

# CAROLINA WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION



## 2019 Winter Newsletter Edition

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### Dates To Remember

#### 2019 General Meeting Dates (exact dates/times TBA)

May 30 -	CWGA Celebration Dinner - free for volunteers & those that donate to our show. Details in progress.
June 4 -	Saturday night following SKC Concord, NC. Annual awards & BBQ at Vicky & Billy East's motorhome.
July 25-July 28 -	Greenville, SC
August -	Greensboro, NC
November -	Winston-Salem, NC
December -	Winston-Salem, NC

#### ***AUGUST 15th - SUMMER CWGA Newsletter Deadline***

### Volunteers Needed

- NC Federation of Dog Clubs Representative
  - Chair club events
  - Ways and Means
- Program Inventor for General Meetings

*keep up to date on events and happenings by checking our website*

[www.carolinaworkinggroup.org](http://www.carolinaworkinggroup.org)

# President's Report

## Carolina Working Group Assn is Ready to GO!

Let me begin by apologizing. I have been sick for a week. I don't get sick often, but man am I a weenie! So this is not my best output as my brain is on drugs. And I will likely forget much.

First of all I'd like to have all of you welcome our new board members Francine Brown and Matt Townsend, both of been working very hard behind the scenes to help our club. They will be fulfilling, until next elections, the remaining terms of service of Anne Taylor and Judith Coates. CWGA thanks both of these ladies for their years of service and dedication to our club and we hope they continue to grace our rings with their presence, come to our parties, and keep in touch as we will miss their commodore. Judith is unsurpassed in her basket raffles income! Please thank them when you see them

This year's show is under the capable hands of Ricki with our premiums out on time all the details coming together.

Everyone that helps throughout the years or at the showers is welcome to eat after dinner party at The Embassy suites where Carolina working group will pick up the tab and thank you for your dedicated service! Make sure your name is in with Ricki so we have a chair for you. We had originally selected the Speedway Club which was closed during that time, but was willing to host us. Given the slow numbers coming from member attendance, we could not gurarentee them the 50 or so people to open for. Therefore we have selected the Embassy as they can accommodate any number.

**TWO shows in one day with a party to follow!!!!  
And you are invited!!! All you have to do is be an active club member**

The date is May 30, 2019 Thursday prior to the 3-Day Victory Lane Classic all breed and specialties weekend!

The board voted to offer a free dinner to active members following our show, so get ACTIVE NOW!

Grooming and motorhome reservations are already coming in, and will be limited so make sure you get yours in as well. And let everyone know we will not be reserving all of the groom room like they did in March :-)

The Victory Lane Classic is having great interest from specialty clubs for future shows. So if you are a member of a specialty club, please let them know we will **meet, if not exceed, what any other cluster will offer for** them to join us.

So what can you do to help you clubs show?:

1. contacted people early to save the date
2. reminded them at meetings and other electronic media throughout the year
3. built enthusiasm with friends and other clubs via word of mouth, FB, etc. send to your other clubs
4. Reminded people to enter before closing!

Attached is a flyer for our upcoming shows, **please:**

- print and take with you to shows or meetings of dog friends
- share electronically with friends and any other kennel clubs you are a member of
- place on your Facebook pages and pages of specialty clubs.

We will be repeating the Rusty Barkley Band Band on Saturday Night as it was a hit last year. Plus the FastCat, Dockdiving and health clinics plus, plus, see the flyer!

Once again I thank you all for your unswerving dedication, accountability and acts of service to our club, our cluster and our sport! Volunteers are the life of our sport, so jump in! call and we can decide what you might like to do to be ACTIVE

Eternally grateful for everyone's support,

Cathy Rubens

## Upcoming Events

### Are You Ready???

CWGA's two working group specialties are right around the corner and we can use your help, **May 30th**. Please contact me if you have some time, many hands make quick work.

### Opportunities for helping out include:

Judge transportation to or from the airport

Wednesday help set up of the building

Thursday clean up after the show (this is minor sweeping, chair placement and trash pick up)

Make a lunch run on Thursday to pick up the judges lunches

Decorate the trophy table

Don't have time? How about a donation to the trophy fund or sponsor a trophy for your breed. Jessica Davis (Jessica.ld@live.com) has come up with some wonderful and beautiful trophies this year.

