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AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP **2012 JUDGING PANEL RELEASED**

NEW YORK, NY (December 20, 2011) – The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce the judging panel for the 12th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012. The 2012 event will once again showcase the nation's top AKC-registered and international dogs as well as the popular Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, AKC Meet the Breeds® and the sixth Eukanuba World Challenge. The AKC National Obedience Invitational and AKC Agility Invitational will again be held in conjunction with the 2012 event. The Brevard Kennel Club, the Central Florida Kennel Club and the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay shows will precede the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship at the same site on Dec. 12-14, 2012.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is **Mr. Edd E. Bivin** of Fort Worth, Texas and **Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter** of Carmel, California will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show.

Mr. Edd E. Bivin acquired his first purebred dog, a Pomeranian, at age 12. This introduced him to the sport of dogs and became the foundation of a breeding program that led to his breeding and exhibiting top-winning Poms. Additionally, he says, "My wife Irene and I enjoyed the breeding and exhibiting of Doberman Pinschers and Dachshunds during her lifetime."

Mr. Bivin first judged toy dogs at match shows at the age of 15. He was approved to judge Pomeranians at U.S. championship point shows in 1961 and is today approved for all sporting, working, terrier, toy, and non-sporting breeds, and several herding breeds. He served for 32 years as an administrator at Texas Christian University, with 18 of those years spent as Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services.

Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter has been a true dog person since her childhood in Virginia. Her Vin-Melca Norwegian Elkhounds are internationally famous as both show dogs and producers. They include the top sire and dam in the breed's history and an incredible 10 breeder-owner-handled group firsts at Westminster. Her famous Ch. Vin-Melca's Vagabond is enshrined in the AKC Museum of the Dog Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Trotter became an AKC judge in 1994, and has since judged at national specialty shows, the Westminster Kennel club dog show, the 2000 Morris & Essex Kennel Club

revival, and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. She is the author of the influential book *Born to Win*, and her breeding column for the *AKC Gazette* won a 1997 Maxwell Medallion from the Dog Writers Association of America. In 2004, the AKC named her Hound Group Breeder of the Year.

Mrs. Trotter is past president and show chairman of the Del Monte Kennel Club and has been a member of the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America for more than 40 years. A graduate of the college of William and Mary, with a master's degree from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Mrs. Trotter spent 34 years teaching American history in Carmel, California.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes are:

SPORTING – Mr. Terry Stacy – Chapel Hill, NC

HOUND – Ms. Carla Molinari - Portugal

WORKING – Mr. Norman B. Kenney – Westford, MA

TERRIER – Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine – Ann Arbor, MI

TOY – Mr. Rey Burgos – Port Jefferson Station, NY

NON-SPORTING – Mr. Andrew Mills – Bonita, CA

HERDING – Mr. James E. Frederiksen – Knoxville, TN

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES & BEST IN MISCELLANEOUS CLASS – Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato - Japan

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Mr. William P. Shelton – Pomona, CA

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are:

SPORTING – Mrs. Sheila DiNardo – West Hartford, CT

HOUND – Mr. Dana P. Cline – Rockford, IL

WORKING – Ms. Patricia W. Laurans – Newtown, CT

TERRIER – Mrs. Rosalind Kramer – Leesburg, VA

TOY – Mr. Timothy Catterson – New Castle, IN

NON-SPORTING – Mr. Carl E. Gomes – Bronx, NY

HERDING – Ms. Sheila Polk – Martinez, CA

Judges for the Eukanuba World Challenge are:

Eukanuba World Challenge Winner: Miguel Teixeira, Portugal

Section Judges:

- Mrs. Keke Kahn – Sarasota, FL
- Cristian Stefanescu - Romania
- Ramon Podesta - Chile
- Guy Spagnolo - Australia

SPORTING GROUP:

Mr. Michael Faulkner

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Boykin Spaniels, Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay), Setters (Irish Red & White), Spaniels (American Water), Spaniels (Clumber)

