



THE AKC NATIONAL OBEDIENCE INVITATIONAL: FAST FACTS

- ❖ Thousands of dogs will compete in **three national AKC events** taking place under the same roof. In conjunction with the **AKC National Obedience Invitational**, the **AKC/Eukanuba National Championship** and **AKC Agility Invitational** are held.
- ❖ 2012 marks the 18th annual AKC National Obedience Invitational.
- ❖ To compete in the AKC National Obedience Invitational, dogs must be the top OTCH and OTCH-pointed dogs in each breed. All-American dogs have been invited to participate in the competition for the second time.
- ❖ Dogs compete in an eight-round tournament on Saturday and Sunday, performing two to three Open and Utility-level exercises per ring as well as one set of group stays. The dogs' cumulative scores are calculated daily, and the top scoring dog from Saturday and Sunday are recognized, as well as first through fourth place in each variety group including a group for Miscellaneous/FSS/All-American dogs.
- ❖ Only dogs winning the AKC National Obedience Championship are permitted to have the prestigious NOC letters precede its name in AKC records. The AKC National Obedience Championship title (NOC) is awarded to one dog each year.
- ❖ The 2011 AKC National Obedience Invitational Championship in Orlando, Florida was won by OTCH Spirit's Zim Zam Zoom UDX6 OM4, a Golden Retriever owned by Ward Falkner. The pair has returned for the 2012 event.
- ❖ There are fourteen NOCs in the seventeen year history of this event with three dogs having won the award twice. One owner has captured the NOC title three times. Two previous NOCs will participate in this year's Invitational.
- ❖ The second annual [AKC National Juniors Obedience Competition](#) will run in conjunction with the Invitational. Forty-six juniors will compete in three age divisions in Beginner Novice and/or Novice classes twice, based on their AKC obedience accomplishments.
- ❖ To learn more about the AKC National Obedience Invitational, visit http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/national_obedience_invitational/