



## News Release

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### **AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DECEMBER 2007 JUDGING PANEL RELEASED**

**NEW YORK, NY** (January 2, 2007) – The American Kennel Club announced today the panel of judges selected for the Seventh Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Long Beach, CA on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2, 2007. The 2007 event will once again showcase the nation's top AKC-registered and international dogs as well as the popular Bred-by-Exhibitor competition.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2007 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is **Maxine V. Beam** of Fort Worth, TX. **Frank T. Sabella** of Wellington, FL. will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show.

**Maxine V. Beam** was a professional all-breed dog handler for almost 30 years before retiring in 1972 and getting approved to judge the following year. Maxine handled three Poodles to Quaker Oats Ken-L Award wins, first in 1956, again in 1957 and finally in 1963, and handled numerous Best in Show winning dogs and National Specialty winners during her handling career. This is Maxine's fourth year judging at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship; previous assignments have included multiple breed judging in 2001, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show in 2003 and the Non-Sporting Group in 2005. Maxine has also judged national specialties, Westminster and other top shows in the United States, as well as in Canada, Mexico, South Africa, and at two of Australia's largest shows, Sydney and Melbourne Royal.

**Frank T. Sabella** began in dogs with a Standard Poodle in 1953 and by 1955 had finished his first champion and group winner. By the early 1960s, Frank was one of the most sought-after professional handlers of his time. He is past bench-show chair of the Santa Barbara Kennel Club and a member of the Greyhound Club of America and the Poodle Club of America. This is Frank's fifth year judging at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship; previous assignments have included multiple breed judging in

2001, Best in Show in 2003, Bred-by-Exhibitor Non-Sporting Group in 2005 and multiple breed judging and Junior Showmanship Finals in January of 2006. Frank has judged Westminster several times, including Best in Show in 1990, and was an instructor at the AKC Judges Institute. He has authored several books, and his awards include Kennel Review's Male Handler of the Year and Gaines FIDO Dog Man of the Year.

**Judges for each of the seven variety groups are:**

**SPORTING** – Dr. Klaus Anselm – Denver, CO  
**HOUND** – Michele L. Billings- Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
**WORKING** – Kathleen Steen – Alpharetta, GA  
**TERRIER** – Cindy Vogels – Greenwood Village, CO  
**TOY** – Dorothy MacDonald – Carmel Valley, CA  
**NON-SPORTING** – Dr. Jose Luis Payro – Mexico City, Mexico  
**HERDING** – Irene Bivin – Ft. Worth, TX  
**BEST JUNIOR HANDLER** – Dr. J. Charles Garvin – Marion, OH

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

**SPORTING** – Miguel Martinez, Argentina  
**HOUND** – Goran Bodegard, Sweden  
**WORKING** – Adrian Landarte, Uruguay  
**TERRIER** – Ronnie Irving, UK  
**TOY** – Phyllis Wolfish, Canada  
**NON-SPORTING** – Hans Lehtinen, Finland  
**HERDING** – Luis Miguel V. Pinto Teixeira, Portugal

**SPORTING GROUP:**

Richard G. Beauchamp

Roger R. Hartinger

Douglas A. Johnson

Marjorie Martorella

Sam McDonald

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Retrievers (Labrador), Spaniels (Field), Spaniels (Irish Water), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons

Pointers (German Shorthaired), Retrievers (Flat-Coated), Vizslas

Brittanys, Pointers, Pointers (German Wirehaired) Spaniels (Clumber), Spaniels (Sussex)

Spaniels (Cocker - All Varieties), Spaniels (English Cocker), Spaniels (English Springer)

Retrievers (Curly-Coated), Setters (Gordon), Setters (Irish), Spaniels (Welsh Springer), Spinoni Italiani

Mrs. Robert D. Smith

Weimaraners

Patricia V. Trotter

Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay), Retrievers (Golden), Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Setters (English), Spaniels (American Water)

**HOUND GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Richard G. Beauchamp

Salukis

Gretchen Bernardi

Basset Hounds, Dachshunds (All Varieties), Irish Wolfhounds

Joy S. Brewster

Black and Tan Coonhounds, Harriers, Ibizan Hounds, Otterhounds, Petit Basset Griffons Vendéens

Judy A. Doniere

Beagles (Both Varieties)

Joan Goldstein

Afghan Hounds, Basenjis, Foxhounds (English), Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds

