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### **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES BREEDER OF THE YEAR BY SPORT HONOREES**

**New York, NY** – The American Kennel Club (AKC®) wishes to acknowledge those individuals who have excelled at breeding dogs that have proven to be outstanding in AKC sports. The commitment to preserve, protect and improve a breed represents the very essence of the AKC. The AKC Breeder of the Year by Sport Award is given to those who have dedicated themselves to improving the health, temperament and performance of dogs in a given sport.

The 2021 Breeder of the Year by Sport award recipients are:

Pointing Breed Field Events	Keith and Robbi Gulledge	GSP
Retriever Field Events	Vikki Bateman	Labradors
Spaniel Field Events	Kevin Dresow	Springers
Hound Field Events	Frederick and Karen Eurick	Beagles
Herding	Leida Jones	Border Collies
Lure Coursing	Dale and Kasey Parks	Rhodesian Ridgebacks
<b>Earthdog</b>	<b>Michele Czarnecki</b>	<b>West Highland White Terriers</b>
Coonhounds	Richard Puckett	TW Coonhounds
Agility	Derry Krause (posthumous)	Pembroke Welsh Corgis
Obedience	Nancy Miner	Golden Retrievers
Rally	Rhoda Goselin-Brouillette/ Tracy Hendrickson	Boxers
Tracking	Barbara Sevier	Golden Retrievers

“Knowledgeable breeders are critical to the continued success of canine sports. These breeders have shown a long-term dedication to enhancing breed instincts and breeding sound dogs with good temperaments,” said Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President for Sports and Events. “Their accomplishments represent the highest level of commitment to their breeds and sports.”

Each recipient received a Breeder of the Year rosette mounted in a shadow box.

The American Kennel Club salutes these individuals for their dedication and success in breeding purpose-bred dogs.

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### **About the American Kennel Club**

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization, which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its more than 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred and mixed breed dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite and the AKC Museum of the Dog. AKC Clubs comprise America's largest rescue network. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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