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### ***JUDGING PANEL FOR 2025 NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES FINALS ANNOUNCED***

#### ***-Event to be Featured in AKC National Championship-***

**New York, NY-** The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panel for the **2025 National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) Finals**. The AKC NOHS Finals will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida as a part of the **AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin** on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14, 2025.

Best in Show for the NOHS Finals will be judged by Ms. Pluis Davern on Sunday evening.

This year, NOHS breed and group judging will take place over the weekend, with events scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday. The NOHS judging for the Terrier, Working, and Herding groups will be held on Saturday, while the Sporting, Hound, Toy, and Non-Sporting groups will be judged on Sunday. The NOHS breed judging will occur on the opposite day of the regular breed judging at the National Championship to allow for participation in both events.

"We're thrilled to be a featured part of the AKC National Championship and expand the NOHS Finals," said Guy Fisher, Manager, Club Development. "The opportunity for our competitors to participate in multiple events over the Championship weekend is exciting and we look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando."

#### **Judges for the seven variety groups at the National Owner-Handled Series Finals are:**

**SPORTING BREEDS AND GROUP:** Mrs. Betsy Yates

**HOUND BREEDS AND GROUP:** Mr. Hal Bierman

**WORKING BREEDS AND GROUP:** Mr. William Stebbins

**TERRIER BREEDS AND GROUP:** Mr. Gus Sinibaldi

**TOY BREEDS AND GROUP:** Mr. Gus Sinibaldi

**NON-SPORTING BREEDS AND GROUP:** Mrs. Danelle Brown

**HERDING BREEDS AND GROUP:** Mrs. Danelle Brown

\*Panel subject to final approval.

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About the American Kennel Club

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 26,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred and mixed breed dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, scent work, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests.

Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite, the AKC Museum of the Dog, and the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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