And even more ways to help the show include:

1. Contact people early to save the date
2. Remind them at meetings and electronic and social media throughout the year
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Let me know how you can help.

Ricki Silveria, Show chair

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We all had fun last year, looking forward to another great year in 2019!

Regards,

Ricki Silveria

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## 50/50 Raffle CWGA Working Dog Show 2019

This raffle is our club's BIG Fundraiser and we need  
ALL CWGA members to support our RAFFLE!!!

Please contact Vicki East (raffle chairman) to sign up to  
volunteer.

Vicki East at email: veast0416@aol.com

# Upcoming Events



**Cabarrus Arena & Events Center • Concord, North Carolina**

**THURSDAY: BACK-TO-BACK CAROLINA WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION**

**Friday: Salisbury NC Kennel Club Saturday: Greater Hickory Kennel Club Sunday: Salisbury NC Kennel Club**

## ALL WORKING BREEDS - 5 SHOWS IN 4 DAYS

### **Cane Corso Assn. of America National Specialty**

Concurrent Specialties • Friday • Sunday (8 shows in 4 days)

### **United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club**

Regional Specialty • Saturday

### **Central Carolina Chihuahua Club Specialty**

Concurrent Specialties • Friday & Saturday (15 shows in 4 days)

### **Central Carolina Havanese Club Specialty**

Concurrent Specialty • Saturday (4 shows in 3 days)

### **Doberman Pinscher Club of Charlotte Specialty**

Concurrent Specialties • Saturday & Sunday (7 shows in 4 days)

### **Belgian Sheepdog Club of America Specialty**

Designated Specialty • Sunday

### **Tarheel Leonberger Club Specialty**

Concurrent Specialties & Sweeps • Saturday & Sunday  
(7 shows in 4 days)

- 4-6 MONTHS PUPPY COMPETITION • FAST CAT • OWNER/HANDLER COMPETITION •
- DOCK DIVING • BEST JR IN CIRCUIT, \$500 BEST & \$250 RESERVE •
- HEALTH CLINICS INCLUDING BLUE RIDGE IMAGING • PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT IN RV PARKING AREA •
- LIVE MUSIC BY RUSTY BARKLEY & FRIENDS •

### ESTEEMED INTERNATIONAL EXPERT JUDGING PANEL

Janel Allen, USA • Fabio Amorim, Brazil • Bob Busby, USA • Mary Jane Carberry, USA • Rade Dakic, Serbia  
Anthony DiNardo, USA • Sheila DiNardo, USA • Sandra Hickson, USA • Dr. Massimo Inzoli, Italy • Colette Jaynes, USA  
David Kirkland, USA • Doreen Luhrs, USA • Antonio Mracevic, Montenegro • Richard Mullen, USA • Paula Nykiel, USA  
Patty Pace, USA • Ronald Pock, USA • Cathy Rubens, USA • Janet Schwalbe, USA • Robert Schwalbe, USA

**ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

*MB-F Superintendent*



- April, 2019



# Star Awards



## 2018 STAR Awards

<b>Memory ARMSTRONG</b> (Great Dane)	<b>MARTY CH, GCH 2018</b>	GCH. Izya's Scarletoak Back to the Future, POA
<b>Memory ARMSTRONG</b> (Great Dane)	<b>HUGO CGC 2018</b>	GCH. Ferndanes ScarletOak Storm Surge, CGC
<b>Francine BROWN</b> (Cane Corso)	<b>ROSE' CH 2018</b>	CH. Basilicta's The Days Of Wine And Roses
<b>Laura RADER</b> (Newfoundland)	<b>KRISSY CH 2018</b>	CH. Avalon's Bey's Naughty Or Nice
<b>Laura RADER</b> (Newfoundland)	<b>LEO CH 2018</b>	CH. Mississippi-Missouri Special For Me
<b>Grace Louise SCHMIDT</b> (German Pinscher)	<b>GLOCK CGC, TKI 2018</b>	CH. Oakwood's Graf von Glock, CGC TKI
<b>Ricki SILVERI</b> (Siberian Husky)	<b>PIPA GCH, RN 2018</b>	GCHB Trillium Blue's Sweetgrass Purple Reign, CGC, RN

