

# Nobody does it better!

The following Top Dogs from 40 Countries Competed for the Title and Prizes in the recent World Challenge at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 1-2 December 2007.

The Eukanuba World Challenge was sponsored by Eukanuba with the cooperation of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI). Eukanuba provided an all expenses paid trip for each dog and two of its owners to attend the Eukanuba World Challenge. The participating countries include 37 FCI recognised registries in addition to the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and the United States.

At least two of the competitors were Australian Bred, and one was sired by an Australian dog. We would love to hear details of further Australasian involvement. It was nice to see a couple of "National Dogs" representing their countries, whether by deliberate choice or luck, a Dalmatian from Croatia (formerly Dalmatian), a Beauceron from France, a Kerry Blue from Ireland, a Polish Lowland Sheepdog from Poland, and a Spanish Greyhound from Spain. Both the Australian and the English representatives were American imports, and many of the other competitors were undoubtedly also imports from various places to the countries they represented, but of course this is not easily identified as the AKC does not permit the country of origin to appear in connection to the dogs name and normally they do not allow foreign championship titles to be published either. The UK representative was an interesting saga, the original nomination was a Standard Poodle bred in the USA, he withdrew and allowed a Dalmatian to be elevated who was reported to have been the logical selection but had not previously had his Pet Passport in place in time, and then suddenly did, and the Dalmatian was withdrawn reportedly due to an injury, and the final representative who actually competed was the Australian Shepherd.

The World Challenge entrants were:

Country	Breed	Name
Argentina	Dobermann Pinscher	Ch Wizard Black De Akido San
Australia	Siberian Husky	Ch Pvt Stk's Fire in the Sky (imp USA)
Austria	Rottweiler	Ch Gauner von Kaisersteinbruch
Belgium	Whippet	Ch Daydream Di Mahana
Brazil	German Shorthaired Pointer	Ch Barretos Siena Do Rio Tinto
Canada	Havanese	Ch Sonrisas Tiny Thomas
Chile	Afghan Hound	Ch Falstaf Ebn Sharif von Haussman
Croatia	Dalmatian	Ch Dalmio Eternal Electra
Czech Republic	Whippet	Ch Madeleine z Uplnku
Denmark	Australian Shepherd	Ch Thornapple Aftershock
Finland	Samoyed	Ch Ikiliikkujan Eddie Of Voyage
France	Beauceron	Ch Turbo De La Negresse
Germany	Saluki	Ch Dakira Sawahin
Greece	Old English Sheepdog	Ch Aryakas Cosmo Junior
Hungary	Old English Sheepdog	Ch Reata's Jimbo
India	Irish Setter	Ch Pendoric Perfect Thyming (bred in Australia)
Ireland	Kerry Blue Terrier	Ch Edbrios Blue Ivanhoe
Israel	Cairn Terrier	Ch Hjohoo's Than I Kissed Her
Italy	Azawakh	Ch Shani Kel Dahoussah
Japan	Border Collie	Ch Border Lane JP Moonshining (an Australian sire)
Mexico	Afghan Hound	Ch Andros Ghalib of Damos
Netherlands	Scottish Terrier	Ch Lucia's Dream Scandalizer
Norway	Kerry Blue Terrier	Ch Link To Shyloch Iz Goluboi Legendary
Poland	Polish Lowland Sheepdog	Ch Malina z Gangu Dlugich
Portugal	Weimaraner	Ch Bella N Silhouettes Heart Throb
Puerto Rico	French Bulldog	Ch Salome Avlis & Bloa
Romania	Siberian Husky	Ch Look At Me of Wolf Point
Russia	Yorkshire Terrier	Ch Mini Shop Cosa Nostra
Serbia	Poodle	Ch Jasenak Backstage
Slovakia	Afghan Hound	Ch Jennies Joplin Gandamak
Slovenia	German Shepherd Dog	Ch Dex Zlatololcni
South Africa	Poodle	Ch Marechal Positive Accent (bred in Australia)
South Korea	Kerry Blue Terrier	Ch K-Crying of Sang Kook
Spain	Spanish Greyhound	Ch Tata de Vallestrella
Sweden	Great Pyrenees	Ch Vi'skaly's Spirit of Alaska
Switzerland	American Cocker Spaniel	Ch Very Vigie Vamos a la Playa
Thailand	Siberian Husky	Ch Nando's Boot Scoot An Boogie
UK	Australian Shepherd	Ch Heatherhill Shock N Awe (imp USA)
Ukraine	Poodle	Ch Croshka Bradpitt
USA	English Springer Spaniel	Ch Felicity's Diamond Jim

Each of the participating countries selected its competing dog based on a ratings system of their choice, or selected a Best in Show winner from a prestigious show. For instance, the AKC designated the winner of the previous year's AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to represent the US.

