



TWENTY-FIVE IN '25! ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR THE 25TH AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY ROYAL CANIN

- Premium List Available on AKC.org -

New York, NY (October 6, 2025) – Entries are now open for the **2025 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin**, which returns to Orlando's Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) North/South Concourse this December 13th and 14th. Entries are also open for the **AKC/Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes**, taking place on Friday, December 12th at the OCCC, and the **AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals**, which will take place on December 13th and 14th also at the OCCC. The three premium lists and all event updates can be found by visiting the [AKC National Championship event page](#).

The AKC National Championship, one of the world's premier dog events, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. It is the largest dog show in the United States and the only conformation dog show hosted by the American Kennel Club. It annually crowns America's National Champion.

Many other spectacular events featuring AKC sports are held in conjunction with the National Championship; The AKC Agility Invitational, the AKC Obedience Classic, the AKC RACH (Rally Champion) Invitational, Junior handler competitions in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, and Rally, and special attraction diving dogs. Earlier in the week at the OCCC, spectators can also see top dogs compete in Specialties and Group shows, as well as in the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club, and Central Florida Kennel Club dog shows.

Hotel room blocks are open for those traveling to the event to compete. Visit the [AKC National Championship Hotel and Travel page for more information](#).

Event coverage will be highlighted on [AKC.tv®](#). [AKC.tv®](#) is available 24/7 on the web and on the [AKC.tv](#) app. Download the app today! It is also available on most streaming platforms.

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Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite, the AKC Museum of the Dog, and the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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