



THE AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY ROYAL CANIN: Fast Facts

- The 2020 event marks the 20th anniversary of the show.
 - AKC National Championship is the only all-breed dog show organized and presented directly by the AKC, the nation's oldest and only not-for-profit purebred dog registry.
 - Dogs entered are from 49 states and Washington, D.C.
 - The event offers over \$150,000 in prize money, the largest of any U.S. show. The Best in Show winner wins \$50,000.
 - For the first time, **daytime conformation breed judging in all rings will be live streamed all day on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, 2020 at www.AKCChampionshipLive.com** for a one-time streaming fee of \$3 for one day of all-breed judging or \$5 for both days.
 - Fees to watch the breed live streams are purely to cover cost. One-hundred percent of any net proceeds will be donated equally to the following dog related charities; **Take the Lead, AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite**, and the **AKC Museum of the Dog**.
 - The National Championship Groups and Best in Show, Best Bred-by Exhibitor and BBE Groups, NOHS Groups and Finals, Puppy & Junior Stakes Groups and Best in Stakes, Junior Showmanship Finals, Agility, Obedience, and Rally will continue to be live streamed on a complimentary basis on **AKC.tv** and will remain available on demand.
 - This show celebrates the heart and soul of the sport of purebred dogs by awarding the *AKC Breeder of the Year Award*. Seven individuals are honored who have left a great impact on a specific breed. These breeders have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs.
 - AKC National Championship runs multiple national events under the same roof. In conjunction with the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin, the AKC Agility Invitational, National Obedience Championship, Rally National Championship, AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals and the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes are also held. New this year is the AKC Fast CAT Invitational. Junior handler competitions include the Junior Showmanship Finals and AKC Junior Agility Competition.
 - The event serves as the only all-breed qualifying show in America for entry into Crufts — the world's largest dog show. The Kennel Club (England) has designated the winners of Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred-By Exhibitor or recipients of an Award of Merit at the AKC National Championship as qualified to enter Crufts.
 - It offers sizable scholarship awards for its Junior Showmanship winners and requires a specific grade point average as part of the eligibility criteria. Junior handlers between 9 and 18 years of age are invited to demonstrate their expertise for an opportunity to receive a \$2,000 scholarship.
- *NOTE:** This year's show will go on with numerous safety precautions in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Information on the protocols that must be followed at all AKC Events taking place at the Orange County Convention Center during the week of December 6-14, 2020 can be found on the [event page](#).