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Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Welcome from the President



The Sydney Royal Easter Show is a true celebration of the best that Australia has to offer, and we are delighted that you will be part of it. Our agricultural competitions sit proudly at the heart of everything we do, with our world class livestock shows continuing to draw national and international attention. Alongside our horse events, poultry, domestic animals, perishable cooking, arts and crafts, horticulture and woodchopping, these competitions make the Easter Show a vibrant, living showcase of Australian skill, passion and excellence to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) has a rich history dating back to 1822, built on a tradition of fostering and rewarding excellence in agriculture. While we honour that legacy, the RAS of today is forward looking and innovative. Each of our Committees and competition sections has a clear strategic plan in place, ensuring that we not only preserve what makes the Show extraordinary, but continually adapt – harnessing innovation and technology to enhance our competitions, benchmarking and judging processes.

Agriculture remains at the very core of our mission, with the RAS making significant contributions each year towards the growth and strength of our farming and food production sectors. Sydney Royal competitions are unique in the way they benchmark and celebrate excellence in Australian agriculture, shining a light on those who set new industry standards. Nearly 30,000 entries each year, spanning the food supply chain from paddock to plate, demonstrate the extraordinary diversity, innovation and dedication of our exhibitors.

The benefits of a win at Sydney Royal are truly enduring. A Sydney Royal award is a mark of distinction and a symbol of the highest standards of quality and excellence, it is something people are truly proud of. For some of our exhibitors, it also opens doors to valuable opportunities that elevate their profile, connects them with consumers, and creates lasting advantages for their businesses well into the future.

The cornerstone of our competitions are independent, knowledgeable and highly respected judges, alongside our expert stewards, Councillors and all of our officials. These people generously give their expertise and professionalism to ensure both integrity and excellence. To all our volunteers and to the outstanding and dedicated staff at the RAS whose efforts bring our Show to life, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

If you are not already a Member, I encourage you to join the RAS. Membership offers an even deeper connection to the Show and to this incredible community of people dedicated to honouring tradition while driving innovation.

On behalf of the RAS, I wish you the very best of luck. I eagerly look forward to seeing the strength of our agriculture, the diversity of our competitions and the skill and passion of our exhibitors on display. This year, I will also be delighted to welcome our major winners each afternoon in the President's Suite and congratulate them firsthand.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. Bennett".

John C. Bennett, OAM
President, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show is held under the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW
(ABN 69 793 644 351) and Dogs NSW (ABN 69 062 986 118)

2026 ENTRY FEES

Conformation and Obedience Entry Fees include a \$2 Dogs NSW Administration Levy.

Agility Entry Fees include a \$1 Dogs NSW Administration Levy. All fees include GST.

RAS Members who are not financial at the time of submitting their Entry Fees will not be eligible for the entry discount.

ONLINE ENTRIES

Enter online at www.rasnsw.com.au/dogs

RAS Members will receive a 25% discount on Entry Fees.

ENTRY FEES

Conformation and/or Obedience (including Rally).....	\$34
Agility.....	\$27.50
Conformation Baby Puppy.....	\$19
Breeders Group.....	\$30
Sweepstakes.....	\$14
Handler Competition.....	\$14
Festival of Dog Sports.....	\$15

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Printed Catalogue..... \$15

PARKING FEES

Car per day..... \$27

Car with trailer per day..... \$54

Parking can be purchased along with your Online Entry. A parking pass for the day(s) required will be mailed to you with your Exhibit Confirmation Advice (Benchslip) and admission ticket(s) etc.

CLOSING DAY OF ENTRY

ENTRIES FOR THE DOG SECTION CLOSE (INCLUDING IMPORTED DOGS AND BABY PUPPY) ON

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026

Entries received after these dates will not be accepted.

Telephone: (02) 9704 1007

Enter online at www.rasnsw.com.au/dogs

To renew your RAS membership or join the RAS today contact the Membership Department on 02 9704 1144 or visit
www.rasnsw.com.au/members

PENALTY - NON EXHIBITION OF DOGS

Your attention is drawn to Dog Special Regulation 10, which provides for a fine when an entry is not Exhibited, except in certain circumstances.

These Regulations will be enforced at the 2026 Show.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Your attention is drawn to the General Regulations regarding prohibited substances. **A Treatment Notification Form (TNF) must be completed for any treatment given within 14 days prior to exhibition or 180 days for anabolic steroids. The TNF must be submitted at the Dog Office by 8.30am on the day of judging, except for Agility Exhibits where it is required by 8am on the day of judging.**

The RAS reserves the right to close entries before the official closing Day of Entry and to restrict the number of Exhibits in any breed or Class of breed if in the opinion of the Companion Animals Committee it would be unsafe to accommodate further Exhibits.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

EXHIBITOR ENQUIRIES	If you require additional Applications for Entry or further information about the Dog Section, please call (02) 9704 1007 or email: companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY	<p>Exhibitors must adhere to the Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground located at www.rasnsw.com.au, the General Regulations and the Dog Special Regulations in this Schedule (the "Regulations"), as they are bound by these terms.</p> <p>A condition of entering Competitions is strict adherence to the Regulations. Accordingly, Applications for Entry in the name of deceased Person(s) are not eligible.</p> <p>These documents constitute the whole agreement upon which Entries are submitted unless otherwise authorised by the RAS.</p> <p>The Exhibitor or Owner warrant that each animal Exhibited by them or by their child/children/guardian is duly registered and either their property absolutely or is under their absolute care and control. The Exhibitor holds the RAS exempt from any liability in the event of any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.</p> <p>The RAS has the power to evict any Exhibitor from the Showground in the event of a breach of the Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground, General Regulations and/or the 2026 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show Schedule.</p>
WITHDRAWALS	<p>A refund of Entry Fees shall not be made unless a notification of withdrawal is received by the RAS before the Closing Day of Entry.</p> <p>To withdraw an Exhibit in part or in full, Exhibitors must log into their online Competition entry system myRAS account and select the Classes they wish to withdraw for each Exhibit and complete the withdrawal process.</p> <p>Withdrawals on the day of Judging must be submitted before 8.30am via email to companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au or by filling out a withdrawal slip at the event office. Withdrawals can only be submitted by the Exhibitor the entry belongs to and catalogue numbers should be handed in with withdrawal slips.</p>
INCORRECT AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY	A Correction Fee of up to \$50 may be charged by the RAS, at its discretion, for each Application for Entry which is incorrect or incomplete. If an Application for Entry is not rectified in accordance with the RAS' requirements, the entry may not be accepted by the RAS.
NON-EXHIBITION PENALTY	<p>Exhibitors who do not present for judging in a Class they have entered are subject to a fine for each Exhibit if a withdrawal has not been received by the event office prior to 8.30am on the day of judging.</p> <p>Acceptance of a withdrawal from General Specials day is at the discretion of the Companion Animals Committee and will be subject to a fine.</p>
EXHIBIT CONFIRMATION ADVICE (BENCHSLIP) AND DASHBOARD SLIPS	Please note that an Exhibit Confirmation Advice (Benchslip) is required for access to the Showground. A Dashboard Slip will also be issued to Exhibitors with the Authorised Contact Person's mobile number printed on the slip. A Dashboard Slip must be displayed on the dashboard of each vehicle at all times while on the Showground.
COMPUTATION OF AGE OF DOGS	The age of the dog for the purpose of a Show shall be calculated from the date of birth as recorded with a Recognised Controlling Body as at the first day of the Sydney Royal Dog Show, being Thursday 2 April.
BEST OF BREED AND BEST PUPPY OF BREED	Best of Breed, and Best Puppy of Breed will be judged daily. Winners will be required to return for Group judging on Sunday 12 April 2026.
BEST BABY PUPPY OF THE DAY	All Best Baby Puppies of the Breed will compete for Best Baby Puppy of the Day at the conclusion of ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show breed judging each day. The daily winners will be required to return for final Best Baby Puppy in Show judging on Sunday 12 April 2026.
BEST NEUTER OF THE DAY	All Best Neuters of the Breed will compete for Best Neuter of the Day at the conclusion of ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show breed judging each day. The daily winners will be required to return for final Best Neuter in Show judging on Sunday 12 April 2026.
BREEDERS GROUP OF THE DAY	All Breeders Groups will be judged daily at the conclusion of their breed judging. The Ring will be advised each morning. Best Breeders Group of the Day will be judged and winners will be required to return for Best Breeders Group in Show judging on Sunday 12 April 2026
JUNIOR HANDLER COMPETITION	<p>Junior Handlers under 18 years of age can be entered into the Competition under the Exhibitor account of a parent or guardian.</p> <p>First place Exhibits of Classes 60 - 64 will be judged on Saturday 11 April 2026 and will be required to return for General Specials on Sunday 12 April 2026.</p>

ELIMINATIONS	A Puppy Exhibit which wins Best Exhibit in Group but is not awarded Best Puppy in Show shall be eliminated from competing for the Best Exhibit in Show and Runner Up to Best Exhibit in Show Awards. The Puppy will still parade with the eligible Best Exhibit in Show Exhibits.
USE OF A RUNNER	An Exhibitor wishing to use the services of a runner for exhibition of a dog at the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show must present a letter of authorisation from Dogs NSW or the equivalent controlling body to the Ring Steward prior to the Class.
BREED STALL DAY	<p>Monday 13 April 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist Breed Clubs and Sporting Clubs have an ideal opportunity to promote themselves to one of the largest audiences in NSW at the 2026 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show. • The Pavilion will be open to the public from 9am until 5pm. • All Clubs must provide their own display materials. • Please contact the Companion Animals Events Manager on telephone (02) 9704 1007 or email companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au for an Application for Entry.
EXHIBITOR DETAILS	When completing an Application for Entry the Exhibitor must provide the Exhibitor's full name on the application. An Exhibitor is the Registered Owner/s of the dog as it is recorded with the Recognised Controlling Body. This name will appear in RAS Publications and be published on website results.
JUDGES ALLOCATION	<p>The RAS reserves the right at all times at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason to:</p> <p>(a) substitute a Judge when necessary;</p> <p>(b) re-allocate judging days for a particular breed.</p> <p>(c) if entry numbers require an extra Judge, appoint an additional Judge if necessary.</p>
RING STEWARDS & SPONSORS	Ring Stewards and employees of major Sponsors involved with the Dog Section will not be permitted to handle Exhibits during the Show. Exhibits owned or co-owned by Ring Stewards or employees of major Sponsors involved with the Dog Section will not be permitted to Exhibit at the Show.
RINGS & DAILY JUDGING TIMETABLE ALLOCATION	<p>Judging will not commence before 8:30am on Conformation days unless advised. Agility and Obedience will commence at 8am and Festival of Dog Sports events will commence following group judging for the Sydney FCI International and not before 5pm</p> <p>No vetting is required for Conformation. Entire females will be vetted for Agility, Obedience and Festival of Dog Sports Competitions.</p> <p>Judging times will be on display on the glass doors beside the Dog Administration Office each day. A running order will be made available for Obedience and Festival of Dog Sports Competitions prior to the events under 'Exhibitor Information' on the RAS website, www.rasnsw.com.au/dogs.</p>
ENTRY FEES AND RAS MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT	<p>In order for Exhibitors to claim the RAS Member discount on Entry Fees for this Competition, Membership subscriptions must be paid and accepted by the RAS before entering this Competition, and details must be provided on your Application for Entry prior to submitting to the RAS. No adjustments will be provided after the Application for Entry has been submitted. The Membership Name must be: (i) where the Exhibitor is a single Person, the Exhibitor Name; (ii) where the Exhibitor is more than one Person or a partnership, one of the Persons forming that partnership; or (iii) where the Exhibitor is a firm or company, the Authorised Contact Person/Representative of that firm or company. Members who are not financial at the time of submitting their Entry Fees will not be eligible for the entry discount.</p> <p>Visit www.rasnsw.com.au/members for more information on Membership or call 02 9704 1144.</p> <p>Entry Fee reductions are dependent upon Class(es) being entered. Non-member Entry Fees apply for Exhibitors where they are not financial members of the RAS. Applicants acknowledge that a valid RAS membership number must be provided at the time of submitting their application in order to receive the applicable discount.</p>

