



NSGRC Breeder
Education Committee

presents

Breeding Through *the* Ages

— with **Helen Dorrance** —

About Helen Dorrance

- Helen Dorrance is a highly respected breeder, exhibitor, educator, and AKC judge with nearly five decades of dedication to purebred dogs. She began her journey in 1976 with Golden Retrievers and has since become widely recognized for her accomplishments with not only Golden Retrievers, but also American Eskimo Dogs and Whippets under her AKC-registered kennel name, Ducat.
- Based in Leander, Texas, Helen operates an eight-acre farm where she raises her dogs alongside miniature Nubian goats, sheep, bees, and a thriving food forest. Her lifelong commitment to responsible breeding has earned her the distinction of AKC Gold Breeder of Merit for Golden Retrievers, Silver Breeder of Merit for American Eskimo Dogs, and Breeder of Merit for Whippets.
- Helen has made significant contributions to the Golden Retriever and the American Eskimo Dog breeds through breeding, judging, and education. She has been an active member of the GRCA and AEDCA judges education committees, helping preserve correct breed type and educate future judges. She is widely respected for emphasizing sound structure, temperament, working ability, and health while remaining committed to the preservation of breed standards and fostering ethical and moral behavior regarding the sport of purebred dogs.
- A longtime advocate for purebred dogs and the sport of dogs, Helen has embraced advances in health testing and technology while continuing to mentor newcomers and promote responsible breeding practices. Her passion for preserving the heritage and purpose of each breed, combined with decades of experience in conformation and performance events, has made her a valued leader and mentor within the dog community. Whether breeding, judging, educating, or competing, Helen's dedication to excellence and preservation has left a lasting impact on Golden Retrievers, American Eskimo Dogs, and Whippets, and on generations of fanciers who have benefited from her knowledge and guidance.



Saturday, September 26, 2026 - 30 minutes after Best in Show

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Hot Springs, Arkansas

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