



The Fox River Valley Hounds 2021 Foxhound Puppy Show offers a fun day at Barrington Hills Farm each August.

## The Dog Days of Summer

### THE FOX RIVER VALLEY HOUNDS 2021 PUPPY SHOW AND FAMILY DOG COMPETITION

EACH AUGUST, the Fox River Valley Hounds brings together its members, the newest foxhound puppies, and the community to enjoy a day in the country. Held on August 15 this year, co-hosts Barrington Hills Farm and HARPS made it possible for some outdoor fun and fundraising in support of the club's puppies that need food, vet care, and specialized tracking collars. Chairwoman Deb Nestrud Gallagher and her co-chair, Deb Kramer, offered a welcoming event for guests and their dogs. Event emcee Don Tyler encouraged donors to offer support during a live auction. Kristin Wojack, DVM, served as the Dog Competition judge. FRVH President Bob Heaton and MFH Marilyn Heaton generously hosted a community tent with food and drinks.

The Fox River Valley Hounds is a club tradition in Barrington Hills dating back to 1940 when it was first established. Each summer, the newest foxhound puppies are showcased as they enter their first season of hound exercises in the field, leading club members on horseback through the countryside.

The event showed a strong turnout of attendees, and the weather was perfect.

"We were grateful for the opportunity to reconvene and enjoy friends and family at the beautiful Barrington Hills Farm," Gallagher said. 🐾



Event chair Deb Nestrud Gallagher holds the Best of Show trophy sponsored by Long & Company Jewelers. Event emcee Don Tyler announces contest winners.





Dusty was the winner of the Best Water Retriever.  
From left: Victoria, Joe, and Adysen Minneman.



Colston Heaton with Luna.



Bob Heaton (on left) with MFH Tony Leahy.



Tailgaters (from left) Dorothy Symonds with Echo, Karen Williams, Donna Sadlicki, and Doug Cannon.



Bonnie Conte, with husband Augie and Penny Lane, placed in the Best Owner/Dog Look-Alike Contest.



The event helps raise funds for the care of foxhound pups.



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Barrington Hills Farm is 700 acres of pristine, undeveloped land located at Haegers Bend and Spring Creek Roads in the northwestern most corner of Barrington Hills. The rarity of Barrington Hills lies in its open space, fresh air, clean water, and abundant wildlife. The land is precious and delicate and in constant need of stewardship to keep it that way.