<p>PRIZES AND GST</p>	<p>The Australian Taxation Office has deemed that GST is payable on prizes if an Exhibitor is registered for GST and enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise.</p> <p>The information an Exhibitor provides on the Application for Entry determines whether GST is applicable.</p> <p><i>Any prize stated in this Schedule does not include GST.</i></p> <p>GST will not apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as a hobby or private recreational pursuit; or • if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, but the Exhibitor is NOT REGISTERED for GST. • if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise the Exhibitor is not entitled to an ABN as the business or enterprise is not operating in Australia. <p>GST will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, and the Exhibitor is REGISTERED for GST. <p>Where GST applies, the RAS will pay the prize money quoted in this Schedule plus 10% GST. The RAS will issue a recipient created tax invoice.</p> <p>WARNING: <i>The Exhibitor must complete the Tax Details on the Application for Entry. Failure to do so will result in the RAS deducting 47% of the successful Exhibitor's prize money as Pay As You Go Tax (PAYG). The RAS recommends that the Exhibitor seeks professional advice before completing the Tax Details.</i></p>
<p>PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY</p>	<p>Prize money won during the Sydney Royal Easter Show will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the bank account nominated for the Exhibitor in the Competition entry system (myRAS) at the time the RAS commences processing a payment. If the bank details are incomplete or incorrect, the RAS will attempt to contact the prize winners to confirm payment details.</p> <p>The RAS seeks to finalise all prize money payments by the end of June. Queries regarding unpaid prize money can be addressed to the Service Centre by email at competitions@rasnsw.com.au.</p> <p>Any prize money left unclaimed for a period in excess of six months, is deemed forfeited by the Exhibitor.</p>
<p>IMPORTED DOGS</p>	<p>An imported dog will qualify for entry if it has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the necessary qualifications gained in Australia or outside Australia, or partly in Australia or outside Australia. (b) been registered with an overseas canine controlling body recognised by the RAS and is under three (3) months since its arrival in Australia. After three (3) months the imported Exhibit's registration must be transferred to a resident of Australia who is a financial member of a Recognised Controlling Body in order to qualify for entry. In the event of any inconsistency concerning imported dogs rules, the rules of the Australian National Kennel Council will prevail. <p>Entries for newly imported dogs will be accepted provided the Exhibitor contacts the Companion Animals Events Manager on (02) 9704 1007 or via email companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au for an Application for Entry prior to Wednesday 18 February 2026.</p>
<p>CAMPAIGN DOGS</p>	<p>A campaign dog will qualify for entry if it has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The necessary qualifications gained in Australia or outside of Australia, or partly in Australia and outside Australia (b) Is registered with a canine controlling body recognised by the RAS (c) Is Exhibited by a Person who is a financial member of a canine controlling body recognised by the RAS <p>Entries for Campaign Dogs will be accepted provided the Exhibitor contacts the Companion Animals Events Manager on (02) 9704 1007 or via email at companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au for an Application for Entry prior to Wednesday 18 February 2026.</p>
<p>RESTRICTION OF ENTRIES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A dog may not be entered in more than one Breed/Conformation Class. (b) An entry may not be transferred from one Class to another except at the direction of the Committee.
<p>WORKING WITH CHILDREN</p>	<p>Exhibitors must comply with all applicable Working with Children Legislation.</p> <p>Exhibitors over the age of 18 years, who are involved in a child-related role or have direct unsupervised contact with children, must produce evidence of Working with Children Checks to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, at least one (1) month prior to Competition.</p>

WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE ACT	The RAS operates surveillance cameras from Sydney Showground Security and these are located in and around facilities requiring security monitoring for the safety or security of individuals or property. The RAS also has access to Sydney Olympic Park security cameras and vice versa. Please note that security camera monitoring is continuous and ongoing and it is deemed that a person, by entering the Showground, consents to this photographing, filming or taping. The RAS strictly complies with the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005 (NSW).
PERPETUAL TROPHIES	Perpetual Trophies remain the property of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. Ownership of the Trophy does not pass to the winning Exhibitor. A medallion will be presented to the annual winner whose name will be engraved on the Trophy.
SUPPORTER PRIZES	Prizes are provided by third parties and the RAS advises that any such prizes may be subject to change or amendment occurring at any time, thereby making the original information published incorrect.

PROMOTE YOUR KENNEL IN THE 2026 ADVANCE™ SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW CATALOGUE

Advertising rate for mono (Black & White) full A4 page: \$150 (incl. GST)

Artwork to be supplied as a PDF with crop marks at Exhibitor's own cost.

Booking Deadline: Wednesday 18 February 2026

Contact: Companion Animals Events Manager for bookings and conditions.

Telephone (02) 9704 1007 or email companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au

ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY

<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY CONFORMATION & SWEEPSTAKES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baby Puppy Class is confined to any male or female dog 3 months of age and under 6 months of age. For dogs born after 2 October 2025 and on or before 2 January 2026. • Puppy Class is confined to any male or female dog 6 months and under 12 months of age. For dogs born after 2 April 2025 and on or before 2 October 2025. • Junior Class is confined to any male or female dog 9 months and under 18 months of age. For dogs born after 2 October 2024 and on or before 2 July 2025. • Intermediate Class is confined to any male or female dog 18 months and under 36 months of age. For dogs born after 2 April 2023 and on or before 2 October 2024. • Australian Bred Class is confined to any male or female dog 6 months of age and over, whelped in Australia. For dogs born on or before 2 October 2025. • Open Class is confined to any male or female dog 6 months of age and over. For dogs born on or before 2 October 2025. • Veterans 7 to under 10 years is confined to any male or female dog 7 years of age and under 10 years. For dogs born after 2 April 2016 and on or before 2 April 2019. • Veterans 10 years and over is confined to any male or female dog 10 years of age and over. For dogs born on or before 2 April 2016. • Neuter Class is confined to any neutered male or female dog 6 months of age and over. For dogs born on or before 2 October 2025. • Owner-Breeder-Handler will be held as a Sweepstakes Class and is confined to any male or female dog 6 months of age and over that is owned by the same Person or Persons that bred the dog. The dog must be handled by the breeder (or co-breeder if listed on the prefix). For dogs born on or before 2 October 2025. • Champion Sweepstakes confined to any male or female dog that has attained the title of Australian Champion or Champion in another country. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supreme Champion Sweepstakes confined to any male or female dog that has attained the title of Supreme Champion.
<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY CONFORMATION & SWEEPSTAKES cont.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A Recognised Controlling Body must have officially accepted all dogs and such registration must be acceptable to Dogs NSW. 3. Female dogs in oestrus are eligible to compete in Conformation Classes. 4. Dogs entered in Champion Sweepstakes or Supreme Champion Sweepstakes must have attained the appropriate title at time of entry. 5. The RAS reserves the right to close entries before closing Day of Entry if in the opinion of the Committee it would be unsafe to attempt to accommodate further Exhibits and to restrict the number of Exhibits in any breed or Class of breed. For 2026 there may be a restriction on the total number of entries. Early entry is strongly recommended to avoid missing out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breeders Group Class is confined to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) four (4) male and/or female dogs of the same breed; (b) confined to a dog 6 months of age and over (c) bred under the same Kennel Prefix but can be registered to different Exhibitors; (d) all dogs entered as part of a Breeders Group must also be entered in a Conformation Class. (e) Exhibits entered on breed day, must remain the same Exhibits if returning for General Specials (f) All four Breeders Group dogs are included in a single Class entry which must include the breed and Breeders prefix. (g) Exhibitors are encouraged to wear clothing that complements the dogs and each other. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify Exhibitors who are not deemed to be appropriately dressed from the Breeders Group.

<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY - HANDLER</p>	<p>General Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Female dogs in oestrus are not eligible to be paraded before the Judge. (b) Dogs do not need to have been entered in a Conformation Class. (c) Dogs must be over 12 months of age. (d) Dogs must be registered with Dogs Australia. <p>The Judge shall consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The ability of the Handler to control the Exhibit. (b) The ability of the Handler in “setting up” the dog as an Exhibit. (c) The ability of the Handler to “gait” the dog at a desirable pace for the Judge. (d) The dress and ring demeanour of the Handler. <p>The Judge will Award the Handler who in his/her opinion presents their Exhibit in the most skilled fashion, and in accordance with these Regulations. The quality of the Exhibit is not to be taken into account. The Judge shall not require the Handler to exchange Exhibits in the ring.</p>
<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY – OBEDIENCE</p>	<p>Note: Updated Dogs Australia Obedience and Rally Rules, scheduled to commence on 1 January 2026 will apply for this Competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Classes are open to male and female dogs registered with a Recognised Controlling Body. (b) Female dogs in oestrus are NOT eligible to compete. Vetting of entire females will be conducted in 2026. (c) For all Awards and placings, a qualifying score will take precedence over a non-qualifying score (d) A non-qualifying score shall not in itself necessarily constitute the grounds to order removal and dogs will generally be given the opportunity to complete the trial exercises. If however during Competition, in the opinion of the Judge, the Handler is using the ring for training they will be directed to leave the ring. (e) Qualifying winners of all Obedience Classes, except CCD will compete in Best in Trial at the completion of judging. <p>Classes</p> <p>Classes are defined as Utility Dog Excellent (UDX), Utility Dog (UD), Open (CDX), Novice (CD), Community Companion Dog (CCD) and Dual Title</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Companion Dog: For male and female dogs aged 12 months of age or over which have not been awarded the title of ‘Community Companion Dog’ (CCD) before the trial date. • Novice: For male and female dogs aged 12 months of age or over which have not been awarded the title of ‘Companion Dog’ (CD) before the trial date. • Open: for male and female dogs which have qualified for the title of ‘Companion Dog’ (CD) in Novice Class. • Utility: for male and female dogs which have qualified for the title of ‘Companion Dog Excellent’ (CDX) in Open Class. • Utility Dog Excellent: for male and female dogs which have qualified for the title of ‘Utility Dog’ (UD) in Utility Class. • Dual Title: for male and female dogs 12 months of age and over and have gained a Champion title in Conformation and gained a title in a performance discipline. Dogs will be judged on the exercises: Heel Free, Stand for Examination and Recall.

