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2019 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP **JUDGING PANEL NOW AVAILABLE**

NEW YORK, NY (January 22, 2019) – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panel for the **2019 AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin** to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15, 2019.

The 2019 event will showcase the top national and international canine athletes and will also include popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals, the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes, AKC Meet the Breeds® and the NADD/AKC Dock Diving National Championship. The show will once again take place alongside the AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Obedience Classic, with junior events in each sport.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2019 National Championship is **Mrs. Dorothy Collier** of Sapphire, NC and **Dr. Thomas Davies** of Brimfield, MA will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show.

“We have a fabulous lineup of judges this year, and with Dorothy and Tom leading the charge, it’s sure to be a thrilling competition,” said Show Chairman Dennis B. Sprung.

Judges for the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes at the AKC National Championship are:

SPORTING – Mr. Carl Liepman – Flushing, MI

HOUND – Mr. Guy Jeavons – Moffat, ON

WORKING – Ms. Pamela Bruce – Welland, ON

TERRIER – Mrs. Rozalind Kramer – Charlottesville, VA

TOY – Mr. Edd E. Bivin – Ft. Worth, TX

NON-SPORTING – Mr. David Kirkland – Sanford, NC

HERDING – Mr. James Moses – Wentzville, NC

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES – Mr. Chuck Trotter – Caramel, CA

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Mrs. Victoria Seiler-Cushman – Xenia, OH

JUNIOR PRELIMS – Mr. Blake Hansen and Mrs. Cheslie Pickett-Smithey

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are:

SPORTING – Mrs. Paula Hartinger – Cincinnati, OH

HOUND – Ms. Patricia Trotter – Caramel, CA

WORKING – Ms. Rita Biddle – Eagle, MI

TERRIER – Mr. Bruce Schwartz – Los Angeles, CA

TOY – Miss Evalyn Gregory – Louisville, KY

NON-SPORTING – Mrs. Charlotte Patterson – Destin, FL

HERDING – Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer – Whitmore Lake, MI

The National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes will be held on Friday, December 13th. Best in Stakes will be judged by an elite panel of three judges: **Mrs. Dorothy Collier, Dr. Thomas Davies** and **Patricia M. Cruz**.

Breed and group judges for the AKC-Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes are:

SPORTING GROUP – Mr. Desmond Murphy

SPORTING BREEDS – Mr. Michael Faulkner & Mrs. Christine Calcinari

HOUND GROUP – Mrs. Christine Calcinari

HOUND BREEDS – Mr. Frederick Vogel & Mr. David Miller

WORKING GROUP – Mrs. Victoria Seiler-Cushman

WORKING BREEDS – Mr. Bob Busby & Mrs. Beverly Vics

TERRIER GROUP – Mr. Clay Coady

TERRIER BREEDS – Mrs. April Clyde & Mr. Todd Clyde

TOY GROUP – Mr. David Fitzpatrick

TOY BREEDS – Mr. Jordan Chamberlain, Mr. Jeffery Bazell & Mr. Richard Miller

NON-SPORTING GROUP – Ms. Susan Vroom

NON-SPORTING BREEDS – Mrs. Angela Pickett & Mrs. Edy Dykstra-Blum

HERDING GROUP – Mr. Michael Faulkner

HERDING BREEDS – Mrs. Mary Anne Brocious, Mr. Mark Houston-McMillan & Mr. David Kirkland

[*Click here for the judging panel.](#)

Breed and group judges for the 2019 National Owner-Handled Series Finals are:

BEST IN SHOW: Dr. Carmen Battaglia

SPORTING GROUP – Mr. Desmond Murphy

SPORTING BREEDS – Mr. Desmond Murphy & Mrs. Joan Savage

HOUND GROUP – Mr. Elliott Weiss
HOUND BREEDS – Mr. Elliott Weiss & Mr. Allen Odom

WORKING GROUP & BREEDS – Mr. James Moses

TERRIER GROUP & BREEDS – Mr. Guy Jeavons

TOY GROUP & BREEDS – Ms. Margaret Reed

NON-SPORTING GROUP & BREEDS – Mr. Robin Stansell

HERDING GROUP – Mrs. Cindy Stansell
HERDING BREEDS – Mrs. Cindy Stansell & Ms. Marie Ann Falconer

*Specific breed judging assignments will be available in the Premium List

BREED JUDGING FOR THE AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

SPORTING GROUP:

Ms. Pamela Bruce

Mrs. Christine Calcinari

Mr. Clay Coady

Mr. Michael Faulkner

Ms. Shirley Fippin

Mr. Geir Flyckt-Pedersen

Ms. Nancy Talbot

Mrs. Joan Savage

Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Retrievers (Labrador), Spaniels (Cocker – ASCOB), Spaniels (Cocker – Black), Spaniels (Cocker – Parti Color)

Brittanys, Lagotti Romangoli, Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels, Weimaraners, Wirehaired Vizslas, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons

Pointers (German Shorthaired), Pointers (German Wirehaired)

Spaniels (English Springer), Spinoni Italiani

Retrievers (Flat-Coated)

Spaniels (Welsh Springer), Vizslas

Retrievers (Golden)

Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes, Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay), Retrievers (Curly Coated), Setters (English), Setters (Gordon), Setters (Irish), Setters (Irish Red & White), Spaniels (Clumber), Spaniels (Field), Spaniels (Irish Water), Spaniels (Sussex)

Pointers, Spaniels (English Cocker)

HOUND GROUP:

Mr. Clay Coady

Mr. Michael Faulkner

Ms. Heather Lindberg

Mr. David Miller

Mr. Desmond Murphy

Mr. Allen Odom

Mrs. Cindy Scott

Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.

