



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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## Sydney FCI International

2-13 April 2026  
Sydney Showground  
Sydney Olympic Park  
[www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au)



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**SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW - A DIVISION OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW (RAS) ABN 69 793 644 351**



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.

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

## **COMPANION ANIMALS COMMITTEE**

Mr J G Bryson (Chair)

Mr B G Dudley

Ms S L Hannigan

Mrs K Reidy

Dr S J Walker

Dr R A Zammit

## **HONORARY COUNCILLORS OF COMMITTEE**

Mr W M Burton

Mr R B Perkins

## **ADVISORS TO COMMITTEE**

Mr I Cindric

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Sydney FCI International Dog Show is held under the Rules and Regulations of the [Royal Agricultural Society of NSW](#) (ABN 69 793 644 351), [DOGS NSW – Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership](#) (ABN 69 062 986 118) and the [Fédération Cynologique Internationale](#) (FCI) (AISBL).

### 2026 ENTRY FEES

*Entry Fees include Dogs NSW and FCI levies. All fees include GST.  
Show Manager service and processing fees may apply.*

#### ONLINE ENTRIES

Enter online at [www.rasnsw.com.au/dogs](http://www.rasnsw.com.au/dogs)

**All Exhibits must be entered for conformation breed judging in the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show to be eligible to enter the Sydney FCI International. Entries for the FCI Classes will be through Show Manager Pty Ltd (ABN 71 604 533 422)**

FCI Conformation Classes:	\$34
FCI Conformation Baby Puppy:	\$19

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Printed Catalogue:	\$8
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### 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: [www.rasnsw.com.au/dogs](http://www.rasnsw.com.au/dogs)

Show Manager: <http://www.showmanager.com.au>

### PENALTY - NON EXHIBITION OF DOGS

Your attention is drawn to FCI 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.

**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

<b>APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY</b>	It is recommended that a printed copy of your remittance advice email is kept for your records.
<b>EXHIBITOR ENQUIRIES</b>	If you require additional information about your entry, the Show or Dog Section, please call (02) 9704 1007 or email: <a href="mailto:companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au">companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au</a>
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY</b>	All Exhibits must be entered into the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show to be eligible to enter the 2026 Sydney FCI International.
<b>CONDITIONS OF ENTRY</b>	<p>Exhibitors must adhere to the Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground located at <a href="http://www.rasnsw.com.au">www.rasnsw.com.au</a>, the General Regulations and the FCI 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>
<b>WITHDRAWALS</b>	<p>A refund of Entry Fees shall not be made unless a notification of withdrawal is received by the RAS and Show Manager before the Closing Day of Entry.</p> <p>To withdraw an Exhibit from the Sydney FCI International in part or in full, Exhibitors must log into their Show Manager account via <a href="http://www.showmanager.com.au">www.showmanager.com.au</a> and follow the prompts to withdraw. To withdraw from 2026 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show, Exhibitors must log into their myRAS online Competition entry system 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 <a href="mailto:companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au">companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au</a> 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>
<b>EXHIBIT CONFIRMATION ADVICE (BENCHSLIP) AND DASHBOARD SLIPS</b>	<p>Please note your remittance advice email from Show Manager will carry a default date of the first date of the Show. Please refer to the judging timetable in this Schedule for the date of judging for your breed. An Exhibitor 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.</p>
<b>JUDGING FORMAT &amp; PROCEDURE</b>	<p>Breed judging for the Sydney FCI International will take place each afternoon, FCI groups will be judged each day after breed judging is complete. Breeds will be judged for each of the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show and Sydney FCI International on the same day.</p> <p><u>Class in Breed:</u></p> <p>The first placed dogs in Puppy, Junior, Intermediate, Open, Champion and Veteran will compete for the Dogs Australia Challenge certificate. If the dog that is awarded the Challenge certificate is 15 months of age or over, it will automatically receive the CACIB providing it has been graded Excellent and has come from the Intermediate, Open or Champion Class.</p> <p>If the Challenge winner is from the Puppy, Junior or Veteran Class, the first placed dogs in Intermediate, Open and Champion will compete for the CACIB providing they have been graded Excellent and in the case of the Champion Class is 15 months of age or over.</p> <p><u>Best of Breed:</u></p> <p>The Challenge winner from both sexes will compete for Best of Breed.</p> <p>The Class in breed awards will be conducted as at Dogs Australia Championship Shows, the BOB will automatically take the Award for their respective Class where offered.</p> <p><u>Best in Group:</u></p> <p>FCI Groups will be judged after FCI breed judging at the end of each day.</p> <p>The Best of Breeds will compete for Best in Group with four group placings announced who will automatically take the Award for their respective Classes where offered.</p>