# Important Information



## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

### National AKC Legislative Conference

June 23-24, 2019 -- Washington, DC

Sunday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Monday: Starting at 8:00 am \*Capitol Hill Reception to Follow

*For more information on the event, [click here.](#)*

*To access the hotel block, [click here.](#)*

Please join us at this two-day, invitation-only event to learn, network and share experiences with other legislative liaisons around the nation. Learn from AKC Government Relations and other experts about the latest trends, strategies, and tips for community outreach and legislative success. Learn how you can get involved, improve outcomes and inspire others to join the cause.

**Sunday, June 23: Legislative Conference in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia:**

Tips, Tools and Resources for Successful Legislative Advocacy; Media Engagement and Community Outreach for Purebred Dogs; 15 Actions Your AKC Club Can Begin Tomorrow; Understanding the Animal Rights Agenda in Everyday Life; A Dangerous Partnership: Animal Rights and Law Enforcement; Plus National Trends, Legislative Overview, and Strategy AND MORE!

**Monday, June 24: Celebrate Purebred Dogs at the U.S Capitol, Washington, DC**

Transportation is provided to the U.S. Capitol for a morning of seminars and legislative briefings on key federal dog issues, with tips and tools from professional lobbyists for meeting with legislators and their staff. Afternoon activities include the opportunity to meet with Congressional staff to discuss canine issues and share your love of purebred dogs. (Meetings are limited. Interested participants should request a meeting on the written registration form.) In the evening, attendees are invited to participate in AKC's Celebration of Purebred Dogs reception at the Rayburn House Office Building.

To RSVP, [complete the reservation form](#) or contact 919-816-3720 or [nathan.makia@akc.org](mailto:nathan.makia@akc.org) with questions and to reserve your seats. Make sure to secure your seat.



## LEAD ON

Take the Lead's  
Electronic Newsletter

April, 2019

### **Lead In!**

**TTL events were coast to coast in April.**

**First, Mari-Beth O'Neill ran a booth and raffle at the Peach Blossom Cluster shows in Perry, GA. Many thanks to the Atlanta and Valdosta KCs. Great appreciation to Marleen Burford, Dana Hall, Lola Nunn, Nancy Shaw and**

**Linda More for donating great items for the raffle Scroll down for Mari-Beth O'Neill's shots.**

**Then, there were two events on the West Coast. Many thanks to Janet Allen for manning a booth/sale at the Nor Cal Terrier Show featuring memorabilia of the late Norm Patton.**

**Kim Langlands always has great, fun ideas. This year she and her worker bees hosted an Easter egg hunt at the ACDC shows in Southern CA. Pics are below. Looks like a swell time was had by all!**

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**Read on, Lead On and help support our dog show friends in need.**

**Best to all,**



**Cindy Vogels, Editor  
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## Scenes From Past Events





**April 13-14. Sacramento Expo Center. Sacramento, CA. NCTA.  
Booth/Sale.**

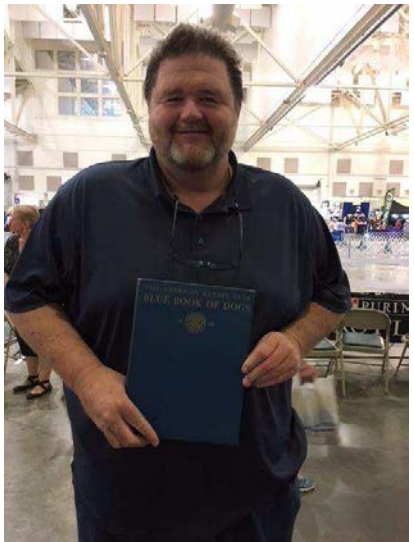
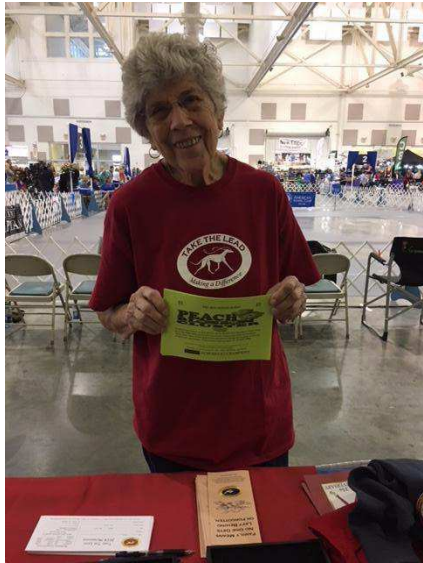
photos courtesy of Janet Allen.