Mrs. Wendy Willhauck	Brittanys, Pointers (German Wirehaired), Pointers, Retrievers (Flat-Coated), Spaniels (English Cocker)
Mrs. Mareth Kipp	Pointers (German Shorthaired), Spaniels (English Springer)
Mr. Guy Spagnolo (Australia)	Retrievers (Curly-Coated), Retrievers (Labrador), Setters (English), Spaniels (Irish Water)
Mrs. Elaine Mathis	Setters (Gordon), Spaniels (Welsh Springer), Spinoni Italiani, Vizslas, Weimaraners
Dr. Bob G. Smith	Retrievers (Golden), Setters (Irish), Spaniels (Cocker – ASCOB), Spaniels (Cocker – Black), Spaniels (Cocker – Parti Color)
Mr. Kenneth Buxton	Spaniels (Field), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons
Mr. Andrew Brace (UK)	Spaniels (Sussex)
HOUND GROUP:	BREED ASSIGNMENTS:
Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi	Afghan Hounds, Borzoi, Irish Wolfhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Whippets
Mr. William Shelton	American English Coonhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Harriers, Norwegian Elkhounds, Plotts
Ms. Anne MacDonald (UK)	Basenjis, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Salukis
Mrs. Sharon A. Dok	Basset Hounds, Beagles (Both Varieties), Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens
Mr. Andrew Brace (UK)	Bloodhounds
Mrs. Jackie Stacy	Bluetick Coonhounds, Otterhounds, Redbone Coonhounds
Ms. Carol A. Reisman	Dachshunds (All Varieties), American Foxhounds, English Foxhounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

WORKING GROUP:

Mrs. Cindy Meyer

Mr. Andrew Brace (UK)

Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia)

Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland)

Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro

Mrs. Wyoma Clouss

Mr. James Noe

Mr. Kenneth Buxton

Mrs. Barbara Alderman

Mr. Brian Meyer

TERRIER GROUP:

Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro

Dr. Kirsi Sainio (Finland)

Mrs. Mareth Kipp

Mrs. Wyoma Clouss

Mr. Bruce Schwartz

Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia)

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Akitas, Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Siberian Huskies

Alaskan Malamutes

Bernese Mountain Dogs, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Black Russian Terriers, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Newfoundlands

Cane Corso

Doberman Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Standard Schnauzers

Dogues de Bordeaux, Great Pyrenees, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Samoyeds

German Pinschers

Great Danes

Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Rottweilers, Saint Bernards, Tibetan Mastiffs

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Airedale Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard)

American Staffordshire Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Russell Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

Australian Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Parson Russell Terriers

Bedlington Terriers

Border Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Welsh Terriers

Bull Terriers (Both Varieties), Miniature Bull Terriers

Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland)	Cesky Terriers
Mr. Robert Hutton	Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers
Mr. Harry O'Donoghue (Ireland)	Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers

TOY GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Keke Kahn	Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffon, Havanese, Pekingese, Yorkshire Terriers
Dr. John Ioia	Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby), Maltese, Shih Tzu
Mr. Chuck Scott	Chihuahuas (Both Varieties), Chinese Crested, English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles), Italian Greyhounds
Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan)	Japanese Chin
Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro	Miniature Pinschers
Mrs. Jackie Stacy	Papillons
Mr. Robert Hutton	Pomeranians, Pugs
Mrs. Barbara Alderman	Poodles (Toy), Silky Terriers
Mr. Charles Trotter	Toy Fox Terriers
Mrs. Wyoma Clouss	Manchester Terriers (Toy)

NON-SPORTING GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Charles Trotter	American Eskimo Dogs, Keeshonden, Tibetan Spaniels
Mr. Richard Beauchamp	Bichons Frises, Bulldogs, Dalmatians, Finnish Spitz, Shiba Inu
Mr. Robert Hutton	Boston Terriers
Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan)	Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chows, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli

Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland)	French Bulldogs
Mr. Andrew Brace (UK)	Lowchen
Dr. John Ioia	Lhasa Apsos
Mrs. Keke Kahn	Norwegian Lundehunds
Mrs. Barbara Alderman	Poodles (Miniature), Poodles (Standard), Schipperkes

HERDING GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Jackie Stacy	Australian Cattle Dogs, Belgian Malinois
Mr. Kenneth Buxton	Australian Shepherds, Finnish Lapphunds, Icelandic Sheepdogs
Mr. Paul Willhauck	Bearded Collies, Collies (Rough), Collies (Smooth), German Shepherd Dogs, Shetland Sheepdogs
Mrs. Arlene Davis	Beaucerons, Border Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Caanan Dogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Swedish Vallhunds
Dr. Robert D. Smith	Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Old English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik
Mr. Andrew Brace (UK)	Briards
Mr. Charles Trotter	Pyrenean Shepherds
Mr. William Shelton	Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis
Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia)	Entlebucher Mountain Dogs

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PRELIMINARY JUDGES:

Mrs. Jan Swayze-Curry – Columbia, KY
Mrs. Karen Mammano – Webster, NY

The 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will mark the 12th event in AKC's premier showcase for dogs, which is presented with Eukanuba.

QUALIFYING DATES:

The qualifying dates for the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be October 12, 2011 – October 10, 2012.

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