



## News Release

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### **2014 AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** **JUDGING PANEL RELEASED**

**NEW YORK, NY** (January 8, 2014) – The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce the judging panel for the 14th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014.

The 2014 event will showcase the top national and international dogs and will also include popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Final and AKC Meet the Breeds®. The AKC Agility Invitational will again be held in conjunction with the 2014 event, and the AKC Obedience Classic returns after a successful first year in 2013. The AKC Juniors Agility Competition and the AKC National Juniors Obedience Competition will continue to be held with these events in December.

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. 9-11, 2014 and a day of specialty and group shows will be held Dec. 12, 2014.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2014 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is **Mr. Ronald Menaker** of Jupiter, Florida and **Ms. Patricia W. Laurans** of Newtown, Connecticut will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show.

**Mr. Ronald Menaker** has been actively involved in the sport of purebred dogs for more than 40 years.

He has bred and exhibited Giant Schnauzers, Bedlington Terriers, and Norfolk Terriers, owned Border Terriers, and is deeply involved in many breed and all-breed clubs, dedicating his time in various capacities. Mr. Menaker first served on the AKC Board from 1996 to 1998. Elected again in 2000, he became Vice Chairman in 2001 and served as Chairman from March 2002 to March 2012. He is the past show chairman for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and the Westminster Kennel Club show, and is an Honorary Member of The Kennel Club in England.

As a member of the Bedlington Terrier Club of America, he has held positions as President, Director, AKC Delegate, and Show Chairman. Additionally, he is a member of the Giant Schnauzer Club of America and the Border Terrier Club of America. An AKC judge since 1994, Mr. Menaker has judged at more than 200 AKC Conformation shows.

His many judging assignments have taken him across the country and around the world, including to: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela, etc. He is currently approved to judge Best in Show, all Working, Sporting, Terrier, Toy and Non-Sporting breeds, and multiple other breeds.

**Patricia W. Laurans**, an active and enthusiastic member of the dog show world since 1963, began as an exhibitor of Doberman Pinschers and eventually became an All Breed Handler. At the same time she established her line of Laurwyn German Wirehaired Pointers, which produced four National Specialty winners, three Best in Show winners and many top producers.

Pat's service to the dog community extends beyond the show ring and whelping box. She has been the GWPCA's AKC Delegate for over 30 years. She was elected to AKC's Board of Directors in 1996. During her service on the Board, she proposed the concept of a breeder's education program and chaired The Breeder's Education Committee. She was also very involved with the Junior Scholarship program.

Upon retirement from the AKC Board in 2000 Pat was elected to the AKC Parent Club Committee, and still serves as its Chairman. She also chaired the first and second Parent Club Conferences. Pat is a Founding Director and a Vice Chair of Take the Lead, a charitable organization that assists individuals in the sport of pure bred dogs who are suffering with a terminal or life threatening illness.

A licensed judge since 1982, Pat is approved to judge Best in Show, the Sporting, Hound, Working and Herding Groups, some Toy and Non Sporting breeds and Junior Showmanship,. She has judged throughout the United States and Canada and in Australia, England, Ireland, Japan, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. She has also officiated at numerous National Specialties.

At the Westminster Kennel Club show she has judged the Herding, Hound and Working Groups, many breeds and the Junior Showmanship Preliminaries and Finals. At the AKC National Championship shows, Pat has judged the Herding, and Hound Groups, Junior Showmanship Finals and Preliminaries and a great number of breeds.

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

**SPORTING** – Mr. Edd E. Bivin – Fort Worth, Texas

**HOUND** – Mr. Michael Dougherty – Escondido, California

**WORKING** – Mrs. Dorothy Collier – Riviera Beach, Florida

**TERRIER** – Mrs. Karen Wilson – Sperryville, Virginia

**TOY** – Dr. Margaret Reed – Wilton, Connecticut

**NON-SPORTING** – Mrs. Elaine Lessig – Clinton, New Jersey

**HERDING** – Mrs. Roberta Davies – Brimfield, Massachusetts

**MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES** – Sr. David Ojalvo (Argentina) & **BEST IN**

**MISCELLANEOUS CLASS** – Sr. Enrique Filippini (Argentina)

**BEST JUNIOR HANDLER** – Ms. Helma Weeks – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**JUNIOR PRELIMS** – Ms. Cassandra Clark of Tustin, California and Mrs. Linda Clark of Tulsa, Oklahoma