## PEACH BLOSSOM CLUSTER DOG SHOWS

**April 10-14, 2019. Georgia National Fairgrounds Perry, GA. Atlanta KC, Valdosta, KC. Booth/Raffle.**

Photos courtesy of Mari-Beth O'Neill.





**April 20, 2019. City of Industry, CA. Angeles Canyon Dog Club. Easter Egg Hunt.**

**photos courtesy of Kim Langlands.**





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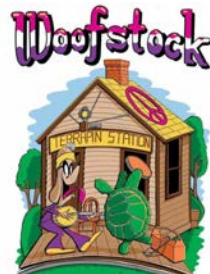
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**Upcoming Events**



Vallejo, CA. Woofstock. Yosemite and Contra Costa KCs. June 7-8. Booth.



Houston, TX. Houston World Series  
of Dog Shows. July 20-21.  
Booth/Raffle.



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**Contact Mari-Beth O'Neill**



From the "Kitchen" of .....



**Linda Low**

Let's say that a lot of this recipe has been *consumed* in Linda Low's kitchen. It's actually Jackie Gottlieb's recipe, but, upon my frequent visits Chez Low, I always arrived with Jackie's Pound Cake because Mickey loved it.



## *Jackie Gottlieb's Pound Cake*

*4 cups flour*

*1 tsp baking powder*

*1/2 tsp salt (opt)*

*pinch ground nutmeg*

*2 cups unsalted butter (soft)*

*3 cups sugar*

*6 large eggs (room temp)*

*1 cup milk (room temp)*

*1 tsp lemon extract*

*1 tsp vanilla extract*

*Optional garnishes: 10X  
(Confectioners) sugar, fresh  
whole strawberries,*

*Sift together the flour, baking  
powder, salt and nutmeg and set  
aside.*

*Cream butter until very light and  
fluffy, then add sugar gradually,  
creaming all the while.*

*Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition just enough to mix.*

*Combine the milk and the flavorings.*

*Add the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients.*

*Pour into a well buttered and floured 10 inch tube pan or a heavy 9 inch Bundt pan filling to within 2 inches of the top.*

*Bake in a 300 degree oven for about 1 hour and 20 minutes. Bundt cake takes about 1 hour and 10 minutes.*

**Ed. note: Freezes well. Also can be made in any size pan or loaf.**

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# Canine Health Bytes Webinar



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Join us for the latest installment of Canine Health Bytes – a free webinar series sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and presented by VetVine.

Register for this informative webinar [here](#).

*Veterinary Professionals can earn CE credit (approved by AAVSB RACE, NY State, NJVMA)*

**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019

**Time:** 8:00 pm ET

**Speaker:** Emily Bray, PhD

**Topic:** How mothers matter: The influence of early maternal interaction on offspring behavior and development

Learn about the ways in which maternal style, experienced over the first few weeks of life, has a long-lasting impact on later offspring development.

Included in this discussion:

- The association between maternal behavior and later offspring temperament and cognition
- The association between maternal behavior and later success of the offspring as a guide dog
- The nuances of maternal behavior and how small amounts of stress in early life likely lead to resilience
- Ongoing research to investigate the influence of mothering across other types of working dogs

Previous webinars are available on demand [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support of AKC Canine Health Foundation and your commitment to help all dogs live longer, healthier lives!



## Press Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 8, 2019

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### ***THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES AKC CERTIFIED EXPORT PEDIGREES***

*Document to aide owners in foreign kennel club registrations*

**New York, NY** – The American Kennel club has launched the AKC Certified Export Pedigree. The document contains all of the information required to obtain registration with foreign kennel clubs.

