



News Release

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2025 NATIONAL ALL-BREED PUPPY & JUNIOR STAKES **JUDGING PANEL NOW AVAILABLE**

NEW YORK, NY (April 3, 2025) – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panel for the **AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes** to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the **AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin**. The AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes will be held on December 12, 2025.

Best in Stakes will be judged on Friday, December 12th, by an elite panel of three judges: Mrs. Rosalind Kramer, Mr. Thomas Coen and Ms. Pluis Davern.

Breed and Group judges at the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes are:

SPORTING – Mr. Peter Kubacz – Jackson, NJ

HOUND – Mr. Eric Steel – New York, NY

WORKING – Mr. Clifford Steele – Carmel, NY

TERRIER – Margery Good – Chochransville, PA

TOY – Ms. Patricia Anne Keenan – Chehalis, WA

NON-SPORTING – Elizabeth Sweigart – Bowmansville, PA

HERDING – Mr. Philip Booth – Lawtons, NY

SPORTING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mr. Peter Kubacz	Barbet, Lagotto Ramagnolo, Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, German Wirehaired Pointer, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Curly-Coated Retriever, Flat-Coated Retriever, English Setter, Gordon Setter, Irish Setter, Irish Red & White Setter, Spinone Italiano, Vizsla, Small Munsterlander
Karen Mammano	Brittany, Pointer, German Shorthaired Pointer, Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever, Weimaraner
Mr. Phillip Booth	Bracco Italiano, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, Wirehaired Vizsla

Per Ingar Rismyhr	American Water Spaniel, Boykin Spaniel, Clumber Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel (All Varieties), English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, Field Spaniel, Irish Water Spaniel, Sussex Spaniel, Welsh Springer Spaniel
HOUND GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Ms. Sarah Murphy	Afghan Hound, American English Coonhound, American Foxhound, Azawakh, Basenji, Beagle (both varieties), Bluetick Coonhound, Borzoi, Dachshund (all varieties), English Foxhound, Greyhound, Harrier, Irish Wolfhound, Kishu Ken, Pharaoh Hound, Redbone Coonhound, Saluki, Sloughi, Whippet
Mr. Eric Steel	Basset Fauvre de Bretagne, Basset Hound, Black and Tan Coonhound, Bloodhound, Cirneco dell'Etna, Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen, Ibizan Hound, Norwegian Elkhound, Norbottenspets, Otterhound, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, Peruvian Inca Orchid, Plott Hound, Portuguese Podengo, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Treeing Walker Coonhound, Scottish Deerhound
WORKING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Heather Johnson	Akita, Alaskan Malamute, Anatolian Shepherd, Bullmastiff, Cane Corso, Danish Swedish Farmdog, Dogo Argentino, Dogue de Bordeaux, Kuvasz, Leonberger, Mastiff, Neapolitan Mastiff, Pyrenean Mastiff, Rottweiler, St. Bernard, Samoyed, Siberian Husky, Tibetan Mastiff, Yakutian Laika
Mr. Clifford Steele	Bernese Mountain Dog, Black Russian Terrier, Boerboel, Boxer, Chinook, Doberman Pinscher, German Pinscher, Giant Schnauzer, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Komondor, Newfoundland, Portuguese Water Dog, Standard Schnauzer
TERRIER GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Margery Good	Airedale Terrier, American Hairless Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Australian Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, Border Terrier, Bull Terrier (both varieties), Cesky Terrier, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Miniature Bull Terrier, Standard Manchester Terrier, Rat Terrier,

	Sealyham Terrier, Skye Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Welsh Terrier, Teddy Roosevelt Terrier
Mr. Lance Deloria	Cairn Terrier, Dandie Dinmont Terrier, Smooth Fox Terrier, Wire Fox Terrier, Irish Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Miniature Schnauzer, Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terrier, Parson Russell Terrier, Russell Terrier, Scottish Terrier, West Highland White Terrier
TOY GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Ms. Patricia Anne Keenan	Affenpinscher, Brussels Griffon, English Toy Spaniel (all varieties), Japanese Chin, Poodle (Toy), Pug, Toy Fox Terrier
Hiram Stewart	Chinese Crested, Havanese, Italian Greyhound, Manchester Terrier (Toy), Miniature Pinscher, Papillon, Pekingese, Pomeranian, Russian Toy, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka
Mrs. Allison Sunderman	Biewer Terrier, Bolognese, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Chihuahua (both varieties), Maltese, Shih Tzu, Silky Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier
NON-SPORTING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Ms. Patricia Anne Keenan	Poodle (Miniature), Poodle (Standard)
Dr. Maryanne Mack, DVM	Alaskan Klee Kai, American Eskimo Dog, Boston Terrier, Bulldog, Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chow, Eurasier, Finnish Spitz, French Bulldog, Kromfohrlander, Lowchen, Norwegian Lundehund, Xoloitzcuintli
Elizabeth Sweigart	Bichon Frise, Coton de Tulear, Dalmatian, German Spitz, Japanese Akitainu, Keeshond, Lhasa Apso, Schipperke, Shiba Inu, Tibetan Spaniel, Tibetan Terrier
HERDING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mr. Philip Booth	Australian Cattle Dog, Bearded Collie, Berger Picard, Bouvier des Flandres, Briard, Canaan Dog, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Collie (both varieties), German Shepherd Dog, Icelandic Sheepdog, Old English Sheepdog, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Shetland Sheepdog
Paul Catterson	Australian Shepherd, Border Collie, Miniature American Shepherd, Norwegian Buhund
Mrs. Betsey Orman	Beauceron, Belgian Laekenois, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdog, Belgian Tervuren, Bergamasco, Dutch Shepherd,

	Entlebucher Mountain Dog, Finnish Lapphund, Lancashire Heeler, Mudi, Pumi, Puli, Pyrenean Shepherd, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Spanish Water Dog, Swedish Vallhund
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*Panel subject to final approval.

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