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AKC AGILITY LEAGUE NAMES TOP TEAMS & DOGS IN FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



L to R: Smoothie & the All-Sized Aussies (Ph.D.), WestRover's Q Crew (Senior)

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry, and leading advocate for dogs, is excited to announce the winners of the first AKC Agility League Championships. The AKC Agility League is sponsored by Purina Pro Plan, YuMove, and AKC Pet Insurance.

The AKC Agility League held its first live championship on September 2 – 4 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO, bringing together league teams from around the country for fun, fellowship, and great competition.

“It was so exciting to witness these canine athletes and their teams in action,” said Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary of the American Kennel Club. “We can't wait for future seasons and events of the AKC Agility League.”

Agility League teams compete on their home turf during regular season play. The Championship was the first opportunity for teams to meet in person and compete on the same playing field. There were 30 teams represented, with over 550 runs over the weekend that featured classes for all levels of dogs, from novice through international. The event also featured fun team contests, including the best Team Shirt and best Decorated Crating Area.

Judges were Lauren Duckworth Bigbee of Oregon (Sophomore & Senior); Carol Mount of New Jersey (Freshman & Senior); and guest judge Ashley Deacon of California (Ph.D.).

The top three teams were honored in each division: **Ph.D.** (International-style courses), **Senior** (Masters courses); **Sophomore** (Open courses); and **Freshman** (Novice courses). The top dogs in each jump height class were also honored in each division.

The top teams were:

Ph.D. Class:

- 1st – Smoothie & The All Sized Aussies of Kentucky – Captain Ana Ford
- 2nd – WestRover’s Speed Squad of Alabama – Captain Viveka Rosenberger
- 3rd – Happy Dog Sports of Texas – Captain Maggie Scholar

Senior Class:

- 1st – WestRover’s Q Crew of Alabama – Captain Jennifer Crisman
- 2nd – Fastest Dogs in Dixie of Alabama – Captain Gloria Krueger
- 3rd – The Pointy Eared Dogs at DKS – Team 2 of Illinois – Captain Emily Scott

Sophomore Class:

- 1st – WestRover’s Team2Beat of Alabama – Captain Bailey Powell
- 2nd – Stoney Run Canine Camp Racers of Indiana – Captain Kimberlee Swender
- 3rd – Runnin’ Down a Dream of Wisconsin – Captain Julie Strey Johnson

Freshman Class:

- 1st – The Wrecking Balls of DSK of Illinois – Captain Jessica King
- 2nd – WestRover’s So Fresh & So Clean of Alabama – Captain Viveka Rosenberger
- 3rd – Stoney Run Canine Camp Speed Demons of Indiana – Captain Kimberlee Swender

All the results, including the individual dog placements, may be found at:
<https://www.akc.org/akc-agility-league/akc-agility-league-championship/>.

The AKC Agility League’s fall season kicks off on Sept. 18. For more information, contact AgilityLeague@akc.org.

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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 25,000 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, 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.