<b>NON-EXHIBITION PENALTY</b>	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. Acceptance of a withdrawal from General Special day is at the discretion of the Companion Animals Committee and will be subject to a fine.
<b>GENERAL SPECIALS</b>	Best in Show Day for the Sydney FCI International will be held on Sunday 12 April 2026. Best in Group winners will compete for Best in Show including Best Baby Puppy in Show and Best Puppy in Show.
<b>EXHIBITOR DETAILS</b>	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.
<b>JUDGES ALLOCATION</b>	The RAS reserves the right at all times at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason to:  (a) substitute a Judge when necessary; (b) re-allocate judging days for a particular breed; (c) if entry numbers require an extra Judge, appoint an additional Judge if necessary.
<b>RING STEWARDS &amp; SPONSORS</b>	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.
<b>RINGS &amp; DAILY JUDGING TIMETABLE ALLOCATION</b>	Please note that judging will not commence before 12pm on Conformation days. No vetting is required. Judging times will be on display on the glass doors beside the Dog Administration Office each day.
<b>TITLES AND AWARDS</b>	CACIB - Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté de la FCI  The only dogs which can be taken into consideration for the CACIB are the 1st place winners (unless 1st isn't eligible) who have been awarded 'Excellent' in the Intermediate, Open and Champion Class and are 15 months of age or over.  The Reserve CACIB is awarded to the 2nd best dog which was given the qualification 'Excellent' from the above Classes. The dog placed second in the Class where the CACIB winner comes from can compete for Reserve CACIB if awarded 'Excellent'. It is not compulsory to Award the Reserve CACIB.  As the Dogs Australia Challenge certificate is a national award, Dogs Australia Regulations decide in which Classes and to which dogs this certificate can be awarded.
<b>AWARD ELIGIBILITY</b>	The CACIB can be awarded in the following Classes: Intermediate, Open, Champion.  The CACAIB cannot be awarded in the following Classes: Baby Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Veteran. <b>Junior CACIB:</b> Can only be awarded to a dog in the Junior Class. <b>Veteran CACIB:</b> Can only be awarded to a dog in the Veteran Class.
<b>PRIZES AND GST</b>	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.  The information an Exhibitor provides on the Application for Entry determines whether GST is applicable. <i>Any prize stated in this Schedule does not include GST.</i> <b>GST will not apply:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as a hobby or private recreational pursuit; or</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul> <b>GST will apply:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, and the Exhibitor is REGISTERED for GST.</li></ul> 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. <b>WARNING:</b> <i>The Exhibitor must complete the <b>Tax Details</b> 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>

