

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is delighted to announce the judging panel for the 2015 **AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals** (NOHS), held in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with *AKC/Eukanuba National Championship* (AENC) week. Breed and group judging will be held Friday, December 11th, 2015, with *Best in Show* to be selected in the main ring on Saturday evening, December 12th.

Mrs. Murrel Purkhiser of San Antonio, Texas heads the panel as *Best in Show* judge for the 2015 **AKC NOHS Finals**.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and all breeds within the group are:

SPORTING: Mr. William R. Russell – Milton, Washington

HOUND: Ms. Helene Nietsch – Newtown, Connecticut

WORKING: Dr. Robert A. Indeglia – Narragansett, Rhode Island

TERRIER: Ms. Carole A. Beattie – Sarasota, Florida

TOY: Mrs. Susan St. John Brown – Lebanon, Ohio

NON-SPORTING: Ms. Betty Leininger – Frisco, Texas

HERDING: Mr. Rick Gschwender – Nampa, Idaho

Best of Breed and *Best of Opposite Sex* will be awarded in each breed, and *Reserve Best Owner-Handled in Show* will be selected for the first time this year.

Dogs [ranked in the top ten \(plus ties\) of their breed](#) at the end of the 2015 qualifying period (October 9, 2014 – October 7, 2015) will be invited to compete in the **AKC NOHS Finals**. The Finals premium list will be available in September when the overall *AKC/Eukanuba National Championship* information is published and Finals qualifiers will be sent full details about the event and notified about how to enter in late October.

The **AKC National Owner-Handled Series** will also be offered at the Space Coast Kennel Club, Brevard Kennel Club and Central Florida Kennel Club shows December 8th-10th as well as several specialty shows on Friday, December 11th.