The AKC Certified Export Pedigree merges the information found on the AKC 3-Generation Certified Pedigree and the AKC Registration Certificate, including the name(s) of the current owner(s) and the address of the primary dog owner. It includes the date of the last transfer of the dog's ownership. But the unique registration certificate issue date is not included to protect AKC breeders, owners and the AKC Stud Book.

The document is designed to minimize confusion and make it safer and easier to register dogs abroad, which can prove especially helpful for exhibitors who show their dogs in other countries and breeders who sell their dogs overseas. Before the AKC Certified Export Pedigree, owners had to send the foreign kennel club their certificate of ownership and a three-generation pedigree. The AKC Certified Export Pedigree eliminates the need for that process and discourages fraud.

AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo, who oversees AKC's relationships with foreign kennel clubs, said, "Most foreign registries produce export pedigrees so the AKC is now more in line with what other registries in the world are doing and simplifying the process for our customers helps prevent confusion, delays and errors."

The AKC has reciprocal agreements with more than 200 foreign kennel clubs. To register an American-born, AKC-recognized breed with one of these registries, the dog first must be registered with the American Kennel Club and the owner must provide proof of this to the foreign organization.

The AKC Certified Export Pedigree can be purchased for \$69 at [www.akc.org/pedigree](http://www.akc.org/pedigree)

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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 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred 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 and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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### ***THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES AKC CERTIFIED EXPORT PEDIGREES***

*Document to aide owners in foreign kennel club registrations*

**New York, NY** – The American Kennel club has launched the AKC Certified Export Pedigree. The document contains all of the information required to obtain registration with foreign kennel clubs.

The AKC Certified Export Pedigree merges the information found on the AKC 3-Generation Certified Pedigree and the AKC Registration Certificate, including the name(s) of the current owner(s) and the address of the primary dog owner. It includes the date of the last transfer of the dog's ownership. But the unique registration certificate issue date is not included to protect AKC breeders, owners and the AKC Stud Book.

The document is designed to minimize confusion and make it safer and easier to register dogs abroad, which can prove especially helpful for exhibitors who show their dogs in other countries and breeders who sell their dogs overseas. Before the AKC Certified Export Pedigree, owners had to send the foreign kennel club their certificate of ownership and a three-generation pedigree. The AKC Certified Export Pedigree eliminates the need for that process and discourages fraud.

AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo, who oversees AKC's relationships with foreign kennel clubs, said, "Most foreign registries produce export pedigrees so the AKC is now more in line with what other registries in the world are doing and simplifying the process for our customers helps prevent confusion, delays and errors."

The AKC has reciprocal agreements with more than 200 foreign kennel clubs. To register an American-born, AKC-recognized breed with one of these registries, the dog first must be registered with the American Kennel Club and the owner must provide proof of this to the foreign organization.

The AKC Certified Export Pedigree can be purchased for \$69 at [www.akc.org/pedigree](http://www.akc.org/pedigree)

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### **THE AKC ANNOUNCES CONFORMATION PUPPY OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS**

**New York, N.Y.** – The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce enhancements to the conformation Puppy of Achievement (POA) program. After a successful pilot program in 2017-2018, the Board of Directors decided to accept the recommendation of staff to continue and enhance the POA program. A survey conducted at the end of the pilot program showed there was strong agreement that the program was successful in attracting and retaining new participants.

Puppy of Achievement points are earned by winning regular puppy classes or being awarded Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex in the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) competition. Dogs that earn 10 POA points will receive a certificate for their accomplishment. For details regarding how points are awarded, please see the link at the bottom of this announcement. All dogs exhibited in the regular puppy classes or in BPUP competition are eligible to earn POA points. There is no special entry requirement and no fee associated with the program.

“Since POA points are earned in existing classes, there is no administrative impact on the clubs, superintendents or judges,” said Bri Tesarz, Manager of Dog Show Rules & Programs. “Starting May 1, enhancements to the program include adding POA points to the Individual Dog Award Record and Points Progression report, which owners can access for free to check their puppy’s progress online. In addition, an encouragement email will be sent to owners when their puppy is half way toward earning its POA certificate.”

