A Breed Apart

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship…

● Is organized and held solely by the AKC, the nation’s oldest and only not-for-profit purebred dog registry. There are 4,086 entries in the 2013 Championship, representing 177 breeds.

● Welcomes international competitors to compete alongside American dogs. Dogs from countries as far away as Brazil, England and Japan participate.

● Adds new breeds to the competition. Two of AKC’s most recently recognized breeds will compete at the National Championship for the first time in 2013, with 17 Portuguese Podengo Pequenos and 17 Rat Terriers entered.

● Offers significant prize money — a total of over $225,000. The Best in Show winner gets $50,000.

● Will be available for viewing from the special site http://live.eukanuba.com/, which will be embedded at www.akc.org. The breed judging for all 190 breeds and varieties will be available in its entirety as streaming video, while all evening group and Best in Show judging will be aired live from the show floor.

● 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.

● Runs multiple national events under the same roof. In conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, the AKC Agility Invitational, AKC Obedience Classic and AKC Owner-Handled Series Finals are also held.

● Hosts the Eukanuba World Challenge, an exciting international competition which features top dogs from more than 40 countries vying for $15,000 in prize money.

● Offers Celebrate Dogs!, the nation’s largest canine extravaganza. Celebrate Dogs! includes AKC Meet the Breeds®, an exciting annual event for families where representatives from more than 150 AKC National Breed Clubs share their knowledge and love of their chosen breed via decorative displays and offering dogs for the public to greet. Other activities are Eukanuba Dock Dogs, a huge canine shopping mall with holiday gifts for dog lovers and more.

● 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 or recipients of an Award of Merit at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship as qualified to enter Crufts.

● 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.

● Presents competitions for Junior handlers in all three sports – Conformation (148 Juniors entered), Obedience (32 Juniors entered) and Agility (62 Juniors entered).