Dr. Robert A. Indeglia

Borzoi

Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan)

Whippets

Linda C. Krukar

Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Col. Joe B. Purkhiser

Bloodhounds, Foxhounds (American)

Mrs. Robert D. Smith

Norwegian Elkhounds, Plotts, Scottish Deerhounds

**WORKING GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Catherine Bell

Akitas, Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Saint Bernards

Dr. Robert M. Brown

Great Pyrenees

Henry L. Gregory

Boxers, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Portuguese Water Dogs

Dr. Robert A. Indeglia

Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Rottweilers, Samoyeds

Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan)	Great Danes, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Tibetan Mastiffs
Linda C. Krukar	Bernese Mountain Dogs, Bullmastiffs, Doberman Pinschers, German Pinschers
Jorge Nallem (Uruguay)	Black Russian Terriers, Giant Schnauzers, Standard Schnauzers
Wendy G. Willhauck	Alaskan Malamutes, Siberian Huskies

**TERRIER GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine	Bull Terriers (Both Varieties), Cairn Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers
Sue Goldberg	Bedlington Terriers, Irish Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard), Sealyham Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers
Roger R. Hartinger	Australian Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers
Jorge Nallem (Uruguay)	Fox Terriers (Wire), Miniature Schnauzers
William F. Potter II	American Staffordshire Terriers, Border Terriers, Fox Terriers (Smooth), Miniature Bull Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers
Col. Joe B. Purkhiser	Scottish Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, West Highland White Terriers
Jerry L. Roszman	Glen of Imaal Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Skye Terriers, Welsh Terriers
R. William Taylor (Canada)	Airedale Terriers

**TOY GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Judy A. Doniere	Poodles (Toy)
Carl E. Gomes	Chihuahuas (Both Varieties), Pugs
Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan)	Japanese Chin
Charlotte P. Patterson	Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffons, Miniature Pinschers, Papillons, Toy Fox Terriers
Dr. Roger S. Pritchard	Maltese, Manchester Terriers (Toy)

Murrel Purkhiser

Chinese Cresteds, Havanese

Margaret A. Reed

English Toy Spaniels (B & PC), Italian Greyhounds, Pomeranians, Silky Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers

R. William Taylor (Canada)

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, English Toy Spaniels (KC & R), Pekingese, Shih Tzu

**NON-SPORTING GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Doris Cozart

Dalmatians, Finnish Spitz, Lhasa Apsos, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers

Judy A. Doniere

Poodles (Miniature), Poodles (Standard)

Carl E. Gomes

Boston Terriers, Keeshonden

Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan)

Shiba Inu

Andrew Gene Mills

American Eskimo Dogs, Bichons Frises, Bulldogs, Chinese Shar-Pei, French Bulldogs

Dr. Roger S. Pritchard

Chow Chows, Löwchen, Schipperkes

**HERDING GROUP:**

**BREED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Dr. Robert M. Brown

Bearded Collies, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren

Henry L. Gregory

Australian Shepherds, Old English Sheepdogs

Hans Lehtinen (Finland)

Beaucerons, Swedish Vallhunds

Murrel Purkhiser

Collies (Rough), Collies (Smooth), Shetland Sheepdogs

Mrs. Robert D. Smith

Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik

Charles E. Trotter

Australian Cattle Dogs, Border Collies, Canaan Dogs, Welsh Corgis (Cardigan), Welsh Corgis (Pembroke)

Wendy G. Willhauck

Bouviere des Flandres, Briards, German Shepherd Dogs

## **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PRELIMINARIES:**

Danica Burge  
C. David Stout

The AKC National Obedience Invitational and AKC Agility Invitational will again be held in conjunction with the 2007 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Judges will be announced at a later date.

The 2007 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will mark the seventh event in AKC's premier showcase for dogs, which is presented with Eukanuba. The show will be nationally broadcast on cable television's Animal Planet and Discovery Channel.

## **QUALIFYING DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship: October 11, 2006 to October 9, 2007

AKC National Obedience Invitational: July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

AKC Agility Invitational: July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

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**The American Kennel Club** (AKC), founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees more than 18,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs each year. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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**Animal Planet**, available in 89 million homes nationwide, is the only television network dedicated to the emotional connection between humans and animals. The network brings people of all ages together by tapping into a fundamental fascination with animals through an array of fresh programming that includes humor, competition, drama and spectacle from the animal kingdom.

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