<b>COMPUTATION OF AGE OF DOGS</b>	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 Friday 2 April 2026.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Baby Puppy Class</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Puppy Class</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Junior Class</b> 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 .</li> <li>• <b>Intermediate Class</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Open Class</b> is confined to any male or female dog 15 months and over that are not Champions. For dogs born on or before 2 January 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Veteran</b> is confined to any male or female dog 8 years of age and over. For dogs or bitches born on or before 2 April 2018</li> <li>• <b>Champion</b> confined to any Champion dog or bitch whose title must have been confirmed by the issue of a Registered Pedigree Certificate with the title added by the closing date of entries. The Champion must be over 15 months of age to be eligible for the CACIB.</li> </ul>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED DOGS</b>	<p>The following breeds not recognised by the FCI can enter FCI Classes but are not eligible for the CACIB or Best in Group but are eligible for the Dogs Australia Challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bluetick Coonhound, Murray River Retriever, Anatolian Shepherd, Australasian Bosdog, Biewer Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier, American Hairless Terrier</li> </ul>
<b>IMPORTED DOGS</b>	<p>An imported dog will qualify for entry if it has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the necessary qualifications gained in Australia or outside Australia, or partly in Australia or outside Australia.</li> <li>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 Dogs Australia will prevail.</li> <li>Is entered in ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show Classes.</li> </ol> <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 <a href="mailto:companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au">companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au</a> for an Application for Entry prior to Wednesday 18 February 2026.</p>
<b>CAMPAIGN DOGS</b>	<p>A campaign dog will qualify for entry if it has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The necessary qualifications gained in Australia or outside of Australia, or partly in Australia and outside Australia</li> <li>Is registered with a canine controlling body recognised by the RAS</li> <li>Is Exhibited by a Person who is a financial member of a canine controlling body recognised by the RAS</li> <li>Is entered into ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show Classes</li> </ol> <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 <a href="mailto:companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au">companionanimals@rasnsw.com.au</a> for an Application for Entry prior to Wednesday 18 February 2026.</p>
<b>RESTRICTION OF ENTRIES</b>	An entry may not be transferred from one Class to another except at the direction of the Committee.
<b>WORKING WITH CHILDREN</b>	<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>
<b>WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE ACT</b>	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).

## SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

CLASS 1	BABY PUPPY MALE
CLASS 1A	BABY PUPPY FEMALE
CLASS 3	PUPPY MALE
CLASS 3A	PUPPY FEMALE
CLASS 4	JUNIOR MALE
CLASS 4A	JUNIOR FEMALE
CLASS 5	INTERMEDIATE MALE
CLASS 5A	INTERMEDIATE FEMALE
CLASS 11	OPEN MALE
CLASS 11A	OPEN FEMALE
CLASS 12	VETERAN MALE
CLASS 12A	VETERAN FEMALE
CLASS 21	CHAMPION MALE
CLASS 21A	CHAMPION FEMALE

## SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL BEST IN SHOW PRIZES

**BEST IN SHOW.** Prize \$1000

**RUNNER UP TO BEST IN SHOW.** Prize \$500

**BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW.** Prize \$100

**BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.** Prize \$100

**BEST IN GROUP:** Prize \$75

**2nd IN GROUP:** Prize \$50

**3rd IN GROUP:** Prize \$30

**4th IN GROUP:** Prize \$25

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Sydney FCI International Dog Show gratefully acknowledges prize support for the following:

Prizes generously donated by **ADVANCE™** will be allocated at the Sydney FCI International Show across the following Competitions

Best in Show

Runner Up Best In Show

Puppy In Show

Baby Puppy In Show

Best In Group 1 - 4

Prize Vouchers supported by **Dog News Australia** for:

Best in Group. Value \$150

2nd in Group. Value \$100

3rd in Group. Value \$100

4th in Group. Value \$100

Best in Show. Value \$300

Runner up to Best in Show. Value \$200

Best Baby Puppy in Show. Value \$150

Best Puppy in Show. Value \$150

## SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL JUDGES



### 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 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 Spoljarić 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.

## SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL JUDGES cont.



### **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 Dobermanns, 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.