<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY - RALLY</p>	<p>Note: Updated Dogs Australia Obedience and Rally Rules, scheduled to commence on 1 January 2026 will apply for this Competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Classes are open to male and female dogs registered with a Recognised Controlling Body. (b) Female dogs in oestrus are NOT eligible to compete. Vetting of entire females will be conducted in 2026. (c) For all awards and placings a qualifying score will take precedence over a non-qualifying score. (d) If a team receives a non-qualifying score on a course, judging will cease immediately and no re-tries will be allowed. A dog that has been non-qualified for fouling the ring shall immediately be excused. A Judge who has non-qualified a Handler may excuse the team immediately from the course at the point at which they have non-qualified. (e) Judging will commence at the conclusion of the Obedience Classes. <p>Classes Classes are defined as Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent and Rally Master.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rally Novice: For male and female dogs aged 12 months of age or over which have not been awarded the title of Rally Novice (RN) before the trial date. • Rally Advanced: For male and female dogs aged 12 months of age or over which have qualified for the Rally Novice (RN) title. • Rally Excellent: For male and female dogs 12 months of age or over which have qualified for the Rally Advanced (RA) title. • Rally Master: For male and female dogs 12 months of age or over which have qualified for the Rally Excellent (RE) title.
<p>CLASS TRANSFERS - OBEDIENCE AND RALLY</p>	<p>Any animal which by judging day has become ineligible for a Class in which it is entered shall not compete in such Class.</p> <p>A written request may be sent to the Committee requesting a transfer to another Class. The Committee must receive this request no later than seven days prior to the Competition judging date.</p> <p>The Committee reserves the right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Transfer a dog from a Class in which it has been entered but for which it has become ineligible to a Class in which it has become eligible to compete. (b) Decline the request.

ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY - AGILITY

Note: Updated Dogs Australia Agility Trials rules, scheduled to commence on 1 January 2026 will apply for this Competition.

General Conditions

- (a) Agility Trials are open to male and female dogs registered with a Recognised Controlling Body, 18 months of age or over.

Female dogs in oestrus are NOT eligible to compete in Trials.

Vetting of entire females will be conducted in 2026.

Classes

Classes are defined as Novice, Excellent and Master and any other Class that the Dogs Australia or RAS determines. All Exhibits will compete separately in their own heights.

The following Class description applies to Agility, Jumping and Games

1. **Novice:** For male and female dogs that are not eligible for the Novice title.
2. **Excellent:** For male and female dogs that have qualified and applied for the Novice title and are not eligible for the Excellent title.
3. **Master:** For male and female dogs that have qualified and applied for the Excellent title or Master title.

Not for Competition

Not for Competition (NFC) runs will NOT be permitted during this trial.

Qualifications

Qualifications up to and including the date of closing of entry, shall count as eligibility to compete in any Class. At the discretion of the RAS of NSW and or Chief Steward, an Exhibitor who completes the necessary passes to a title and has applied for that title, after the Closing Day of Entry, may request and be transferred to the next higher Class.

Height

Dogs must be entered into one of the following height categories. The height of the dog at the withers is to be measured as follows:

200 - Up to and including 270 mm

300 - 271 mm up to and including 365 mm

400 - 366 mm up to and including 455 mm

500 - 456 mm up to and including 545 mm

600 - 546 mm and over

- Dogs are permitted to compete in the category immediately above their measured height, but must not compete in the height category below their officially measured height
- The Judge may check at random the height of the dog by requesting to sight the dog's Official Height Card and/or utilize a Dogs Australia approved measuring device on a hard level surface.

Agility Handler Requirements

- (a) Any Handler who does not answer the Ring Steward's third call may be marked 'absent'.
- (b) The Exhibitor will be provided with the dog's Catalogue number which the Handler must wear where it can be clearly observed.
- (c) On the Steward's call of the dog's Catalogue number, the Handler will enter the ring via the entry point, with the dog on lead either carried or walked and follow the Steward's and/or Judge's instructions. The lead will be removed, the collar may be removed. The Handler will either place the lead/collar in a pocket whilst running the course or wear it on them (eg, clipped around the waist like a belt). If any of these items fall to the ground or the dog grabs the lead while running the course, this will result in a DQ. The lead/collar must be inaudible and if not, this will result in a DQ.
- (d) A Handler may enter the ring (with the dog on lead) whilst the previous dog is completing its run.
- (e) The only items that a dog can wear whilst running the course are:
 - I. A fixed, flat collar with no fixtures or tags etc. dangling from the collar, with the exception of D or O rings which form part of the collar
 - II. Ribbons or bands to keep the hair away from the face.
- (f) A dog shall not be physically touched after the Judge has indicated that they may go.
- (g) The lead shall not be considered a training aid. A dog may interact or play with their lead inside the ring provided it is not disruptive to other dogs. On completion of the dog's run, the Handler will exit the ring via the exit point with the dog on lead. Dogs are permitted to be carried out of the ring providing the lead is attached to the collar.

Rewards for a dog (such as food or toys) must not be left within 5 metres of the ring, whether on the ground or on an item.

<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY - AGILITY cont.</p>	<p>Course inspection Before judging commences, Handlers may familiarise themselves with the course without their dogs. Only Handlers entered in the Class are allowed to walk the course, except with the express permission of the Judge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges may split the number of Handlers, to eliminate large numbers on course inspection. • No dogs are permitted in the ring prior to the commencement of judging. • Any objection by an Exhibitor to the equipment or layout of the course must be lodged with the Judge in the first instance. If an agreement cannot be achieved, then the objection may be lodged with the Chief Steward. Any objections must be lodged prior to judging. • Rudeness or aggression towards any Stewards will not be tolerated and Competitors may be disqualified if they are found to be rude or aggressive to Stewards. Should Competitors have an issue with a Steward, this should be taken up with the Chief Steward. • At no time during the trial is an Exhibitor to approach the timekeepers and scribes table. Should an Exhibitor require any information in relation to their performance on the day, or to lodge a complaint, they must in the first instance direct all questions to the Chief Steward.
<p>CLASS TRANSFERS - AGILITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any animal which by judging day has become ineligible for a Class in which it is entered shall not compete in such Class. (b) If the Committee deems suitable, a transfer to another Class, must be submitted in writing by the Exhibitor, no later than seven days prior to their judging date. (c) The Committee reserves the right if it so chooses, to transfer an animal from a Class in which it has been entered but for which on judging day it is ineligible to compete, to a Class for which it is or has become, eligible to compete.
<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY - SCENT WORK</p>	<p>General Conditions Scent Work Trials are open to male and female dogs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Registered with a Recognised Controlling Body. (b) 6 months of age or over on the first day of the sanctioned event which includes a Scent Work Trial. (c) Female dogs in oestrus or showing a coloured discharge of any sort are not permitted to compete in Trials or be within the precinct. (d) For all awards and placings a qualifying score will take precedence over a non-qualifying score. Exhibitor entry numbers may be capped at discretion of the Companion Animals Committee. (e) The Judge may determine that because of the non-qualifying fault incurred, the Competitor and dog should be excluded from any further searching of the element and excuse the Competitor from the search area. A Competitor who is excused from a search must vacate the search area immediately. (f) Entry numbers will be capped to ensure sufficient time for judging. <p>Classes Classes are defined as Scent Work Excellent, Master and Ultimate.</p> <p>Excellent: is a complex search within larger areas or with an increased number of vehicles or containers, two (2) distractions and with at least one (1) difficult hide of the three (3) required in the Class. The Excellent Class is intended to challenge the dog to solve a complex scent puzzle(s) including the possibility of inaccessible hides, converging and eddying odour, and elevation. It requires a greater degree of teamwork between the dog and Handler to be successful.</p> <p>Master: includes complex search puzzles such as inaccessible hides, pooling, eddying and channelling odour within larger and multiple search areas, blank areas and an increased number of vehicles or containers. The number of hides is unknown and there are three (3) distractions. The Master Class is intended to test the teamwork between the dog and Handler to work efficiently and effectively.</p> <p>Ultimate: provides an integrated search environment combining at least three (3) of the four (4) Elements from the Odour Search Division, which are worked as one search. The number of hides and distractions is unknown to the Handler. The dog and Handler must work autonomously to resolve the challenges set by the Judge in the search area. The team will need to demonstrate sustained resilience and persistence and work in a timely, efficient and effective manner to complete the search. They must be confident that they have identified all the hides present and cleared all search areas before calling "Finish".</p>

<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY - SCENT WORK cont.</p>	<p>Eligibility Of Entry</p> <p>Scent Work Excellent: For dogs that have qualified for the Scent Work Advanced title or have gained three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Advanced Class for an Element as part of qualifying towards the relevant Scent Work Element title. Dogs gaining three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Excellent Class for any Element may continue to compete in that Element and/or may move up to the Master Class.</p> <p>Scent Work Master: For dogs that have qualified for the Scent Work Excellent title or have gained three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Excellent Class for an Element as part of qualifying towards the relevant Scent Work Element title. Dogs gaining three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Master Class for any Element may continue to compete in that Element.</p> <p>Scent Work Ultimate: For dogs that have qualified for the Scent Work Master Class title or two (2) Element titles (that is, two of either SWC and/or SWI and/or SWX and/or SWV). Dogs gaining their SWU title may continue to compete in the Ultimate Class.</p> <p>Odours</p> <p>Excellent: Birch, Anise and Clove Master: All Ultimate: All</p> <p>Note: Some elements will be conducted on the dog lawns with spectators watching from the grandstand. Competitors should expect the possibility of noise and movement outside the ring during search time.</p>
<p>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY –TRICK DOG</p>	<p>General Conditions</p> <p>Trick Dog Tests are open to male and female dogs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Registered with a Recognised Controlling Body (b) 12 months of age or over on the first day of the sanctioned event which includes a Trick Dog Test (c) Female dogs in oestrus or showing a coloured discharge of any sort are not permitted to compete in Trials or be within the precinct. (d) A dog may be entered in only one Class at any Trick Dog Test (e) Entry numbers will be capped to ensure sufficient time for judging (f) For all awards and placings a qualifying score will take precedence over a non-qualifying score. In the event of a tied score, the Judge will make a determination giving consideration to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. timeliness and accuracy of responses from the dog to the Handler’s cues ii. smoothness and gentleness of handling iii. flow from one trick to the next iv. teamwork <p>Classes</p> <p>Trick Dog Starters: For dogs that have not qualified for the Starter title Trick Dog Novice: For dogs that have qualified for the title of ‘Trick Dog Starter’ (TK.S) Trick Dog Intermediate: For dogs that have qualified for the title of ‘Trick Dog Novice’ (TK.N) Trick Dog Advanced: For dogs that have qualified for the title of ‘Trick Dog Intermediate’ (TK.I)</p> <p>Registration and Attendance</p> <p>Handlers are responsible for registering their presence with the Chief Steward or Assistant Chief Steward prior to the commencement of the Test.</p> <p>Handlers are responsible for submitting their trick list to the Ring Steward prior to the commencement of the test. Handlers must nominate their chosen tricks on the trick list for the relevant Class, including the trick number and title and, where relevant, the trick option selected, as specified in the Schedule. Handlers Choice Tricks, when used, must be briefly described.</p> <p>The Handler and dog must be available to the Ring Steward at the conclusion of the test of the Competitor prior to them.</p>