Mr. Frederick Vogel

WORKING GROUP:

Mr. Edd Bivin

Mr. Bob Busby

Mr. Clay Coady

Ms. Marie Ann Falconer

Mr. Geir Flyckt-Pedersen

Mr. Roger Hartinger

Dr. Anthony DiNardo

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Beagles (both varieties)

Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Afghan Hounds

Borzoi, Cirnechi dell'Etna, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Norwegian Elkhounds, Otterhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Portuguese Podengo Pequenos, Sloughis

Greyhounds

American English Coonhounds, Basset Hounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bloodhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Foxhound (American), Foxhound (English), Harriers, Plott Hounds, Redbone Coonhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

Basenjis, Whippets

Petits Basset Griffon Vendéens, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds

Azawakhs, Dachshunds (all varieties), Grand Basset Griffon Vendéens

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Cane Corso, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Samoyeds

Black Russian Terriers, Mastiffs, Rottweilers, St. Bernards

Boxers

Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Siberian Huskies

Giant Schnauzers, Standard Schnauzers

Bullmastiffs, Great Pyrenees, Komondorok, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Tibetan Mastiffs

Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs

Mrs. Beverly Vics

Akitas, Alaskan Malamutes, Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boerboels, Chinooks, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers

TERRIER GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Bob Busby

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Mrs. Christine Calcinari

Australian Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Russell Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Welsh Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

Mr. Clay Coady

Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Standard Manchester Terriers

Mr. Geir Flyckt-Pedersen

Miniature Schnauzers, Norfolk Terriers, Rat Terriers

Mr. Roger Hartinger

American Hairless Terriers, Border Terriers

Mr. Desmond Murphy

Bedlington Terriers, Bull Terriers (Colored), Bull Terriers (White), Cairn Terriers, Fox Terrier (Smooth), Fox Terrier (Wire), Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers

Ms. Marcy Zingler

Airedale Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers

TOY GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Jeffery Bazell

Brussels Griffons, Japanese Chin, Papillons, Pekingese, Shih Tzu

Mr. Jordan Chamberlain

Pomeranians, Poodles (Toy)

Mr. Clay Coady

Toy Manchester Terriers

Mr. Michael Faulkner

Pugs

Ms. Shirley Fippin

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

Ms. Heather Lindberg

Chinese Cresteds

Mr. Richard Miller	Chihuahuas (both varieties), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby), English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles)
Mr. Desmond Murphy	Affenpinschers, Miniature Pinschers
Mrs. Janice Pardue	Italian Greyhounds
Mr. Dana Plonkey	Maltese, Silky Terriers, Toy Fox Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers
Mrs. Beverly Vics	Havanese
NON-SPORTING GROUP:	BREED ASSIGNMENTS:
Mr. Jeffery Bazell	Schipperkes
Mr. Edd Bivin	Boston Terriers, Chow Chows, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli
Mr. Jordan Chamberlain	Poodles (Miniature), Poodles (Standard)
Mr. Roger Hartinger	American Eskimo Dogs, Chinese Shar-Pei, Dalmatians, Finnish Spitz, Löwchen, Norwegian Lundehunds, Tibetan Spaniels
Mr. Allen Odom	Coton de Tulear
Mrs. Janice Pardue	Bichon Frises, French Bulldogs
Mrs. Beverly Vics	Bulldogs
Ms. Marcy Zingler	Keeshonden, Lhasa Apsos, Shiba Inu
HERDING GROUP:	BREED ASSIGNMENTS:
Ms. Mary Anne Brocius	Berger Picards, Briards, Canaan Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, Miniature American Shepherds, Old English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs
Mrs. Roberta Davies	Bearded Collies, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Bergamasco Sheepdogs, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Pulik, Pumik, Pyrenean Shepherds, Swedish Vallhunds
Ms. Marie Ann Falconer	German Shepherd Dogs, Shetland Sheepdogs

Mr. Guy Jeavons	Border Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis
Mr. Allen Odom	Australian Shepherds
Col. Joe B. Purkhiser	Australian Cattle Dogs, Beaucerons, Collies (both varieties), Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Spanish Water Dogs

*Panel subject to final approval.

About Best in Show judge Dorothy Collier:

Dorothy Collier, of Sapphire, North Carolina, has been active in the sport of purebred dogs since 1968. She is best-known for her success in Komondors with many champions, Best in Show dogs, and top producers from her Summithill Kennels. She began judging in the early 1980s and is now licensed to judge the Working and Herding groups and Best in Show. Mrs. Collier has judged many of the major dog shows in America, including Best in Show at Westminster KC in 1997, and many foreign countries.

Mrs. Collier is a founding member of Take the Lead and a longtime member of the Komondor Club of America. She is also an active member of several all-breed clubs.

About Best Bred-By-Exhibitor judge Dr. Thomas Davies:

Dr. Thomas Davies, of Brimfield, Massachusetts, was introduced to the world of purebred dogs after his college graduation in 1967. Dr. Davies became president of the Bearded Collie Club of America and oversaw its entrance into the AKC Stud Book. He is an honorary lifetime member of that club and is the author of the Bearded Collie standard.

In the mid-1980s, Dr. Davies became deeply involved in Siberian Huskies and Belgian Sheepdogs. He and his wife, Roberta, have bred and finished many champions in all three of their breeds. Dr. Davies judges the Herding Group, many Working breeds and Best in Show.

He has served as president and show chairman of the Springfield, KC and is the club's AKC Delegate. He is the longtime show chair for Springfield and previously for the country's first Working Group club, the Connecticut River Working Group Association, for which he is vice president. Dr. Davies is retired after more than 30 years in various areas of scientific research, and product and market development.

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Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its more than 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including

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