2026	2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW							
	2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL							
THURSDAY 2 APRIL								
OBEDIENCE TRIAL								
<b>Obedience -Mrs Jill Houston (WA)</b>	<b>Obedience -Mr Jake Blight (NSW)</b>	<b>Rally -Miss Amanda Houston (WA)</b>	<b>Rally -Mrs Veeni Craig (NSW)</b>					
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								
<b>Mrs Mary White (CAN)</b>	<b>Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)</b>	<b>Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)</b>	<b>Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)</b>	<b>Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)</b>				
Ibizan Hound			Canaan Dog	Basenji				
Norwegian Elkhound			Chow Chow	Finnish Lapphund				
Portuguese Podengo (Small Smooth Haired)			Eurasia	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)	Cirneco Dell'Etna				
Akita			Peruvian Hairless (Medium)	Finnish Spitz				
Akita (Japanese)			Peruvian Hairless (Small)					
Samoyed			Xoloitzcuintle (Miniature)					
Shiba Inu			Xoloitzcuintle (Intermediate)					
Shikoku			Xoloitzcuintle (Standard)					
Siberian Husky								
Yakutian Laika								
Canadian Eskimo Dog								
Sydney FCI International -PM								
<b>Mrs Mary White (CAN)</b>	<b>Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)</b>	<b>Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)</b>	<b>Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)</b>	<b>Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)</b>				
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				
				Eurasia				
				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 Neppl (NSW)								

2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW

2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL

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)

## 2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW

## 2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL

## 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 (Tervuren)		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 (Tervuren)	
			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

**2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW**

**2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL**

**MONDAY 6 APRIL (FCI Group 9)**

**ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM**

<b>Mrs Mary White (CAN)</b>	<b>Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)</b>	<b>Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)</b>	<b>Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)</b>	<b>Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)</b>
	Lowchen	Bichon Frise	Boston Terrier	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
	Papillon	Bolognese	French Bulldog	Coton de Tulear
	Prague Ratter	Chihuahua (Long)	Poodle (Miniature)	Griffin 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**

<b>Mrs Mary White (CAN)</b>	<b>Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)</b>	<b>Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)</b>	<b>Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)</b>	<b>Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)</b>
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	
Grifon 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**

**2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW****2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL****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 Neppl (NSW)

**2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW**

**2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL**

**WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL (FCI Group 8)**

**ADVANCE Sydney Royal Dog Show -AM**

<b>Mrs Mary White (CAN)</b>	<b>Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)</b>	<b>Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)</b>	<b>Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)</b>	<b>Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)</b>
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**

<b>Mrs Mary White (CAN)</b>	<b>Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)</b>	<b>Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)</b>	<b>Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)</b>	<b>Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)</b>
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**

## 2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW

## 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
	Jack Russell Terrier Club Specialty			Welsh Terrier
				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**

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

**Sydney FCI International -PM**

<b>Mrs Mary White (CAN)</b>	<b>Mr Warner Céspedes Arias (CR)</b>	<b>Miss Janelle Robbins (AUS)</b>	<b>Mr Boris Špoljarić (HR)</b>	<b>Mr Antonio Almeida (CHN)</b>
	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)**

## 2026 ADVANCE SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SHOW

## 2026 SYDNEY FCI INTERNATIONAL

## SATURDAY 11 APRIL (FCI Group 4 &amp; 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**

	<b>Agility-Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA)</b>	<b>Agility-Mrs Joanna Comber (NSW)</b>		
	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 RAS General Regulations apply to all sections of the Show. These Dog Special Regulations apply to this Section only. Unless expressly stated in the General Regulations, 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](http://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.

Sydney FCI International, is 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 is 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, he 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 his 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 his 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 in Group 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**

A Sydney Royal Dog Show Exhibit Confirmation Advice (Benchslip) will permit entry for the Exhibit/s and 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 Coordinator. 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:

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

**19. EXHIBIT UNWORTHY OF AWARD**

The Judge may in his 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 benching times of 9am to 5pm should not submit an entry.

**22. STARTING TIMES**

Any Exhibitor who is unable to observe the starting time of 1pm should not submit an entry.

**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. 125 - 135 inclusive.
- (b) A Treatment Report Form must be submitted to the Dog Administration Office **by 8.30am** on the day of judging, except for Agility Exhibits where it 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 groups shall be judged on Sunday 12 April 2026

**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.

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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/](http://eastershow.com.au/about-us/partnership-opportunities/) or contact [pbowd@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:pbowd@rasnsw.com.au)

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## 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](http://www.rasnsw.com.au) or contact the Event Manager responsible for your section.**



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