“New puppy owners sometimes need extra encouragement to maintain their participation,” said Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President for Sports and Events. “The Puppy of Achievement program is meant to provide a realistic goal that new exhibitors can strive to attain while they and their dog gain experience. Attracting and retaining new exhibitors is important for the future of the sport. The pilot program demonstrated that the POA program is a step in the right direction.”

To learn more about the Puppy of Achievement program, please visit [www.akc.org/events/puppy-of-achievement/](http://www.akc.org/events/puppy-of-achievement/). Questions can be emailed to [eventnews@akc.org](mailto:eventnews@akc.org).

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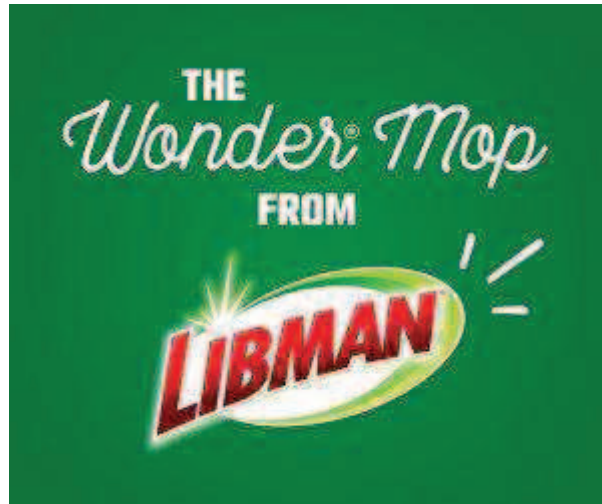
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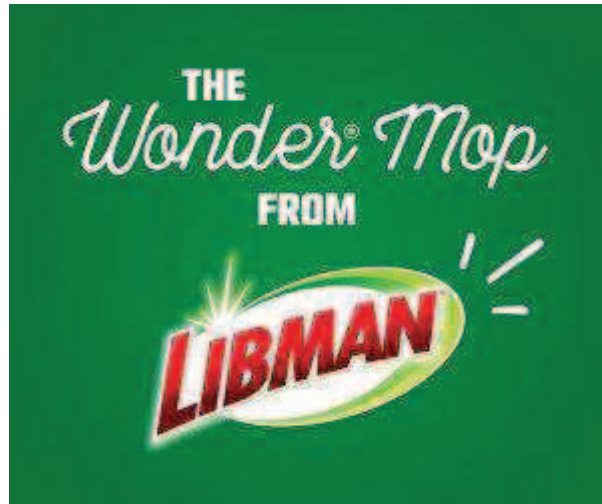
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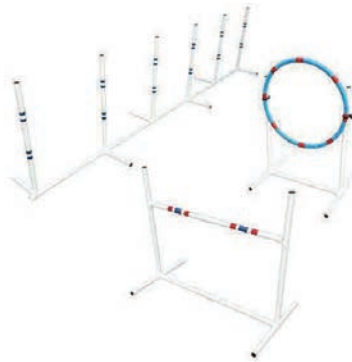
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### **THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND ROYAL CANIN ANNOUNCE RENEWAL OF MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR THE NATION'S LARGEST CANINE EVENT**

***Sponsorship to include new content series: "The Road to The National Championship"***

**New York, N.Y.** – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry, and Royal Canin, a leading global pet food company specializing in breed-health nutrition, are pleased to announce the renewal of a multi-year agreement for Royal Canin to continue as the presenting sponsor of the nation's largest dog show, The AKC National Championship.

New this year is "The Road to The National Championship," a variety of specially-produced content on AKC.TV (AKC's OTT network) that will highlight the journey of various canine athletes as they make their way to the AKC National Championship in December. Content will include live events in conformation, agility, rally, and obedience and more from around the country as well as lifestyle and breed programming.

"We are happy to continue our collaboration with Royal Canin as a sponsor for the National Championship," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of the American Kennel Club. "Our show celebrates the very best of the dog sport and continues to grow each year. This renewed relationship enables us to continue to highlight the canine-human bond and the achievements of dedicated breeders from around the world."

[Royal Canin](#) was founded more than 50 years ago on the belief that health is unique to every breed and nutrition should be tailored to meet the specific need of each and every dog. Today, Royal Canin offers more than 60 breed-specific formulas, along with age and lifestyle nutrition and a comprehensive therapeutic line of products to help dogs live their healthiest lives.