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CLASS 1	BABY PUPPY MALE	CLASS 18	NEUTER MALE
CLASS 1A	BABY PUPPY FEMALE	CLASS 18A	NEUTER FEMALE
CLASS 3	PUPPY MALE	CLASS 14	BREEDERS GROUP
CLASS 3A	PUPPY FEMALE	CLASS 13	OWNER-BREEDER-HANDLER SWEEPSTAKES
CLASS 4	JUNIOR MALE	CLASS 15	BABY PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES
CLASS 4A	JUNIOR FEMALE	CLASS 16	PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES
CLASS 5	INTERMEDIATE MALE	CLASS 17	JUNIOR SWEEPSTAKES
CLASS 5A	INTERMEDIATE FEMALE	CLASS 12	VETERANS SWEEPSTAKES (7 TO UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE)
CLASS 10	AUSTRALIAN BRED MALE	CLASS 12A	VETERANS SWEEPSTAKES (10 YEARS AND OVER)
CLASS 10A	AUSTRALIAN BRED FEMALE	CLASS 19A	CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES
CLASS 11	OPEN MALE	CLASS 19B	SUPREME CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES
CLASS 11A	OPEN FEMALE		

OBEDIENCE			
CLASS 20	UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT	CLASS 26	RALLY NOVICE
CLASS 21	UTILITY	CLASS 27	RALLY ADVANCED
CLASS 22	OPEN	CLASS 28	RALLY EXCELLENT
CLASS 23	NOVICE	CLASS 29	RALLY MASTER
CLASS 24	COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG		
CLASS 25	DUAL TITLE		

AGILITY			
CLASS 40	NOVICE GAMBLERS	CLASS 43	NOVICE AGILITY
CLASS 41	EXCELLENT GAMBLERS	CLASS 44	EXCELLENT AGILITY
CLASS 42	MASTER GAMBLERS	CLASS 45	MASTER AGILITY
		CLASS 46	NOVICE JUMPERS
		CLASS 47	EXCELLENT JUMPERS
		CLASS 48	MASTER JUMPERS

FESTIVAL OF DOG SPORTS			
CLASS 70	TRICK DOG STARTER - TEST 1 (10)	CLASS 80	SCENT WORK EXCELLENT (CONTAINERS) (10)
CLASS 71	TRICK DOG STARTER - TEST 2 (10)	CLASS 81	SCENT WORK MASTER (CONTAINERS) (10)
CLASS 72	TRICK DOG NOVICE - TEST 1 (8)	CLASS 82	SCENT WORK EXCELLENT (EXTERIORS) (10)
CLASS 73	TRICK DOG NOVICE - TEST 2 (8)	CLASS 83	SCENT WORK MASTER (EXTERIORS) (10)
CLASS 74	TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE - TEST 1 (10)	CLASS 84	SCENT WORK ULTIMATE (12)
CLASS 75	TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE - TEST 2 (10)		
CLASS 76	TRICK DOG ADVANCED - TEST 1 (7)		
CLASS 77	TRICK DOG ADVANCED - TEST 2 (7)		

HANDLER		* AS AT 11 APRIL 2026
CLASS 60	JUNIOR HANDLER, BOYS & GIRLS, AGED 7 YEARS TO UNDER 9 YEARS OF AGE*	
CLASS 61	JUNIOR HANDLER, BOYS & GIRLS, AGED 9 YEARS TO UNDER 11 YEARS OF AGE*	
CLASS 62	JUNIOR HANDLER, BOYS & GIRLS, AGED 11 YEARS TO UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE*	
CLASS 63	JUNIOR HANDLER, BOYS & GIRLS, AGED 13 YEARS TO UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE*	
CLASS 64	JUNIOR HANDLER, BOYS & GIRLS, AGED 15 YEARS TO UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE*	

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Best in Group 1, 2, 3, 4

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Best Puppy of Breed

Puppy in Group

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CONFORMATION

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Best of Breed

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2026	Utility
2027	Non Sporting Dog
2028	Toy
2029	Terrier
2030	Gundog
2031	Hound
2032	Working Dog

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2027	Toy
2028	Terrier
2029	Gundog
2030	Hound
2031	Working Dog
2032	Utility

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- 3rd Place \$75

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (7 TO UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE)

Prize Voucher supported by Dog News Australia for:

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$75

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (10 YEARS AND OVER)

Prize Voucher supported by Dog News Australia for:

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$75

OWNER-BREEDER-HANDLER SWEEPSTAKES

Prize Voucher supported by Dog News Australia for:

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$75

CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES

Prize Voucher supported by Dog News Australia for:

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$75

SUPREME CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES

Prize Voucher supported by Dog News Australia for:

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$75

OBEDIENCE TRIAL**UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT OBEDIENCE**

Cash Prize supported by Central Coast Dog Obedience & Training Club Inc for:

- 1st Place \$60
- 2nd Place \$40

UTILITY DOG OBEDIENCE

Cash Prize supported by Esme & Wayne O'Driscoll for:

- 1st Place \$50
- 2nd Place \$25

Cash Prize supported by Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club Inc for:

- 1st Place \$60
- 2nd Place \$50
- 3rd Place \$40

OPEN OBEDIENCE

Cash Prize supported by Central Coast Dog Obedience & Training Club for:

- 1st Place \$30
- 2nd Place \$20

Cash Prize supported by Esme & Wayne O'Driscoll for:

- 1st Place \$50
- 2nd Place \$25

NOVICE OBEDIENCE

Cash Prize supported by Brush Farm Dog Training Club for:

- 1st Place \$150

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG OBEDIENCE

Cash Prize supported by Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc for:

- 1st Place \$70
- 2nd Place \$50
- 3rd Place \$30

Cash Prize supported by Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc for:

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$25

BEST IN TRIAL. Prize \$500

Hills District Kennel Club Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Hills District Kennel & Training Club Inc.

Annual Trophy sponsored by ADVANCE™

Highest Scoring Golden Retriever

Annual Trophy supported by Louise Patterson & Jacqueline Dixon

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Gold Medal for Excellence in Conformation and Obedience or Agility.

This Award is for any male or female dog winning Best of Breed which also wins first place and qualifies in an Obedience Class or first place and qualifies in an Agility Class at the 2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

BREED STALL COMPETITION

Cash Prize supported by Dogs NSW for:

\$100 Best Breed Stall Display, 13 April 2026

\$100 Most Informative Breed Stall Display, 13 April 2026

HANDLER COMPETITION. Prize 1st \$50

1st Place Boys & Girls Aged 7 years to under 9 years

1st Place Boys & Girls Aged 9 years to under 11 years

1st Place Boys & Girls Aged 11 years to under 13 years

1st Place Boys & Girls Aged 13 years to under 15 years

1st Place Boys & Girls Aged 15 years to under 19 years

CHAMPION JUNIOR HANDLER. Prize \$100

Hills District Kennel & Training Club Perpetual Trophy,
donated by the Hills District Kennel & Training Club Inc.

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ANTONIO ALMEIDA (CHINA)

Conformation

Antonio Almeida was born into a family of dog lovers and began showing at the age of 8, winning Best Handler titles as both a junior and adult.

Antonio has been involved with numerous breeds over the years including specialising in German Shepherds, Boxers, Shar Pei, the Siberian Husky, Rottweilers and Shih Tzu. He founded Belaxe Kennel and from 2018 focused primarily on Basenjis, producing numerous Champions and Best in Show winners. His Basenjis have achieved top breed ranking in China and remarkable results at international Competitions worldwide.

In addition to his work as a practicing attorney in Macau, Antonio has had the privilege of judging in countries around the world including Japan, Canada, Brazil, the Philippines and Russia.



BORIS ŠPOLJARIĆ (CROATIA)

Conformation

Boris Spoljaric has had a long and esteemed involvement with the show world, has judged in more than 65 countries and at more than 20 European and World Dog Shows.

An all-breeds Judge since 2003, Boris has awarded over 200 Best in Show winners in the past 25 years.

By profession Boris is a Civil Engineer, he is also the author of three books on dogs and many articles published in zoological and cynological magazines. His depth of knowledge on shepherds, sheepdogs, sighthounds, scent hounds and spitz breeds is particularly significant, having conducted extensive field research.

Boris is looking forward to being part of the Sydney Royal Dog Show judging panel in 2026.



JANELLE ROBBINS (AUSTRALIA)

Conformation

Janelle Robbins began handling Boxers in the 1960s and with her parents, built Tobana Kennels into one of Australia's most respected Boxer lines. Her love of dogs was also fostered by her grandfather, Arthur Walshaw, a respected hound breeder, and further shaped by her uncle, Kevin Walshaw, an ANKC Hall of Fame inductee and judge whose influence sparked her enduring interest in gundogs.

Throughout her canine career, Janelle has successfully handled breeds from every Group and has been a licensed judge since the early 1980s. She has officiated on every continent and since 2013, has held ANKC–FCI and AKC Championship Show credentials as an All-Breeds and Best-in-Show judge. In addition, she is an accredited Junior Handler Judge and was instrumental in expanding opportunities for young exhibitors

including raising the age limits for Junior Handling Classes, helping to establish the national Junior Handling Competition that selects Australia's representative to Crufts, and founding the Junior Kennel Club NSW, where she served as the first President.

Alongside her distinguished career in the dog world, Janelle is an accomplished consultant to governments and companies across Australia, the USA, and the United Kingdom. Despite her international professional commitments, she considers it a special honour to return home to officiate at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, proudly continuing in the footsteps of her late father, Wally Robbins.



WARNER CÉSPEDES ARIAS (COSTA RICA)

Conformation

Warner Céspedes Arias began his distinguished involvement with the dog show world as an exhibitor of German Shepherds, achieving remarkable results both at home in Costa Rica as well as abroad.

