

This page has been created to keep the members of the American Bouvier des Flandres Club informed on the happenings at the American Kennel Club. Included will be monthly Chairman's Reports, press releases, the latest changes in rules and regulations, and any other notices received by your AKC Delegate. Hope you enjoy learning more about all the programs and events that the AKC is involved with.

Let me know if you have any suggestions or comments.

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AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OPENED TO ALL COMPETITORS

NEW YORK, NY (April 17, 2012) - The American Kennel Club and Eukanuba are pleased to announce that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will become an open show awarding Championship and Grand Championship points. This new format will begin with the upcoming AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 15-16th, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.

"We're excited to open the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to all competitors," said Event Manager Michael Canalizo. "Allowing all dogs to compete in the extraordinary competition at the National Championship is an exciting enhancement to the show."

The top 25 dogs from each breed as well as Bred-By Exhibitor Champions and other special qualifiers will continue to be celebrated with an invitation granting special recognition.

In addition to the conformation competition, the show will still feature the AKC Agility Invitational and National Obedience Invitational, the Bred-By Exhibitor competition, the Eukanuba World Challenge and AKC Meet the Breeds(r).

The Orange County Convention Center will once again host The Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club and Central Florida Kennel Club shows on Dec. 12-14, 2012, making for five full days of dog shows.

"Eukanuba is proud to partner once again with the American Kennel Club to present the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship as well as the preceding shows," said Jason Taylor, Event Manager for Eukanuba. "Watch for updates on the show's new format and additional enhancements that will be incorporated into the week-long activities."

For more information about the show, visit www.akc.org/invitational .

The American Kennel Club (AKC), founded in 1884, maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world. Its rules and regulations govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year.

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