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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CROWNS NEW NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

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 that the top dogs in the nation were crowned from an overall combined entry of more than 900 dogs this past weekend at the AKC National Obedience Championship and AKC Rally® National Championship. Competitions were held July 18th- 21st, 2024 at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, OH.

“It was exciting to watch the outstanding performances as the new National Champions were crowned in Obedience and Rally,” said Doug Ljungren, AKC Executive Vice President of Sports and Events. “The dogs and handlers participating in these events represent the finest in their sports from across the country. We’re thrilled to celebrate their dedication and talents.”

“All of us at the American Kennel Club want to thank our exhibitors, volunteers, judges, and supporting clubs for helping us host these spectacular competitions. We treasure the camaraderie these competitions allow us to share,” said Diane Schultz, AKC Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking.

The 2024 Winners:

AKC National Obedience Championship

The 2024 AKC National Obedience Champion is: Champion: NOC OTCH15 High Times Shake 'N BakeUDX10 OGM SH, a Golden Retriever known as "Baker," handled by Kori Bevis of Cannon Falls, MN

1st Runner-Up: CH OTCH6 MACH2 Aratone's Royal KeepsakeUDX7 OGM VER MXS PAD MJS PJD, a Shetland Sheepdog known as "Kylee," handled by Vicky Gillow of Mebane, NC

2nd Runner-Up: OTCH4 Blue Skies At DejavuUDX3 OM6, an Australian Shepherd known as "Willie," handled by Kathleen Keller of Flemington, NJ

3rd Runner-Up: OTCH3 My Dawg Miss MUDX2 PCDX OM4, a Labrador Retriever known as "M," handled by Connie Cleveland-Nolan of Berryville, VA

AKC Rally® National Championship

The 2024 AKC Rally® National Champion is: Champion: TC OTCH7 MACH2 RACH Bolser Zuko You're The One UDX7 OGM RM3 RAE3 HSA d HSBd HXAd HXBd MXS PAD MJS MFB TQX T2B3, a Border Collie known as "Zuko," handled by Kim Berkley of Caseyville, IL

Rally Master: RACH Blazing Little Red Corvette UD PCD BN GN GO RM5 RAE2 FDC CGC TKA, an Australian Shepherd known as "Ellie," handled by Mary Todd of Little Rock, AR

Rally Excellent: My Sweet Dixieland Delight RE AX MXJ MJB NF, a Golden Retriever known as "Dixie," handled by Charlotte Bird of Sellersburgh, IN

Rally Advanced: Sheaman's Pie In The Sky RA, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier known as "Rhu," handled by Jen Humphrey of Princeton, MA

Rally Intermediate: GCH CH Golden Gate Simply Decker Vd Waterbound RI FDC CGC TKN, a Nederlandse Kooikerhondje known as "Decker," handled by Carol Malec of Knoxville, TN

Rally Novice: Caliche Rebel With A Smile RN CGC TKN, an Australian Cattle Dog known as "Rebel," handled by Nancy Kruse of Burnsville, MN

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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 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.

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