"As a pet nutrition leader among breeders and a long-time supporter of dog sports, we are pleased to renew and expand our partnership with the AKC," said Kamie Eckert, Royal Canin USA President. "The sponsorship is a perfect complement to our brand

philosophy, and we are excited to continue working with the AKC to present one of the most prestigious dog events in the world.”

**The AKC National Championship** is one of the world’s premiere dog events. It is the largest dog event in the North America and the only dog show hosted by the American Kennel Club. The National Championship is held in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational, the AKC Obedience Classic, the National Owner-Handled Series Finals, and Junior competitions in Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Rally®.

The 2019 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin will take place at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida from Dec. 14-15, 2019. The event will showcase more than 5,000 of the top national and international dogs, as well as the same competitions and attractions held in previous years, including:

- Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition
- AKC/Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy Stakes
- AKC National Owner-Handler Series Finals
- AKC Agility Invitational
- AKC Obedience Classic
- North American Diving Dogs
- Juniors competitions in each sport

The Orlando Cluster Shows, including the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club and the Central Florida Kennel Club shows will precede the National Championship at the same site Dec. 10-12, 2019.

As in the previous four years, the National Championship will stream the show via a live webcast. Last year’s popular live stream on AKC.TV garnered millions of viewers over two days. The 2019 livestream will air on AKC.TV.

Official entry forms and the complete Premium List for the 2019 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin will be available online in mid-September at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com). Hotel room blocks around the convention center are now open. For more information, please visit: <http://www.akc.org/events/national-championship/>.

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### ***AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CROWNS WINNERS OF FIRST EVER AKC AGILITY PREMIER CUP PRESENTED BY EEM***



**New York, N.Y. –** The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the winners of the first ever AKC Agility Premier Cup Presented by EEM which was held in conjunction with the Longines Masters of New York at NYCB Live at the newly renovated Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

“It was thrilling to watch some of the nation’s top dogs compete at the inaugural AKC Agility Cup Presented by EEM,” said Doug Ljungren, AKC Executive Vice President of Sports and Events. “These dogs were invited based on criteria that recognizes excellence in AKC’s Agility program and it was a pleasure to honor these incredible performances as the winners were crowned.”

This family-friendly event marked the first time AKC Agility was held at an Equestrian event, demonstrating the amazing abilities of both horses and dogs in their respective sports. The top 60 canine agility competitors and their handlers from around the country were invited to compete at the Invitational.

A total of twelve dogs were entered at each jump height (8”, 12”, 16”, 20”, and 24”) competing for \$10,000 in cash prizes. The first-place winners in each jump height received \$1,500 and will

have their names engraved on the AKC Agility Premier Cup trophy that will be displayed in perpetuity in the AKC New York Headquarters. Second-place winners in each jump height received \$500 each.

### **The AKC Agility Cup Presented by EEM Winners:**

First place winner and runner-up in each height division (8", 12", 16", 20" and 24" respectively):

**8" First Place:** A Papillon known as "Wren," handled by Betsey Lynch of Delaware, OH.

**8" Second Place:** An All-American Dog known as "Logan," handled by Kim Barton of Johnstown, OH.

**12" First Place:** A Miniature American Shepherd known as "Pixel," handled by Ami Sheffield of Omaha, NE.

**12" Second Place:** A Poodle known as "Bliss," handled by Cassie Schmidt of Lees Summit, MO.

**16" First Place:** A Border Collie known as "P!nk," handled by Jennifer Crank of Pickerington, OH.

**16" Second Place:** An Australian Cattle Dog known as "Skoal," handled by Martine Kopka of Rosenberg, TX.

**20" First Place:** A Border Collie known as "Graphite," handled by Paulena Simpson of Berkeley Springs, WV.

**20" Second Place:** An Australian Shepherd known as "Holster," handled by Wendy Cerilli of Greenwich, NY.

**24" First Place:** An All-American Dog known as "Harley," handled by Erin Stumler of Floyds Knobs, IN.

**24" Second Place:** A Belgian Malinois known as "Luna," handled by Shane Miller of Moline, IL.

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