



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Sydney Royal Dog Show bigger and better in 2007

The **Domestic Animals Committee** of the **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** is pleased to announce **major changes** to the most prestigious dog show in the Southern Hemisphere, the **2007 Sydney Royal Dog Show**.

Held annually during the **Sydney Royal Easter Show**, the competition changes are designed to better accommodate the needs of exhibitors and ensure an exciting display of dogs over the 14 days of the Show.

Major initiatives are:

- The popular Best in Show competition will be held on the last day of the Show
- Four days of agility and obedience classes over the Easter long-weekend
- New classes for champions, veteran dogs and females over 7 years of age
- Bigger Best of Breed competition
- A new "breeders group" special class
- Qualification for entry into conformation classes no longer a requirement

"The Domestic Animals Committee is excited about the prospect of taking the Sydney Royal Dog Show into a new level of competition with these innovative changes. We acknowledge and appreciate the support of the Board of Directors of Dogs NSW in introducing these changes for the 2007 Sydney Royal Dog Show," said **Mr Glen Dudley, Chairman, Domestic Animals Committee, RAS**.

Each year the Sydney Royal Dog Show invites three international judges to join the Australian experts. The aim of the Sydney Royal is to conduct the best competition for dogs, cats and other domestic animals in Australia and to promote public understanding of the place of domestic animals in the community.

The change in the Dog Program coincides with the **Date Change** for the Sydney Royal Easter Show. From 2007 onwards the Sydney Royal Easter Show will commence the Thursday before Good Friday in an effort to coincide with the NSW public and school holidays, giving more time for families to enjoy the Show.

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