With an interest in helping to grow the purebred canine world, Warner began developing the breeding of the English Pointer and English Setter, producing multiple national and international champions. He's also bred Australian Terriers, Papillons, Wire Fox Terriers, Pugs, Pekingese and later Dobermanns which he is still heavily involved with.

A lawyer by profession, Warner has worked and represented the Costa Rican Association during FCI assemblies over a decade, he is the President of the Society of Exchange of Latin American Canofilia SICALAM.

As a Judge Warner has officiated across the world including Africa, New Zealand, China, Malaysia, the Philippines and United Kingdom. He is honoured to be part of the Judging panel for the 2026 Sydney Royal.

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MARY WHITE (CANADA)

Conformation

Mary's passion for the dog show world began in 1971 with an Irish Setter but her renowned Freespirits Kennel was founded two years later with Doberman Pinscher bitch, Ch Freespirits Electra CDX.

Under the Freespirits kennel name, Mary has bred over 150 Canadian and American champion Dobermans, Salukis and Papillons including many National Specialty, Specialty, Group and Best in Show winners. Ch Freespirits Far and Away was Canada's Top Dog of All Breeds in 2001.

Between 1979 and 1995 Mary handled all breeds of dog professionally, experiencing great success before retiring in 1996 to pursue her judging career. She is fortunate to have judged at shows across the world while also exhibiting her own dogs, including lure coursing on occasion with her hounds.

Mary is a lifetime member of the Canadian Kennel Club, has served on the board of the Doberman Pinscher Club of Canada and is a member in good standing of the Saluki Club of Canada as well as the American Saluki Association. She currently resides in Ohio in the USA with her husband and three lovely hounds. Mary is honoured and excited to be part of the 2026 Sydney Royal Dog Show judging panel.



ARAMIS JOY LIM (SA)

Sweepstakes

For renowned Judge Aramis Lim, dogs were in his DNA! His parents were both all-breed Judges as well as breeders of German Shepherds, Boxers, Great Danes, Poodles, Min Pins and Dachshunds which Aramis began show handling from childhood.

Since moving to Australia in 1984 Aramis and his wife Pauline began breeding and showing Shetland Sheepdogs, many of which have achieved Best in Show wins at both All Breeds and Specialist Shows.

Aramis has had the privilege of Judging in more than 40 different countries around the world over a period of 30 years including at World Dog Shows, FCI Section Shows and the FCI European Winners Show.

He is delighted to be part of the esteemed 2026 Sydney Royal Dog Show Judging panel.



JILL HOUSTON (WA)

Obedience

Jill's judging experience began in the UK with obedience Classes, including the top class Championship C. She was also an instructor and examiner for the British Institute of Professional Dog Trainers.

Jill has trained a variety of breeds over the years starting with Great Danes and Whippets followed by Border Collies and German Shepherds. Her GSD OB CH Sabre Of Potterspride took out the Res Obedience Championship at Crufts in London UK.

In Australia, as well as being an Obedience, Rally, Trick Dog, Dancing with Dogs and Agility Judge, she is trialling her own Border Collie, currently the top Obedience and DWD Dog of the year. Jill is honoured to judge at the 2026 Sydney Royal Dog Show.



JAKE BLIGHT (NSW)

Obedience

Jake trained his first dog in 1984, a terrier cross he'd rescued through the RSPCA and together the pair discovered a love for obedience and tracking trials.

As soon as Agility was officially recognised, Jake began trialling and obtained one of the first AD titles in the ACT. He added a Hungarian Puli to the team followed by working Border Collies, one of which has achieved the rare combination of an Obedience Grand Championship and a Track and Search Grand Championship (as well as being a Rally Champion and having a long list of agility titles!).

Jake has taught and trialled all over Australia as well as in Japan and with tracking dogs in Canada. He's been an active instructor in both pet and Competition training and has worked with pets-as-therapy teams. Jake is looking forward to his first Sydney Royal judging engagement.

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AMANDA HOUSTON (WA)
Rally Obedience

Amanda's knowledge and experience as a fully qualified Judge spans Obedience, Rally, Dancing with Dogs, Agility and Tricks. She has a true love for dog sports and seeing teamwork at its best.

A seasoned competitor herself, Amanda has enjoyed much success across multiple disciplines and trains all her dogs using positive methods. She's currently trialling a Swedish Vallhund Tri Ch (R)(FS) HTM CH FS GR CH AG CH 300 'Ubique Don't Walk Away' and has recently added a Golden Retriever to the team.

Amanda is delighted to judging Rally at the 2026 Sydney Royal Dog Show.



VEENIE CRAIG (NSW)
Rally Obedience

Veenie's passion for dogs was sparked in 1976 with a four-month-old Rottweiler puppy who quickly taught her family of first-time dog owners, the importance of obedience training!

Just eight months on the pair entered their first obedience trial, they scored well, and so it began. Veenie has been a competitor ever since, training and trialling several dogs to titles and obtaining her Judge's qualification in 1984.

Much of Veenie's own success has been with Miniature Schnauzers and she remains involved with the Schnauzer Club of NSW which holds an annual Obedience Rally and Tricks Trial. She is looking forward to the 2026 Show and seeing Exhibitors enjoying the experience with their dogs.



SIMONE TOLHURST (WA)
Agility / Agility Gamblers

Simone has been immersed in the world of dog sports for more than 30 years, competing in both Australia as well as at events in the UK and multiple World Agility Opens.

While she considers herself fortunate to have run several different breeds and crossbreeds over the years and various heights, Border Collies will always have her heart. She currently has a five and a two-year-old at home, plus a thirteen-year-old retiree.

An urge to give back to the community saw Simone move into judging in 2015 and since then she's been privileged to officiate at several Royal shows, the Agility Nationals, various State Titles and many Club Trials.

Striking the perfect balance between fun and challenging is Simone's course design objective and she's excited to do that for Sydney Royal Exhibitors in 2026.



JOANNA COMBER (NSW)
Agility / Agility Gamblers

Joanna was introduced to Agility by her Obedience instructor at the Manly and District Kennel and Dog Training Club in Sydney, where she's been a member since 2004. It's fair to say she never looked back!

With her Kelpie, 'Gus' and Border Collie 'Moose', both now retired, Joanna competed at the Nationals between 2012 and 2018. With Gus she also represented NSW in the Teams events at the Nationals in 2014 and 2016.

As a Judge Joanna has had the privilege of officiating at all levels of Agility, Jumping and Games across Sydney, country NSW, South Australia, State titles in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and the ACT and at the Nationals in Sydney in 2024.

Now living on the mid north coast of NSW Joanna says that designing fast, flowing and safe courses will always be her passion. She loves the thrill of seeing teams tackle her courses and is excited to be Judging at the 2026 Sydney Royal Dog Show.

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NATASHA NEPPL (NSW)

Festival of Dog Sports - Scent Work

Natasha has been involved in the sport of Scent Work since 2005, first as a competitor with her dog Tari and then as an instructor.

As a Speech Pathologist with the NSW Department of Health, it was the art of communicating with a canine partner that first drew her to the sport. Accepted as an ANKC foundation judge, Natasha was Trial Manager at her first NSW ANKC Scent Work Trial in the NSW Southern Highlands.

Natasha is a firm believer in Scent Work being fun and says it's the ability to work as a team that is fundamental to being successful. She loves seeing new competitors discover the joy of the sport and is

looking forward to officiating at the 2026 Sydney Royal Dog Show.



SHARON WEE (NSW)

Festival of Dog Sports - Scent Work

Sharon is an experienced and passionate Scent Work competitor, trainer, and judge who has been involved in dog sports for many years.

She began her journey with her Springer Spaniel, Rufus, and quickly discovered how Scent Work could inspire and improve teamwork, focus, and confidence. Since then, she has competed across multiple sports including Tricks, Rally, Obedience, Dancing with Dogs, and Agility.

Scent Work remains her true love however, and as a Judge, enjoys seeing teams grow in confidence. She is thrilled to be judging at the 2026 Sydney Royal and says she'll never get tired of watching dogs light up

when they solve an odour puzzle.



SHANELLE CORBEN (NSW)

Festival of Dog Sports - Trick Dog

Shanelle's passion for dog sports began with her beloved Border Collie 'Kadie' in 2013, and since then her commitment has only grown stronger.

Shanelle has a long list of Competition achievements having excelled in Obedience, Endurance, Dances with Dogs and Tricks. She obtained her Rally Championship in 2018. She is now enjoying the exciting journey of raising her new Border Collie puppy, Ember, who is already showing great promise as her next sports partner.

In 2019 Shanelle decided to extend her love for canine performance sports by becoming a certified judge, obtaining her certification for Tricks in 2022. Shanelle thrives on watching the synergy between handlers and their canine companions and considers her involvement in the dog community a lifelong journey. She also enjoys contributing through instructing at her local obedience club as well as organising training sessions and workshops with other clubs.



LORETTA RABBITT (NSW)

Festival of Dog Sports - Trick Dog

Loretta Rabbitt is a long-time competitor and Judge specialising in Tricks and Dancing with Dogs, she has also competed in Agility, Obedience and Rally.

Over recent years Loretta has also become a small screen sensation, performing with her toy poodles in music videos, commercials and regularly on television programs including The Channel 7 Morning Show. Reaching the semi-finals of Australia's Got Talent was a highlight!

Loretta is passionate about encouraging the next generation to take up canine performance sports and discover the joy of developing a true bond with their dog.



CAROLYN JENSEN (NSW)

Festival of Dog Sports - Trick Dog

Carolyn has always owned and loved dogs but her involvement in performance sports began in 2018 with 'that' dog, the problem one she knew she could learn a lot from.

Their journey began at their local club in Sydney and they began competing in Tricks, achieving their first title in 2021. Carolyn was hooked and in early in 2023 the pair gained their Advance Trick title amongst several others.

With a commitment to and talent for sports, Carolyn became an instructor at Hills Dog Club which extended into Trick Dog Judges training in 2024. She is passionate about seeing new competitors discover their own thrill for sports and helping them learn and improve. Carolyn is excited to be Judging Trick Dog at the 2026 Sydney Royal Dog Show.

