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2024 NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES FINALS & NATIONAL ALL-BREED PUPPY & JUNIOR STAKES JUDGING PANELS NOW AVAILABLE

NEW YORK, NY (May 31, 2024) – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panels for the **2024 National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) Finals** and 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 NOHS Finals will be held on December 13 & 14, 2024 and the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes will be held on December 13, 2024.

Best in Show for the NOHS Finals will be judged by Mr. Michael Faulkner on Saturday evening. Best in Stakes will be judged on Friday, December 13th, by an elite panel of three judges: Mr. Terry Stacy, Ms. Elizabeth Sweigart and Mr. Michael Faulkner.

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

SPORTING BREEDS AND GROUP: Mrs. Meghen Riese-Bassel – Social Circle, GA
HOUND BREEDS AND GROUP: Dr. Daniel W Dowling – Hope, ME
WORKING BREEDS AND GROUP: Mrs. Dawn L Gabig – Wilson, NC
TERRIER BREEDS AND GROUP: Mr. Kenneth E Berg – Moraga, CA
TOY BREEDS AND GROUP: Dale R Martenson – Durant, OK
NON-SPORTING BREEDS AND GROUP: Mr. Desmond Murphy – Monroe, NY
HERDING BREEDS AND GROUP: Andrew Ritter – Stockton, NJ

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

SPORTING – Ms. Mary Dukes – Marshville, NC
HOUND – Johann Becera-Hernandes – Saint Cloud, FL
WORKING – Mr. Milan Lint – New Hope, PA
TERRIER – Andrew Green – Flemington, NJ
TOY – Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr. – Brooklyn, NY
NON-SPORTING – Mrs. Gina Weiser – Weston, MO
HERDING – Mr. Colton Johnson – Colorado Springs, CO

SPORTING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Ms. Mary Dukes	Barbet, Bracco Italiano, Lagotto Ramagnolo, Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, English Setter, Gordon Setter, Irish Setter, Irish Red & White Setter, Spinone Italiano, Vizsla, Weimaraner, Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, Wirehaired Vizsla, Small Munsterlander
Mrs. Rosalind Kramer	Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Golden Retriever
Mrs. Angela Pickett	American Water Spaniel, Boykin Spaniel, Clumber Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel (All Varieties), English Cocker Spaniel, Field Spaniel, Irish Water Spaniel, Sussex Spaniel, Welsh Springer Spaniel
Amy Rodrigues-Comer	Brittany, Curly-Coated Retriever, Labrador Retriever, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Joan Scott	Pointer
HOUND GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Johann Becera-Hernandes	Afghan Hound, Bassett Hound, Dachshund (all varieties), Rhodesian Ridgeback
Marcello Chagas	American English Coonhound, American Foxhound, Beagle (both varieties), Black and Tan Coonhound, Bloodhound, Bluetick Coonhound, English Foxhound, Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen, Plott Hound, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Redbone Coonhound, Treeing Walker Coonhound
Kathi Brown	Azawakh, Basenji, Cirneco dell'Etna, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Norwegian Elkhound, Otterhound, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, Pharaoh Hound, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound, Sloughi, Whippet, Basset Fauvre de Bretagne, Norbottenspets, Peruvian Inca Orchid, Portuguese Podengo
WORKING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Debbie Melgreen	Akita, Alaskan Malamute, Boxer, Bullmastiff, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, Mastiff, Neapolitan Mastiff, Newfoundland, St. Bernard, Samoyed, Siberian Husky
Mr. Milan Lint	Anatolian Shepherd, Bernese Mountain Dog, Boerboel, Cane Corso, Chinook, Doberman Pinscher, Dogo Argentino,

	Dogue de Bordeaux, German Pinscher, Kuvasz, Standard Schnauzer, Tibetan Mastiff
Pamela Lambie	Black Russian Terrier, Giant Schnauzer, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Komondor, Leonberger, Portuguese Water Dogs, Rottweiler, Danish Swedish Farmdog, Kai Ken, Pyrenean Mastiff, Yakutain Laika, Czechoslovakian Vlcak
TERRIER GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Alex Wheeler	Airedale Terrier, American Hairless Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, Bull Terrier (both varieties), Irish Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Manchester Terrier (Standard), Miniature Bull Terrier, Miniature Schnauzer, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Welsh Terrier
Mr. Andrew Green	Australian Terrier, Border Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Cesky Terrier, Dandie Dinmont Terrier, Smooth Fox Terrier, Wire Fox Terrier, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terrier, Parson Russell Terrier, Rat Terrier, Russell Terrier, Scottish Terrier, Sealyham Terrier, Skye Terrier, West Highland White Terrier, Teddy Roosevelt Terrier
TOY GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.	Affenpinscher, Brussels Griffon, English Toy Spaniel (all varieties), Italian Greyhound, Papillon, Pomeranian, Pug
Susan Giles	Biewer Terrier, Chihuahua (both varieties), Maltese, Pekingese, Shih Tzu, Silky Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka, Bolognese
Linda George	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Chinese Crested, Japanese Chin, Manchester Terrier (Toy), Miniature Pinscher, Poodle (Toy), Russian Toy, Toy Fox Terrier
Joan Scott	Havanese
NON-SPORTING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mr. Luke Ehricht	American Eskimo Dog, Bulldog, Chinese Shar Pei, Chow Chow, Coton de Tulear, Finnish Spitz, Keeshond, Lhasa Apso, Lowchen, Norwegian Lundehund, Schipperke, Shiba Inu, Tibetan Spaniel, Tibetan Terrier, Japanese Akita Inu, German Spitz
Mrs. Rosalind Kramer	Bichon Frise

Mrs. Gina Weiser	Boston Terrier, Dalmatian, French Bulldog, Poodle (Miniature), Poodle (Standard), Xoloitzcuintli
HERDING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mr. Colton Johnson	Australian Cattle Dog, Border Collie, Bouvier des Flandres, Collie (both varieties), Entlebucher Mountain Dog, Finnish Lapphund, German Shepherd Dog, Icelandic Sheepdog, Mudi, Norwegian Buhund, Old English Sheepdog, Puli, Pumi
Jennie Hynes	Australian Shepherd, Bearded Collie, Belgian Laekenois, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdog, Belgian Tervuren, Bergamasco, Miniature American Shepherd, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Pyrenean Shepherd, Spanish Water Dog, Dutch Shepherd
Joan Scott	Beauceron, Berger Picard, Briard, Canaan Dog, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Lancashire Heeler, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Swedish Vallhund

*Panel subject to final approval.

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