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GRAND PRIZE WINNER SELECTED FOR FIRST AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMEMORATIVE ART POSTER COMPETITION

--Southern California Artist Captures “The Wonderful World of Purebred Dogs” --

NEW YORK (November 6, 2003) — The American Kennel Club and the Iams Company are pleased to announce that Mrs. Dawn Secord of Chino Hills, CA has been selected as the winner of the first AKC/Eukanuba National Championship commemorative poster competition. Her winning submission—depicting a puppy in a trophy cup—was selected from over 100 works of art on the basis of artistic merit and ability to convey the theme “The Wonderful World of Dogs.”

The commemorative poster will be available for $15 at this year’s AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, CA on December 3 and on the AKC’s web site at www.akc.org. The net proceeds from the sale of the poster will be donated to the AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund, and earmarked specifically for not-for-profit animal shelters and similar organizations providing care for domestic animals orphaned or displaced as a result of the recent California wildfires.

“AKC and The Iams Company are very pleased to offer this poster to the fancy and to dog lovers everywhere as a way to commemorate our event and to raise necessary funds for important causes, such as the victims of the California wildfires,” said Show Chairman and AKC Chairman Ron Menaker.

Ms. Secord will be on hand during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to sign the posters. An avid animal lover and dog fancier who has been painting animals for the last twenty years, she is an internationally collected artist. Secord was introduced to the sport through her grandparents, and has followed in their footsteps by showing her Irish Setters successfully in conformation. With her husband Rich she operates Fur, Feathers & Fins, an award winning pet-sitting business. Just this year, she was awarded with Pet Sitter of the Year by Pet Sitters International. Secord also does pet therapy with her dogs at local nursing homes, supports local animal rescues and humane societies, guest lectures, writes a local monthly pet care column for WestCoast Magazine, and serves as the President of the Irish Setter Club of Southern California.
As this year’s grand prize winner, Dawn will receive $1,000 and a three-day/two-night trip for two to the 2003 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, CA.

**About the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship**
The 2003 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 3, in Long Beach, CA, will mark the third year of the AKC’s premier showcase for dogs, which is co-presented by The Iams Company. Animal Planet will broadcast the show on January 31, 2004.

This year will be the first time that the AKC brings its most popular national events together to one venue. In addition to the National Championship, the AKC National Agility Championship and the AKC National Obedience Invitational will also be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3 - 4, 2003 in Long Beach.

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The American Kennel Club (AKC), founded in 1884, maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world. Its rules and regulations govern more than 15,000 competitions each year. The Iams Company, founded in 1946, is committed to enhancing the well-being of dogs and cats by providing world-class quality foods and pet care products. **For more news on the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, visit www.akc.org, or to request your free Viewer's Guide call the Iams Pet Professionals at 800-566-5038.**