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THURSDAY 2 APRIL

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Obedience -Mrs Jill Houston (WA)	Obedience -Mr Jake Blight (NSW)	Rally -Miss Amanda Houston (WA)	Rally -Mrs Veeni Craig (NSW)
Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)	Open (CDX)	Excellent (RE)	Novice (RN)
Utility Dog (UD)	Community Companion Dog (CCD)	Master (RM)	Advanced (RA)
Novice (CD)	Dual Title		
Best in Trial			

FRIDAY 3 APRIL (FCI Group 5)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Ibizan Hound			Canaan Dog	Basenji
Norwegian Elkhound			Chow Chow	Finnish Lapphund
Portuguese Podengo (Small Smooth Haired)			Eurasier	Icelandic Sheepdog
Portuguese Podengo (Medium Smooth Haired)			German Spitz (Mittel)	Norwegian Buhund
Portuguese Podengo (Large Smooth Haired)			German Spitz (Klein)	Swedish Lapphund
Portuguese Podengo (Small Wire Haired)			Japanese Spitz	Swedish Vallhund
Portuguese Podengo (Medium Wire Haired)			Keeshond	Alaskan Malamute
Portuguese Podengo (Large Wire Haired)			Karelian Bear Dog	Pomeranian
Pharaoh Hound			Peruvian Hairless (Large)	Finnish Spitz
Akita			Peruvian Hairless (Medium)	
Akita (Japanese)			Peruvian Hairless (Small)	
Samoyed			Xoloitzcuintle (Miniature)	
Shiba Inu			Xoloitzcuintle (Intermediate)	
Shikoku			Xoloitzcuintle (Standard)	
Siberian Husky				
Yakutian Laika				
Canadian Eskimo Dog				
Cirneco Dell'Etna				

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
	Pomeranian	Akita		Cirneco Dell'Etna
	Basenji	Akita (Japanese)		Finnish Spitz
	Finnish Lapphund	Alaskan Malamute		Ibizan Hound
	Icelandic Sheepdog	Shiba Inu		Norwegian Elkhound
	Norwegian Buhund	Shikoku		Portuguese Podengo (Small Smooth Haired)
	Swedish Lapphund	Siberian Husky		Portuguese Podengo (Medium Smooth Haired)
	Swedish Vallhund	Yakutian Laika		Portuguese Podengo (Large Smooth Haired)
	German Spitz (Klein)			Portuguese Podengo (Small Wire Haired)
	German Spitz (Mittel)			Portuguese Podengo (Medium Wire Haired)
	Xoloitzcuintle (Miniature)			Portuguese Podengo (Large Wire Haired)
	Xoloitzcuintle (Intermediate)			Pharaoh Hound
	Xoloitzcuintle (Standard)			Samoyed
				Canaan Dog
				Canadian Eskimo Dog
				Chow Chow
				Eurasier
				Japanese Spitz
				Keeshond
				Karelian Bear Dog
				Peruvian Hairless (Small)
				Peruvian Hairless (Medium)

FCI Group 5 Judge: Mr Antonio Almeida

FESTIVAL OF DOG SPORTS: Scent Work Ultimate
Ms Natasha Neppi (NSW)

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SATURDAY 4 APRIL (FCI Group 2)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Dobermann	Bernese Mountain Dog	Boxer		
Dogue de Bordeaux	Neapolitan Mastiff	Bullmastiff		
German Pinscher	Great Dane	Cane Corso		
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	Shar Pei	Schnauzer		
Leonberger	British Bulldog	Schnauzer (Miniature)		
Newfoundland	Australasian Bosdog	Schnauzer (Giant)		
Pyrenean Mountain Dog	Anatolian Shepherd Dog	Affenpinscher		
Rottweiler	Yugoslavian Shepherd Dog (Sharplanina)	Miniature Pinscher		
Russian Black Terrier	Tornjak	Caucasian Shepherd Dog		
Saint Bernard		Central Asian Shepherd Dog		
Tibetan Mastiff		Estrela Mountain Dog		
Mastiff		Kangal Shepherd Dog		
		Landseer (ECT)		
		Pyrenean Mastiff		
		Spanish Mastiff		

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Bernese Mountain Dog	Boxer	Australasian Bosdog		Bullmastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff	Schnauzer	Anatolian Shepherd Dog		Cane Corso
Great Dane	Schnauzer (Miniature)	Yugoslavian Shepherd Dog (Sharplanina)		Caucasian Shepherd Dog
Shar Pei	Schnauzer (Giant)			Central Asian Shepherd Dog
British Bulldog	Spanish Mastiff			Dobermann
	Affenpinscher			Dogue de Bordeaux
	Miniature Pinscher			Estrela Mountain Dog
				German Pinscher
				Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
				Kangal Shepherd Dog
				Landseer (ECT)
				Leonberger
				Newfoundland
				Pyrenean Mastiff
				Pyrenean Mountain Dog
				Rottweiler
				Russian Black Terrier
				Saint Bernard
				Tibetan Mastiff
				Mastiff
				Tornjak

FCI Group 2 Judge: Mr Antonio Almeida

**FESTIVAL OF DOG SPORTS: Trick Dog Intermediate/Advanced
Ms Carolyn Jensen (NSW) / Ms Loretta Rabbitt (NSW)**

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SUNDAY 5 APRIL (FCI Group 1)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
	Border Collie	Australian Cattle Dog		Australian Shepherd
	Maremma Sheepdog	Australian Kelpie		Bouvier des Flandres
	Mudi	Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog		Briard
	Pumi	Bearded Collie		Dutch Shepherd
	Welsh Corgi Cardigan	Beauceron		German Shepherd Dog
	Welsh Corgi Pembroke	Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael)		German Shepherd Dog (LSC)
		Belgian Shepherd (Laekenois)		Komondor
		Belgian Shepherd (Malinois)		Kuvasz
		Belgian Shepherd (Terveuren)		Old English Sheepdog
		Bermasco Shepherd		Polish Lowland Sheepdog
		Collie (Rough)		Puli
		Collie (Smooth)		Pyrenean Sheepdog (Longhaired)
				Shetland Sheepdog
				Tatra Shepherd Dog
				Miniature American Shepherd
				White Swiss Shepherd
				Schipperke

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
	Dutch Shepherd	Australian Shepherd	Australian Cattle Dog	
	German Shepherd Dog	Border Collie	Australian Kelpie	
	German Shepherd Dog (LSC)	Maremma Sheepdog	Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog	
	Komondor	Welsh Corgi Cardigan	Bearded Collie	
	Kuvasz	Welsh Corgi Pembroke	Beauceron	
	Puli	White Swiss Shepherd	Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael)	
	Shetland Sheepdog	Miniature American Shepherd	Belgian Shepherd (Laekenois)	
	Tatra Shepherd Dog		Belgian Shepherd (Malinois)	
	Schipperke		Belgian Shepherd (Terveuren)	
			Bermasco Shepherd	
			Bouvier des Flandres	
			Briard	
			Collie (Rough)	
			Collie (Smooth)	
			Mudi	
			Old English Sheepdog	
			Polish Lowland Sheepdog	
			Pumi	
			Pyrenean Sheepdog (Longhaired)	

FCI Group 1 Judge: Mr Boris Špoljarić

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MONDAY 6 APRIL (FCI Group 9)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
	Lowchen	Bichon Frise	Boston Terrier	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
	Papillon	Bolognese	French Bulldog	Coton de Tulear
	Prague Ratter	Chihuahua (Long)	Poodle (Miniature)	Griffon Bruxellois
	Pug	Chihuahua (Smooth)	Poodle (Standard)	King Charles Spaniel
	Tibetan Spaniel	Chinese Crested Dog	Poodle (Toy)	Russian Toy (Long Haired)
	Lhasa Apso	Havanese	Shih Tzu	Russian Toy (Smooth Haired)
		Japanese Chin	Tibetan Terrier	
		Maltese		
		Pekingese		

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Bichon Frise	Boston Terrier		Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	
Chihuahua (Long)	French Bulldog		Lowchen	
Chihuahua (Smooth)	Poodle (Miniature)		Papillon	
Chinese Crested Dog	Poodle (Standard)		Prague Ratter	
Coton de Tulear	Poodle (Toy)		Pug	
Griffon Bruxellois	Shih Tzu		Russian Toy (Long Haired)	
Havanese	Bolognese		Russian Toy (Smooth Haired)	
Japanese Chin			Tibetan Spaniel	
King Charles Spaniel				
Maltese				
Pekingese				
Lhasa Apso				
Tibetan Terrier				

FCI Group 9 Judge: Mrs Mary White

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TUESDAY 7 APRIL (FCI Group 7)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
	German Shorthaired Pointer		Pointer	Pointer Club of NSW Specialty Show
	German Wirehaired Pointer		English Setter	
	Bracco Italiano		Gordon Setter	
	Brittany		Hungarian Vizsla	
	Italian Spinone		Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla	
	Large Munsterlander		Irish Red and White Setter	
	Weimaraner (Long Hair)		Irish Setter	
	Weimaraner (Short Hair)			
	Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer			

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
English Setter			Bracco Italiano	German Shorthaired Pointer Club of NSW Specialty Show
Gordon Setter			Brittany	
Hungarian Vizsla			Italian Spinone	
Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla			Large Munsterlander	
Irish Red and White Setter			Weimaraner (Long Hair)	
Irish Setter			Weimaraner (Short Hair)	
Pointer			German Wirehaired Pointer	
			German Shorthaired Pointer	
			Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer	

FCI Group 7 Judge: Mrs Mary White

**FESTIVAL OF DOG SPORTS: Scent Work Exteriors & Containers (Excellent / Masters)
Ms Sharon Wee (NSW) / Ms Natasha Neppi (NSW)**

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WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL (FCI Group 8)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Cocker Spaniel (American)	Chesapeake Bay Retriever			Golden Retriever
Curly Coated Retriever	Clumber Spaniel			Lagotto Romagnolo
English Springer Spaniel	Cocker Spaniel			Welsh Springer Spaniel
Field Spaniel	Flat Coated Retriever			
Portuguese Water Dog	Irish Water Spaniel			
	Labrador Retriever			
	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever			
	Sussex Spaniel			
	Spanish Water Dog			
	Murray River Retriever			

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Golden Retriever		Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Cocker Spaniel	
Lagotto Romagnolo		Clumber Spaniel	Curly Coated Retriever	
Welsh Springer Spaniel		Cocker Spaniel (American)	English Springer Spaniel	
		Flat Coated Retriever	Field Spaniel	
		Irish Water Spaniel	Portuguese Water Dog	
		Labrador Retriever		
		Murray River Retriever		
		Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever		
		Sussex Spaniel		
		Spanish Water Dog		

FCI Group 8 Judge: Miss Janelle Robbins

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2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL

THURSDAY 9 APRIL (FCI Group 3)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
American Staffordshire Terrier		Bull Terrier	Jack Russell Terrier	Airedale Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier		Bull Terrier (Miniature)	Fox Terrier (Smooth)	Bedlington Terrier
		Scottish Terrier	Fox Terrier (Wire)	Border Terrier
		English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)	Manchester Terrier	Cairn Terrier
		Yorkshire Terrier	American Hairless Terrier	Cesky Terrier
		Australian Terrier	Biewer Terrier	Dandie Dinmont Terrier
		Australian Silky Terrier		German Hunting Terrier
				Glen of Imaal Terrier
				Irish Terrier
				Kerry Blue Terrier
				Lakeland Terrier
				Norfolk Terrier
				Norwich Terrier
				Parson Russell Terrier
				Sealyham Terrier
				Skye Terrier
				Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
				Tenterfield Terrier
				Welsh Terrier
	Jack Russell Terrier Club Specialty			West Highland White Terrier

