

United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

Winning handler prize package includes:

- \$8,000 Guaranteed Purse
- Garmin Alpha 300/TT 25 Bundle

Winning owner prize package includes:

- Ross B. Young original oil painting
- Montana Silversmiths belt buckle

Trial starts February 14, 2026

Drawing: February 13, 5:30 p.m., at the Camp Robinson Wildlife Management Area clubhouse, Conway, AR.

Activities

Friday: Dinner, Drawing & Calcutta (5:30 p.m.)

Saturday: Dinner (5:30 p.m.)

Sunday: Dinner (5:30 p.m.)—hosted by Doug Swingley, owner of the 2025 Invitational winner, Thunder's Wild Agin.

Invitational Entry Fee: \$300

Judges

Gary Hill, Hext, OK

Kevin White, Oklahoma City, OK

Reporter

Joyce Taylor, Paron, AR

Purina Top Shooting Dog Award Points

400 Bonus Points

Purina Top Handler of the Year Award Points

Confirmed Participants

Thunder's Wild Agin

Owner: Doug Swingley

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Hale's Smooth Touch

Owners: Dr. Jeffrey Hale and Rick Thone

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

A Buccaneer

Owner: Jett Ferebee

Handler: Doug Ray

CS Dirty Harry

Owners: Tony & Becky Gibson

Handler: Steve Hurdle

LMD's Can't Touch This

Owner: Donna Markey

Handler: Virgil Moore

Big Man On Campus

Owners: David Sylvester and Shannon Smith

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Late Hit

Owner: Christopher Campbell

Handler: Tom Shenker

Topp's First J R

Owner: Luke Topp

Handler: Harold Gearhart

Lester's Another Shockwave

Owners: Tom Jackson, Jerry Moisson, Lance Schulz, Bjorn Peterson, and Todd Mann

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

RT Big Iron

Owners: Jim Mills, Steve Lightle, and Natalie McDonald

Handler: Allen Vincent

Melrose Big John

Owner: Daphne Wood

Handler: Terry Chastain Jr.

Touch's Steely Dan

Owner: John Van Horn

Handler: Virgil Moore



2025 Invitational winner Thunder's Wild Agin with handler Shawn Kinkelaar, scout Matt Basilone, and owner Doug Swingley.



The Invitational participants have been selected on the basis of the Purina Top Shooting Dog Award for 2024/25. All braces to run one-hour heats on two consecutive days, 90-minute heats for finals on third day. The number of dogs called back for finals is entirely at the discretion of the judges. Champion only, no Runner-Up.

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