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

**SPORTING** – Mrs. Anne Savory Bolus – Harrison, Tennessee

**HOUND** – Dr. Anne Gallant – Springfield, Tennessee

**WORKING** – Mrs. Joan Anselm – Keswick, Virginia

**TERRIER** – Mr. Robert Black – Newtown, Pennsylvania

**TOY** – Mrs. Peggy Lloyd – Round Top, Texas

**NON-SPORTING** – Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark – Decatur, Tennessee

**HERDING** – Mrs. Kathleen Steen – Alpharetta, Georgia

**Mr. Roger Hartinger of Cincinnati, Ohio** will judge Best Veteran in Show on Sunday evening, December 14.

**Roger Hartinger**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been involved with dogs since early childhood, his family having had a German Shepherd Dog and a Wire Fox Terrier. While at college, he obtained a Great Dane, a breed he continued to own after marriage. Mr. Hartinger first bred and exhibited Standard Schnauzers, most of which he finished to championships, and later bred Lakeland Terriers. He began exhibiting in 1965, and both he and his wife, Paula, were AKC Licensed Handlers. Mr. Hartinger is an all-breed judge who ranks his Working Group assignments at the first two AKC/Eukanuba shows among the highlights of his judging career.

Among his numerous club affiliations, Mr. Hartinger is a life member of the Clermont County and Cincinnati kennel clubs. He has served both organizations as president and show chairman. He is a board member of the Dog Judges Association of America and a founding member of the OKI Dog Judges Workshop. Mr. Hartinger has held memberships in many other clubs, including the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, the Buckeye Associated Specialty Clubs (past president), and the Standard Schnauzer Club of America (past president and show chairman). Mr. Hartinger thanks his wife of 53 years and all-breed judging partner, Paula, for having a profound influence on his life.

Judges for each of the seven Veteran groups are:

**VETERAN SPORTING** – Patricia M. Cruz – Coram, New York

**VETERAN HOUND** – Mr. Thomas Powers – Northridge, California

**VETERAN WORKING** – Dr. Carmen Battaglia – Roswell, Georgia

**VETERAN TERRIER** – Mr. David Kirkland – Sanford, North Carolina

**VETERAN TOY** – Mrs. Rita Holloway – Newark, Delaware

**VETERAN NON-SPORTING** – Dr. Charles Garvin – Marion, Ohio

**VETERAN HERDING** – Mr. Steven Gladstone – Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania

**SPORTING GROUP:**

Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Spaniels (Boykin), Spaniels (Clumber),  
Spaniels (English Springer), Spaniels  
(Field), Spinoni Italiani

Ms. Bonnie Linnell Clarke	Brittanys, Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Retrievers (Chesapeake), Retrievers (Flat-Coated), Setters (Irish)
Mrs. Paula Hartinger	Pointers (German Shorthaired), Pointers (German Wirehaired), Vizslas, Weimaraners, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, Wirehaired Vizslas
Ms. Denny Mounce	Pointers
Mr. Houston Clark	Retrievers (Curly-Coated), Retrievers (Labrador), Retrievers (Golden), Setters (Gordon), Setters (Irish Red and White)
Mr. Charles Trotter	Setters (English), Spaniels (American Water), Spaniels (Cocker - ASCOB), Spaniels (Cocker – Parti Color)
Ms. Theresa Hundt	Spaniels (Cocker – Black), Spaniels (Welsh Springer)
Mrs. Barbara Müller (Switzerland)	Spaniels (English Cocker)
Mr. Andrew Brace (UK)	Spaniels (Irish Water), Spaniels (Sussex)

