Ionia Field Trial Grounds on your left side.

**Questions or additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.**

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**HOTELS/MOTELS NEAR THE Show/Field**

Pet policies are subject to change; you are responsible for verifying all when making your motel reservations.

**SUPER 8**, 7245 S State Rd, Ionia, MI, (616) 527 2828. Pet friendly.

**AMERICAN INN & SUITES**, 423 Brown Blvd, Ionia, MI, (616) 527-2200 Pet friendly

**MIDWAY MOTEL**, 7077 S State Rd, Ionia, MI, (616) 527-6570

Also, there are AIRBNB and VRBOs in the areas surrounding Ionia.

**CAMPING:** Primitive camping and electric hookups available at the Ionia Field Trial Grounds.

**VETERNARIAN SERVICES**

Sterner Veterinary Clinic  
575 Apple Tree Dr.  
Ionia, MI, 48846  
616-527-3329

Clinton Veterinary Services  
3530 N Scott Rd.  
St Johns, MI, 48879  
989-224-1410

**RESTAURANTS** (CALL FOR RESERVATIONS & OPEN HOURS)

**Bluewater Cafe**  
323 W Main St, Ionia, MI  
(616) 527-9960

**Olivera's Restaurant**  
390 S Dexter St, Ionia, MI  
(616) 522-3000

**Aunt Stephe's**  
219 W Main St, Ionia, MI  
(616) 523-6868

**Linda's Corner Landing**  
128 W Grand River Ave, Ionia, MI  
(616) 523-9400

**ALL HUMAN EMERGIENCIES, CALL 911**

**AMBULANCE/FIRE DEPARTMENT, CALL 911**

**POLICE, CALL 911**

Club: <b>American Brittany Club</b>		Event #: <b>2022/2024 Eastern Futurity</b>		
<b>Show:</b> Western Michigan Rifle and Pistol Club <b>Field:</b> Ionia Field Trial Grounds		Date(s): <b>4/4/24 - show</b> <b>4/5/24 – field</b>		Event type: <b>Eastern</b> <b>Futurity</b>
<b>(NOTE: Select only ONE option):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All-Age <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Dog <b>\$70</b>		Enter in Show Futurity: <input type="checkbox"/> Show <b>\$50</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC # <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		I enclose entry fees in the amount of: \$ _____		
Full Name of Dog:				
Call Name:	Date of Birth:	Sex:	Color:	AKC DNA (optional)
Sire:				
Dam:				
Name of Breeder (s):				
Field Handler (if applicable)				
Show Handler (if applicable)				
Actual Owner(s):				
Owner's Address:				
City:		State:		Zip:
Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry:				
Telephone:				
Email address:				

## THE JUDGING OF THE ABC FIELD FUTURITY

ABC Futurity Field stakes (All-Age and Gun Dog) are run under the rules of the American Brittany Club Futurity Program and sanctioned by the American Field. There should be four money placements awarded in each stake. Braces should be 30 minutes, and it is at the judges' discretion if a second series or callbacks are needed. Placements should be awarded to the "Best Dogs" in the stake. Finding birds on the course should be a primary objective. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all matters relating to the field trial performance of all the dogs.

### ALL- AGE (Optional Horseback)

All-Age futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Champion All-Age Brittanys. The All-Age dog is a free spirit and fills up all the available country (plus a little more) in a bold and sometimes reckless manner, yet ultimately acknowledges the control exerted by his handler and courses to the front in such a pattern as to maintain periodic suitable contact with the handler. The judges should examine the total performance of the dog with range being kept foremost in mind. Range is the essential ingredient of an All-Age dog, and it should take precedence over and not be compromised for a shorter performance no matter how immaculate the bird work of the latter. The dog must respond to the handler but shall not be penalized for being more independent than an adult dog. A dog that handles at the extreme edges of the course shall be preferred over one that needs a scout to keep him on course, but both shall be preferred over a dog that does not have sufficient range for an All-Age dog. The All-Age dog shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished All-Age manner.

### GUN DOG (Foot Handled Only/Scout Optional Horseback)

Gun Dog futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Champion Gun Dog Brittanys. They shall exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold attractive style, intelligence in seeking objectives, eagerness and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence and consistency of application in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished Gun Dog manner, indicating their future potential as a high-class Gun Dog. Throughout the brace, a Gun Dog must adjust his pace and range to prevailing cover conditions. When the cover is heavy and tight, he will naturally hunt closer. When the cover "opens up" he should naturally adjust to the opportunity to hunt more distant, inviting objectives that may be productive. Natural adaptability is the mark of a superb bird dog, and excessive calling or hacking by the handler to accomplish satisfactory ranging - either closer or wider - is detracting from the dog's performance. The dog must cover adequate ground but should never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a class Gun Dog.

## THE JUDGING OF THE ABC SHOW FUTURITY

Show classes shall be divided by sex, and there are three groups of classes: Senior (dogs whelped January - April), Intermediate (dogs whelped May - August), and Junior (dogs whelped September - December). There are 6 money placements awarded at the Futurity Show. The top 3 males and top 3 females are awarded First Money, Second Money, and Third Money in that order. First Money Male and First Money Female then compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity. Equal consideration is to be given to each of the classes regarding money placements, and then for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite in Futurity realizing that the more youthful dogs will be less mature and provided those points of immaturity are normal and appropriate for the breed at that time in development, they should not be penalized. Judges are not to anticipate what the dogs will look like in the future. Instead, they are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of their ability, following the current published American Brittany breed standard, EXCEPT no dogs are to be measured at the Futurity Show. The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field condition as many of the entries are entered in both the field and the show events. The decision of the judge is final in all matters pertaining to the show procedure and presentation of all dogs.

### ABC FUTURITY DUAL AWARD

The dual futurity winner in each section will receive 5% of the gross purse for that section, divided 2/3 to the owner and 1/3 to the breeder. For a dog to be eligible for a sectional futurity Dual Dog Award, points must be won in both the show and the field futurity events, by defeating dogs. The point schedule is set by the ABC Board of Directors and found in the ABC Policy Book.



## DUAL FUTURITY AWARD POINT SYSTEM

### SHOW

Best in Futurity	6 points
Best of Opposite Sex	5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Male Money	4 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Female Money	4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Male Money	3 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Female Money	3 points
1 <sup>st</sup> in any class	2 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> in any class	1 point
3 <sup>rd</sup> in any class	½ point
4 <sup>th</sup> in any class	¼ point
EXCEPT that if	
2 entries in a class	
1 <sup>st</sup> in class	¼ point
3 entries in a class	
1 <sup>st</sup> in class	½ point
2 <sup>nd</sup> in class	¼ point
4 entries in class	
1 <sup>st</sup> in class	1 point
2 <sup>nd</sup> in class	½ point
3 <sup>rd</sup> in class	¼ point

Points may be counted for only one award in the best (the highest received).

In case of a Tie, Multiple Dual awards will be presented. Dual award prize money will be split between the winners and an additional trophy and ribbon will be provided at a later date.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual award.

Remember a dog cannot win points for getting a ribbon/placement in a class/stake unless they defeat at least one dog.

### FIELD (ALL AGE & GUN DOG)

1 <sup>st</sup> place	6 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	3 points

### 2024 American Brittany Club Eastern Region Futurity team

\* Contact us if you have questions, need more information, or would like to volunteer to help. Volunteers are welcome.

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Futurity Secretary:	Jacqui Campbell
Litter Nomination:	Sue Lehosky

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