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Border Terrier	American Staffordshire Terrier	American Hairless Terrier	Airedale Terrier	
Cairn Terrier	Bedlington Terrier	Biewer Terrier	Australian Terrier	
Fox Terrier (Smooth)	Bull Terrier	Tenterfield Terrier	German Hunting Terrier	
Fox Terrier (Wire)	Bull Terrier (Miniature)	Jack Russell Terrier	Glen of Imaal Terrier	
Scottish Terrier	Cesky Terrier	American Staffordshire Terrier Club Specialty	Irish Terrier	
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	Dandie Dinmont Terrier		Kerry Blue Terrier	
West Highland White Terrier	Manchester Terrier		Lakeland Terrier	
Australian Silky Terrier	Sealyham Terrier		Norfolk Terrier	
English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)	Skye Terrier		Norwich Terrier	
	Yorkshire Terrier		Parson Russell Terrier	
			Staffordshire Bull Terrier	
			Welsh Terrier	

FCI Group 3 Judge: Mr Warner Céspedes Arias

2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW

2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL

FRIDAY 10 APRIL (FCI Group 10)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Afghan Hound		Deerhound		
Azawakh		Greyhound		
Borzoi		Irish Wolfhound		
Saluki		Italian Greyhound		
Sloughi				
Whippet				

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
	Afghan Hound	Saluki		
	Azawakh	Sloughi		
	Borzoi	Whippet		
	Deerhound			
	Greyhound			
	Irish Wolfhound			
	Italian Greyhound			

FCI Group 10 Judge: Mr Warner Céspedes Arias

FESTIVAL OF DOGS SPORTS: Trick Dog (Starters / Novice)
Ms Loretta Rabbitt (NSW) / Ms Shanelle Corben (NSW)

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SATURDAY 11 APRIL (FCI Group 4 & 6)

ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Dachshund (Standard Long)		JUNIOR HANDLER	Beagle	
Dachshund (Miniature Long)			Rhodesian Ridgeback	
Dachshund (Standard Smooth)			Dalmatian	
Dachshund (Miniature Smooth)			Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound	
Dachshund (Standard Wire)			Porcelaine	
Dachshund (Miniature Wire)				
Dachshund Rabbit (Long)				
Dachshund Rabbit (Smooth)				
Dachshund Rabbit (Wire)				
Basset Fauve de Bretagne				
Basset Hound				
Black & Tan Coonhound				
Foxhound				
Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen				
Bluetick Coonhound				
Bloodhound				
Hamiltonstovare				
Harrier				
Otterhound				
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen				

SWEEPSTAKES: Mr Aramis Lim (SA)

Sydney FCI International -PM

Mrs Mary White (CAN)	Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)	Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)	Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)	Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)
Dalmatian		Dachshund (Standard Long)	Basset Fauve de Bretagne	
		Dachshund (Miniature Long)	Basset Hound	
		Dachshund (Standard Smooth)	Black & Tan Coonhound	
		Dachshund (Miniature Smooth)	Foxhound	
		Dachshund (Standard Wire)	Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen	
		Dachshund (Miniature Wire)	Bloodhound	
		Dachshund Rabbit (Long)	Hamiltonstovare	
		Dachshund Rabbit (Smooth)	Harrier	
		Dachshund Rabbit (Wire)	Otterhound	
		Beagle	Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen	
		Rhodesian Ridgeback		
		Bluetick Coonhound		
		Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound		
		Porcelaine		

FCI Group 4 Judge: Miss Janelle Robbins
 FCI Group 6 Judge: Mr Boris Špoljarić

2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW

2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL GENERAL SPECIALS
(Mr Boris Špoljarić)

****SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW GENERAL SPECIALS****

(Group 1: Miss Janelle Robbins | Group 2: Mr Antonio Almeida | Group 3: Mr Warner Céspedes Arias | Group 4: Ms Mary White | Group 5: Mr Antonio Almeida | Group 6: Ms Mary White | Group 7: Mr Boris Špoljarić)

MONDAY 13 APRIL

AGILITY TRIAL

	Agility -Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA)	Agility -Mrs Joanna Comber (NSW)		
	Novice Gamblers	Novice Jumpers		
	Excellent Gamblers	Excellent Jumpers		
	Masters Gamblers	Masters Jumpers		
	Novice Agility			
	Excellent Agility			
	Masters Agility			

DOGS AUSTRALIA CANINE GROOMING CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

MEET THE BREED DISPLAY

DOG SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

The General Regulations apply to all sections of the Show. These Dog Special Regulations apply to this Section only. If there is any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these Dog Special Regulations, the Dog Special Regulations prevail. Copies of all Regulations are available from the Administration office at the Showground. General Regulations are available at www.rasnsw.com.au.

In the event of any conflict between the Regulations, dispute or difference concerning the meaning of the Regulations or the Application for Entry details, the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.

Championship Show, Agility, Obedience, Sweepstakes and Handler Competitions, are held under the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and Dogs NSW.

2. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

Championship Show means a Recognised Show which has been granted such title by Dogs NSW or by a Recognised Controlling Body and at which Challenge Certificates shall be or have been awarded by authority of Dogs NSW or of a Recognised Controlling Body to Competitors of a breed of dog judged thereat.

Committee means the Companion Animals Committee of the RAS.

Exhibit used as a noun shall, where the context reasonably permits, be deemed to refer to anything in any Class of the Show.

Handler means the Person responsible for the display of an Exhibit in the judging enclosure or responsible for the care of an Exhibit in the Pavilion.

Junior Handler means a minor who is over the age of 7 years and under the age of 19 years and competes in a Competition.

Person words importing "Person" include a firm, partnership, company or corporation.

Recognised Controlling Body means Dogs NSW; Dogs Victoria; Canine Control Council Queensland; South Australian Canine Association Inc.; Canine Association of Western Australia Inc.; Tasmanian Canine Association; Australian Capital Territory Canine Association Inc.; Northern Australian Canine Association.

Recognised Show, Recognised Obedience Trial and Recognised Agility Trial means a Show or Obedience Trial conducted by the RAS or by Dogs NSW or a Show or Obedience Trial approved as a Recognised Show or a Recognised Obedience Trial by Dogs NSW or by the RAS.

Unrecognised Show or Unrecognised Obedience Trial shall have the converse meaning.

Show used as a noun includes any function at which dogs compete and at which prizes are awarded.

RAS means Royal Agricultural Society of NSW.

Veterinary Surgeon means the Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Committee and includes his/her deputy.

In these Regulations words shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Regulations of Dogs NSW.

3. WARRANTY

Every Exhibitor warrants that they are the Owner of every animal brought by them or by their authority onto the Showground.

4. INDEMNITY

Exhibitors agree to be responsible for their Exhibits at all times, any acts and omissions on the part of a Person given responsibility by an Exhibitor, acts as an agent of the Exhibitor, and the Persons acts and omissions will be deemed those of the Exhibitor. The Exhibitor agrees to indemnify the RAS, from any loss or injury to or caused by the Exhibit. The full indemnity and release is contained in the General Regulations.

5. VETTING

(a) All puppies must be over 3 months of age at the first day of the Show, 2 April 2026 and be fully vaccinated, with vaccinations carried out no less than 14 days prior to the Show.

6. SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS

- (a) The RAS Veterinary Surgeon, will decide whether a dog or puppy is:
- (i) sick;
 - (ii) injured;
 - (iii) diseased;
 - (iv) likely to be affected with a contagious or infectious disease due to known, or reasonably suspected, of contact with contagious or infectious disease within 30 days or the relevant incubation period, whichever is the shorter, prior to the date upon which the relevant Exhibit was brought on to the Showground; or
 - (v) showing any signs of any surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving spectators.
- (b) In such cases the entry may be cancelled or the Exhibit disqualified and the Exhibitor agrees to follow the directions of the RAS in relation to either removing the animal from the Showground or quarantining the animal.
- (c) If the Exhibitor breaches this Regulation, the Exhibitor agrees to be:
- (i) responsible for all costs associated with the RAS organising the removal and appropriate kennelling for the animal; and
 - (ii) subject to a Disciplinary Hearing for the breach.

7. DOGS NOT PHYSICALLY ENTIRE

- (a) A dog six months of age or over shall not be accepted as physically Entire unless both testicles have descended and are in the scrotum.
- (b) If a Judge forms the opinion that an Exhibit is not Entire, they shall
- (i) so inform the Exhibitor;
 - (ii) excuse the Exhibit from the ring;
 - (iii) forthwith, so inform the Chief Steward.

8. PARADES

- (a) An Exhibit must be paraded from time to time as directed by the RAS. Any Exhibitor who fails to parade their Exhibit when called upon shall forfeit all prizes and prize money.
- (b) An animal will not be eligible to parade or to compete in a Class by reason only of the RAS' acceptance of its entry and/or of its inclusion in the RAS' printed Catalogue.

9. COMMITTEE'S RIGHT TO CANCEL AN ENTRY

In order to effectively run Competitions, entries may have to be cancelled from time to time. The Committee has the right to cancel an Entry (even after Acceptance) if deemed appropriate, without providing their reasons to the Exhibitor. Acting reasonably, Entry Fees will be refunded at the Committee's discretion.

10. PENALTY - NON EXHIBITION OF DOGS

- (a) An Exhibitor making an entry will be subject to a fine of \$50 for each entry not Exhibited, unless a notification under the hand of the Exhibitor or their authorised agent be lodged with the RAS prior to commencement of judging the Class in which the Exhibit is entered that such non-Exhibition is caused either by:
- (i) the death of the animal or animals,
 - (ii) contagious or infectious disease confirmed by a Veterinary Certificate, or
 - (iii) any other reasonable cause acceptable to the Committee.
- (b) Non-payment of the fine in (a) will prevent the Person making the entry from Exhibiting at future Exhibitions of the RAS.

Note: Dog Special Regulation 10(a) will be applied to Best of Breed Exhibits that do not return on General Specials Day Sunday 12 April 2026.

11. WITHDRAWALS

- (a) Notification of withdrawals of Exhibits must be forwarded to reach the Dog Section prior to 9am on the Exhibits day of Judging. This will NOT attract a withdrawal fee.
- (b) An Exhibit that does not parade and has not been withdrawn as required may at the discretion of the Council be excluded from admission as an Exhibit for the following year's Royal Easter Show.

12. RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS

Attendance of a dog in the Assembly Ring when required for Judging shall be the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor.

13. SUITABLE COLLARS AND LEADS

- (a) A dog must be brought to the Show with a suitable collar and lead and at all times be led by such suitable collar and lead.
- (b) A dog when benched and not under the immediate control of the Exhibitor or Handler must be either in a suitable crate or tied up on its bench by a suitable collar and lead in such a way as to prevent the dog falling from the bench.

