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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:

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<td>Mrs. Joan Savage</td>
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<td>Mr. Edd Bivin</td>
<td>Cane Corso, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Samoyeds</td>
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<td>Mr. Bob Busby</td>
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<td>Bullmastiffs, Great Pyrenees, Komondorok, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Tibetan Mastiffs</td>
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<td>Dr. Anthony DiNardo</td>
<td>Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs</td>
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Mrs. Beverly Vics
Akitas, Alaskan Malamutes, Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boerboels, Chinooks, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers

**TERRIER GROUP:**

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:**

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 Brocious: 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, Puli, 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 may 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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