The competitors in the World Challenge were divided into three sections based on their geographic region: Europe and Africa, Asia and Oceania and the Americas. One dog was selected from each of these three regions to compete in the finals.

"These outstanding canines represent the finest in the world," said Michael Canalizo, Director of AKC Event Management. "It is a pleasure to host them and be able to hold an event that demonstrates that across the globe, love and appreciation for dogs is a universal language."

The judges were: World Challenge Winner: Mr Karl Reisinger - Austria, Europe and Africa Section: Mr Hiroshi Kamisato - Japan, Asia and Oceania Section: Sr Miguel Angel Martinez - Argentina, Americas Section: Mr. Luis Miguel v Pinto Teixeira - Portugal

The winner was awarded the title of Eukanuba World Challenge Winner and \$10,000. There was a \$3,000 prize for the runner up and \$2,000 for the first runner up. Those competitors which were also AKC recognized breeds could compete in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. International entries who qualify were also eligible for the Bred-by-Exhibitor competition.

At the Seventh Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2,444 dogs competed for a total of \$225,000 in cash prizes. The show was held in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC National Obedience Invitational (entries of 470 and 95 respectively) making for a combined entry of nearly 3,000 dogs competing in the three events.

"The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is a unique experience for any dog lover -whether they are watching it on TV or enjoying it in person," said Ron Menaker, Show Chairman. "With nearly 400,000 square feet of event space, 3,000 dogs in competition, dozens of vendors, 148 educational displays, numerous demonstrations and now 40 international competitors in our World Challenge event, there is nothing that can compare to this complete canine extravaganza."

Invited to compete in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship were:

The country's top 25 dogs (based on breed points)

from each of the 169-AKC recognized breeds and varieties eligible to compete

Every Best in Show winner from AKC all-breed shows held during the qualification period

Reigning National Specialty winners

Breeder/owner handled Champions from the Bred-by-Exhibitor and/or Puppy class

International competitors from across the globe

The owner/s of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Best in Show winner received more than \$50,000 while the breeder/s of the Best in Show winner were awarded \$15,000.



Over 981 dogs representing nearly 43 percent of the total were entered in the Bred-by-Exhibitor competition. The owner/breeder/handlers bring their best breeding stock to compete for cash prizes, including a \$15,000 prize awarded for Best Bred-By-Exhibitor in Show.

BY THE NUMBERS

156 AKC registered breeds were entered to compete.

This includes:

33 Pugs

32 Australian Shepherds

27 Boston Terriers & 27 Basset Hounds

25 Parson Russell Terriers & 25 Borzoi

By group, entries total: Sporting 322; Hound 356; Working 368; Terrier 336; Toy 350; Non-Sporting 277 and Herding 277.

187 International entries including Australia, Slovenia, Romania, Sweden, Ecuador and Israel (includes 38 of the World Challenge entrants who are also eligible to compete in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship).

159 Junior Handlers ages 9-18, who have met high academic standards and qualification criteria based on year-round competition.

The Long Beach Convention Center has long been the home to the Dog Hair & Egg Nog Cluster of dog shows held by local kennel clubs. These shows continue to be held in the three days prior to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship with a combined entry of nearly 6,700 dogs.

AGILITY AND OBEDIENCE INVITATIONALS BY THE NUMBERS

Agility 470 total; 129 breeds from 41 States (plus Puerto Rico and Canada)

Obedience 95 total; 30 breeds from 44 States (plus Canada)

**Best in Show Winner Sealyham Terrier**  
**Ch Efbe's Hidalgo At Goodspice (Charmin)**

**Best Bred-by-Exhibitor-in-Show Golden Retriever -**  
**Ch Easthill Broxden The Fig is Up (Newton)**

**Eukanuba World Challenge Winner Switzerland Cocker Spaniel**  
**Ch Very Vigie Vamos A La Playa**