14. BENCHING

- (a) Only dogs on Exhibition for the particular day of judging will be permitted to be benched.
- (b) Bench numbers shall not be changed from one bench to another unless authorised in writing by the Committee. Any Person who without authority changes a bench number in manner aforesaid shall be liable to a Penalty of \$10.
- (c) (i) A board no larger than 450mm x 150mm displaying the registered Kennel and/or the dog's name and the official prize cards and ribbons for the current Show may be placed over the benches.
- (ii) The Committee may require any sign considered to be inappropriate to be removed.
- (iii) No prize cards other than those received as an Award at the Sydney Royal Easter Show may be displayed without the written approval of the Committee.
- (iv) An Exhibitor must not display on their bench, or in any space, or on anything adjacent to or nearby their bench without limitation, including crates and trolleys, anything on which appears a name, logo, brand or other mark relating to an organisation that is commercially competitive with any other organisation that is a major sponsor of the Companion Animals Section.

- (d) In order to ensure a fair Competition, Breeder's identification through prefix branded clothing on or around an Exhibit is prohibited in the Marshalling Ring. This includes jackets and vests, jewellery, wristbands and anything that displays a breeder's prefix. Failure to adhere to this Regulation may result in the dog being disqualified.

15. REMOVAL FROM BENCH

A dog may not be removed from its bench between the hours set out in Dog Special Regulation 21, unless:

- (a) for the purpose of being judged;
- (b) (i) for the purpose of being exercised in the special area provided, or
- (ii) for the purpose of being part of the Show as required by the Committee in which case permission from a Steward must be obtained;
- (c) the Exhibit is unfit to stay on the bench, in which case a Veterinary Certificate must be produced;
- (d) the Exhibitor has permission from the Committee of the RAS Companion Animals Department;
- (e) dogs are NOT permitted to be led around the Showground. They must remain in the Competition precinct.

If an Exhibitor breaches this Regulation, then, at the discretion of the Committee, the Exhibitor and the Exhibit concerned may be refused entry at any future Exhibition or Show.

16. DOG ADMITTANCE

An Exhibit Confirmation Advice (Benchslip) will permit entry for the Exhibit/s & vehicle to enter the site for the purposes of delivering dogs during the specified delivery times only. It does not permit Exhibitors or parking on site. The vehicle must be removed from site immediately after the dog is delivered. The driver will need a valid Show Pass, Show Ticket or Exhibit Confirmation Advice (Benchslip) to re-enter the site on foot via the designated pedestrian entries. Vehicles or passengers without a valid pass will be denied entry and directed to contact the Companion Animals Event Manager. Vehicles that remain on site illegally will be infringed.

17. ONLY EXHIBITS TO BE BROUGHT ON TO THE SHOWGROUND

An animal other than an Exhibit in respect of which an Application for Entry has been accepted by the RAS shall not be brought onto the Showground by any Exhibitor or other Person except with the consent of the RAS.

18. PASSES

Exhibitor passes will be allocated per judging days as follows:

- Conformation/Obedience/Agility/Festival of Dog Sports

1 to 2 dogs	2 One-Day Entry Pass ONLY
3 to 5 dogs	3 One-Day Entry Passes ONLY
6 or more dogs	4 One-Day Entry Passes ONLY
- Handler

Handler & Guardian	2 One-Day Entry Pass ONLY
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19. EXHIBIT UNWORTHY OF AWARD

The Judge may in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason decline to make an Award in respect of any Exhibit.

20. PROTESTS

- (a) All protests shall be in writing and must be lodged in the Dog Administration Office within two (2) hours of the act or omission protested.
- (b) All protests shall be accompanied by a fee of \$150.

21. BENCHING TIMES

Any Exhibitor who is unable to observe the times below should not submit an entry:

- (a) Breed Classes 830am to 5pm
- (b) Sweepstakes Classes 830am to 5pm
- (c) Obedience & Rally Classes 8am to 5pm
- (d) Agility Classes 7.30am to 5pm
- (e) Handler Classes - dog 8.30am to 5pm
- (f) Handler Classes – Handler 11am to 5pm

22. STARTING TIMES

Any Exhibitor who is unable to observe the times below should not submit an entry:

- (a) Breed Classes 8:30am
- (b) Sweepstakes Classes 8:30am
- (c) Obedience Classes 8:30am
- (d) Rally Classes 1.00pm
- (e) Agility Classes 8am
- (f) Handler Classes 10am
- (g) General Specials 9am (pre-judging 8:30am)

23. PAVILION OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Pavilion or such portion of it as may be determined by the Steward-in-Chief will be open to the public between 9am and 5pm each day. It is a condition of entry that Exhibits must remain in the pavilion until 5pm each day for exhibition to the public. Any Exhibitor found to be violating these Regulations will be fined and banned from returning to future Shows.

24. JUDGE

The Committee reserves the right at all times at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason therefore to re-allocate judging days or replace/substitute any Judge for particular breeds.

25. DUTY OF CARE

- (a) All Owners, Exhibitors and Handlers are required to comply with all applicable legislation, including but not limited to the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (NSW), *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation 2012* (NSW), *Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986* (NSW), *Exhibited Animals Protection Regulations 2010* (NSW) and the *Companion Animal Act 1998* (NSW).
- (b) All Exhibits coming to the Show must at all times be under effective control by a competent Person.
- (c) An Exhibitor or nominated Person shall at all times exercise reasonable care, control and/or supervision of the Exhibit. An Exhibitor or nominated Person who brings an Exhibit to the Show, shall have a duty of care for their animal and to the community. This includes the comfort, safety and welfare of their animal and the interactions of any animal, and with any other Person or animal, at any time, whilst on-site at the Show.

26. HANDLING

Where the Person is handling the Exhibit they shall not act in a manner which unreasonably, unnecessarily or unjustifiably inflict pain upon the Exhibit. This includes acts that are deemed physical or psychological abuse.

27. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- (a) Please read the General Regulations regarding Prohibited Substances.
- (b) A Treatment Notification Form must be submitted to the Dog Administration Office **by 8.30am** on the day of judging, except for Agility Exhibits where the Treatment Notification Form is required **by 8am** on the day of judging.

28. AGGRESSIVE DOGS

- (a) It is the obligation of each Owner, Exhibitor and Handler at a Show to take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under that Person's care or control or for which that Person is responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.
- (b) It is the obligation of any Person at a Show who observes a dog behaving in an aggressive manner to report the incident either orally or in writing to a member of the Committee as soon as possible after the incident.
- (c) If the Committee is satisfied that the incident comprised or included the dog attacking, or attempting to attack, any Person or another dog at the Show, the Committee may declare the dog to be an aggressive dog.
- (d) The Committee shall advise in writing, on the day, the Person who appears to be responsible for the care and control of an aggressive dog of its declaration as such.
- (e) Forthwith upon the Committee declaring a dog to be an aggressive dog:
 - (i) the Owner, Exhibitor or Handler responsible for the dog shall forthwith remove the dog from the Showground;
 - (ii) the dog shall ipso facto be disqualified from further Exhibition at the Show in question or at any other Show. During the period of such disqualification the dog shall not be allowed to enter or remain upon any Showground.

29. COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS

Each Exhibitor must comply with any direction given by any Official of the RAS. This includes Veterinary Officials and staff. Failure to comply could result in removal from the precinct and subsequent refusal of future entries.

30. PRIZES

Special Prizes for individual breeds, except those decided by Class Awards, unless otherwise stated, shall be judged on the day on which the particular breed is judged. Special Prizes shall be restricted to the age Class stated in the conditions. Special Prizes which are confined to a number of breeds shall be judged on Monday 1 April 2024

31. DISPUTES

Any dispute or difference and any inquiry into any alleged misconduct or breach of the Rules or Regulations applicable to the Show shall be dealt with by the Committee unless referred to the Disciplinary Committee pursuant to the General Regulations and the decision of that Committee shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to any appeal.

WANT TO JOIN THE RAS SUPPORTERS PROGRAM IN 2026?

Become an integral part of the Show and join our Supporters Program. Prize Supporters of Sydney Royal Competitions enjoy benefits that include free entry to the Show and written acknowledgement in RAS publications and websites. Supporter prizes enhance the prestige and profile of the Competition, and provide a tangible reward for proud winners.

Prize Supporters can be individuals, clubs or associations. Most Supporters have an association or attachment to the Class that they support - it might be that they have previously won that Class, or wish to encourage competition in that area.

To join up, identify the section or Class you would like to support. Decide whether a cash prize or a trophy is most appropriate; then contact the Prize Coordination Centre. Prizes can be cash, gift vouchers or annual trophies.

Foster excellence at the Show and associate with success by becoming a Supporter today.

To register your interest or to find out more, please contact the Prize Coordination Centre on (02) 9704 1462 or email prizes@rasnsw.com.au

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The purpose of competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show is to encourage agricultural and pastoral excellence, ensuring the continual improvement of standards. In the 1870s the Society introduced Regulations to govern judges and judging to ensure that competition was consistent and fair, and the tradition of Perpetual Trophies dates back to this time.

The Perpetual Trophies are the most prestigious of all RAS Awards. They have a dual function in recognising superior effort in competition and commemorating people and organisations that have had a long and meritorious connection with the Society. Some of the trophies currently competed for were first won in 1911. Winners of Perpetual Trophies are permanently honoured, taking their place alongside past winners and becoming part of the ongoing tradition of the RAS.

The Perpetual Trophy Collection of the RAS is unique. It comprises a wide range of beautiful and elegant trophies that illustrate an extraordinary history of agricultural judging and the pursuit of excellence.

Enquiries regarding the donation of Perpetual Trophies should be directed to the RAS Heritage Centre.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Sydney Royal Easter Show's rich heritage and remarkable scale have made it a trusted and powerful marketing channel for many of Australia's biggest, best-known, and loved brands. Recognising that every brand is unique, we offer a wide range of partnership opportunities, tailored to suit your objectives, audience, and budget.

The Show allows sponsors to generate brand awareness, showcase products and services, connect with the community, create a database, engage with consumers face-to-face, provide sampling opportunities and generate immediate sales.

Sponsorship opportunities can include:

- Naming rights of a competition, activation, pavilion, or entertainment act.
- Advertising in ENGIE stadium and through our Digital assets.
- Activations and exhibition space.
- Category and supply rights.
- Consumer promotions such as ticket giveaways and 'money can't buy' experiences.

For more information about commercial opportunities available, please visit: eastershow.com.au/about-us/partnership-opportunities/ or contact pbowd@rasnsw.com.au

SERVICE CENTRE

The Competitions Administration arm of the RAS Service Centre aims to provide an efficient and friendly service to our valuable customers. The Centre provides processing support and customer service in relation to Agricultural Competition Applications for Entry.

For enquiries regarding general competition information such as judging details, timetables, Competitor/Exhibitor confirmation packs, please visit www.rasnsw.com.au or contact the Event Manager responsible for your section.



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