**HOUND GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ms. Patricia Cruz	Afghan Hounds, Borzoi, Irish Wolfhounds
Dr. Robert D. Smith	American English Coonhounds, Foxhounds (American), Foxhounds (English), Harriers, Otterhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds
Mr. Andrew Brace (UK)	Basenjis, Beagles (Both Varieties), Rhodesian Ridgebacks
Mrs. Lisa Warren	Basset Hounds, Greyhounds, Plott Hounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Whippets
Mrs. Francine Schwartz	Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bloodhounds, Norwegian Elkhounds
Mrs. Carol Spritzer	Bluetick Coonhounds, Dachshunds (All Varieties), Portuguese Podengo Pequenos, Redbone Coonhounds
Mrs. Catherine Bell	Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds
Mrs. Barbara Müller (Switzerland)	Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens

Mr. David Miller

Salukis

**WORKING GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

D. Killilea (UK)

Akitas, Alaskan Malamutes, Standard Schnauzers

Ms. Theresa Hundt

Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Chinooks, Doberman Pinschers, Kuvaszok

Mr. Douglas Holloway

Bernese Mountain Dogs, Cane Corso, Dogues de Bordeaux, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies

Mr. George E. Marquis

Black Russian Terriers, Boxers, German Pinschers, Rottweilers, Tibetan Mastiffs

Mrs. Helma Weeks

Bullmastiffs, Mastiffs

Mr. Edward F. Lyons, Jr.

Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Komondorok

Mr. David Cavill (UK)

Leonbergers

Mrs. Catherine Bell

Neapolitan Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Saint Bernards

Mrs. Barbara Müller (Switzerland)

Newfoundlands

**TERRIER GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Mr. Michael Shoreman (Canada)

Airedale Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers

Mr. Fred G. Ferris

American Staffordshire Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard), Welsh Terriers

Mr. Lowell Davis

Australian Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Irish Terriers, Norfolk Terriers

Ms. Patricia Cruz

Bull Terriers (Both Varieties), Miniature Bull Terriers

Mrs. Charlotte Patterson

Cesky Terriers, Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terriers, Lakeland Terriers

Mrs. Lorraine Boutwell

Kerry Blue Terriers, Rat Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

D. Killilea (UK)

Miniature Schnauzers

Mr. Jon Cole

Norwich Terriers

Mr. Charles Trotter

Russell Terriers

**TOY GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ms. Marjorie Tuff

Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffon, Havanese

Mr. James Moses

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

Ms. Betty Leininger

Chihuahuas (Both Varieties), Chinese Cresteds, Italian Greyhounds, Poodles (Toy)

Mrs. Sari Brewster Tietjen

English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby), English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles), Japanese Chin, Toy Fox Terriers

Mr. Ralph Lemcke

Maltese, Pomeranians, Silky Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Toy), Yorkshire Terriers

Mrs. Vicki L. Abbott

Miniature Pinschers, Papillons, Pekingese, Pugs, Shih Tzu

**NON-SPORTING GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ms. Denny Mounce

American Eskimo Dogs, Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chows, Schipperkes

Mr. David Kirkland

Bichons Frises, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Keeshonden, Norwegian Lundehunds

Mrs. Francine Schwartz

Boston Terriers, Lhasa Apsos

D. Killilea (UK)

Bulldogs

Mrs. Sari Brewster Tietjen

Cotons de Tulear, Poodles (Miniature), Poodles (Standard)

Mr. David Cavill (UK)

Finnish Spitz, Shiba Inu

Mr. David Miller

Löwchen, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli

**HERDING GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Mr. Michael Shoreman (Canada)

Australian Cattle Dogs

Mr. James Moses

Australian Shepherds, Bouviers des Flandres, Briards, German Shepherd Dogs

Mrs. Barbara Müller (Switzerland)

Bearded Collies, Old English Sheepdogs

Mr. Carl Liepmann

Beaucerons, Belgian Malinois, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Pulik, Shetland Sheepdogs

Mr. Jon Cole

Belgian Sheepdogs, Caanan Dogs, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs

Mr. David Cavill (UK)

Belgian Tervuren, Border Collies

Mr. Robert J. Caswell

Collies (Rough), Collies (Smooth), Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds

Ms. Marjorie Tuff

Pyrenean Shepherds, Swedish Vallhunds

\*Panel subject to final approval.

The 2014 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will mark the 14th event in AKC's premier showcase for dogs, which is presented with Eukanuba.

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