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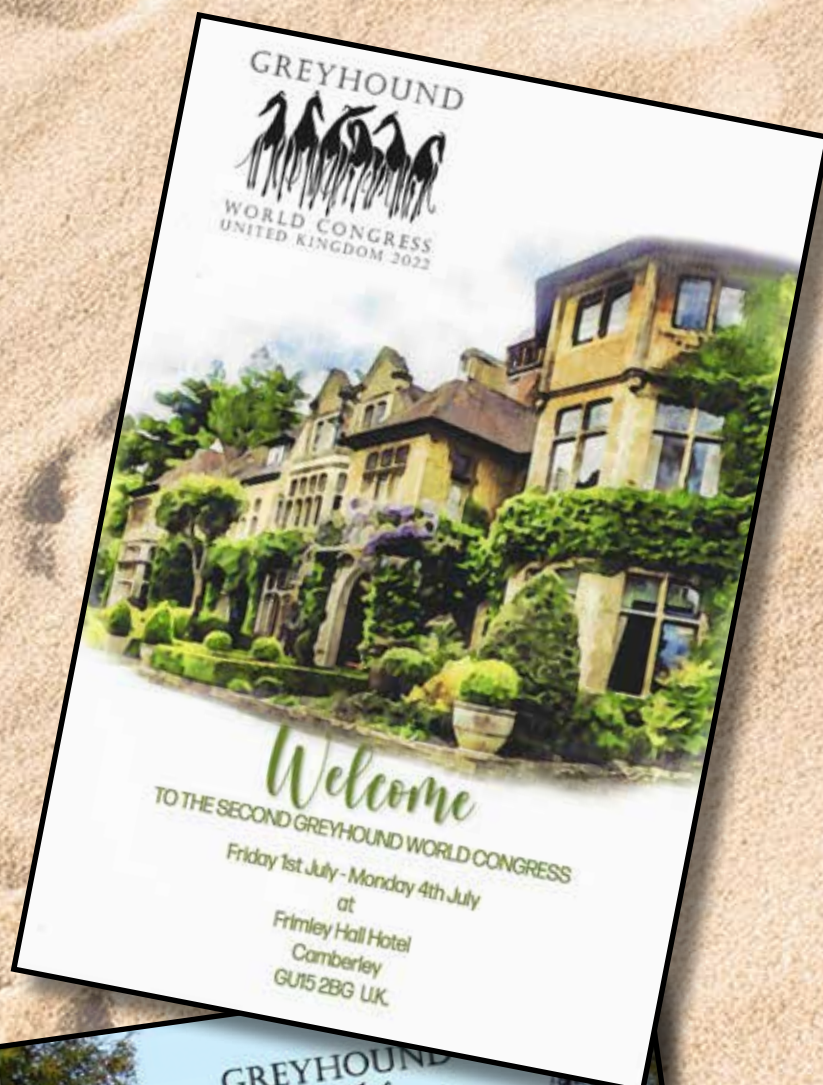
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GREYHOUND WORLD CONGRESS 2025/NATIONAL SPECIALTY/ORLANDO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. - OCCC Ring 5 – GCA Supported Entry – Espen Engh

12:30 p.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6 - GCA Judges Education Presentation – Patti Clark -
Reservation Required

3:00 p.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6 - Congress Welcome Bags & Name Tags Available

6:00 p.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 4 – GWC2025 Welcome Event

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 a.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6 - Silent Auction Day 1 Begins

- Moderator – Paul Lepiane
- Dr Rob Gillette – Maintaining the Canine Athlete
- Cynthia Branigan – History of the Greyhound Before Coming to America
- Dani & Elizabeth Edgerton – Passing Down the Vision of an Ideal Greyhound
- Short Break
- Alan Fausel – The Artistic Legacy of the Greyhound
- Dr Robert Dove – Reproduction in the Greyhound

12:00 Noon - OCCC Ring 5 – GCA Futurity – Bitte Ahrens Primavera

1:30 p.m. - OCCC Ring 5 – GCA Supported Entry – Pamela Bruce

One hour after Greyhound Best of Breed - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6

- Panel 1 - Breeding—Health testing, maintaining reproductive vigor, evaluating and placing puppies in show and performance home.
- Panel 2 - Discussion of how original breeding stock was selected and acquired, the importance of mentoring, incorporating new bloodlines, developing your ideal Greyhound.

7:00 p.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6 - GCA Membership Annual Meeting





THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 a.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6 - Silent Auction Day 2 Begins

- Moderator – Paul Lepiane
- Dr Lori Blankenship - Prevention and Treatment of Allergies and Autoimmune Diseases
- Dr Charles Garvin – AKC Purebred Preservation Bank
- Sue Lackey - Development of the Greyhound as a Show Dog: The Development of Show Kennels and Bloodlines in America up to the 1990's.
- Laurie Soutar – Zoom — Breeding for the Total Greyhound
- Short Break
- Panel 3 - Maintaining the breed standard—Exhibiting, how new judges are educated in your country, conditioning of the show dog, importance of Specialties, All-Breed shows.
- Panel 4 - Maintaining the breed standard—Performance, how to evaluate the breed's ability to perform its original purpose, how to develop a puppy to compete in a variety of venues to make it a "good canine companion" and family member.
- Dr Uchenna Nlebedum - Zoom - Degenerative Retinal Diseases and Identifying the Mutation for a Novel PRA in Racing Greyhounds

1:15 p.m. - OCCC Ring 5 – GCA Supported Entry – Mary Dukes

- To Follow: GCA Top 10 – Judges TBA
- To Follow: GCA Judges Education Hands-on – Maureen Lucas - Reservation Required



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 a.m. - OCCC Ring 32 – GCA National Sweepstakes – Brenda Adams
-- GCA Veteran Sweepstakes – Brenda Adams

10:15 a.m. - OCCC Ring 32 - GCA PeeWee Class – Kandice Kostic

10:45 a.m. - OCCC Ring 32 - GCA Junior Showmanship – Kandice Kostic

11:45 a.m. - OCCC Ring 32 - GCA National Specialty Conformation - Desmond Murphy

12:45 p.m. - OCCC – Ring 1 – AKC Royal Canin Puppy & Junior Stakes – Sarah Murphy (13 dogs before Greyhounds)

To follow – Continuation of GCA National Conformation Judging in Ring 32

7:00 p.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6 - GWC2025 Cash Bar

7:30 p.m. - Rosen Centre Salon 5/6 - GWC2025 & GCA National Banquet - Conclusion of Silent Auction



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

TBA - OCCC – AKC National Championship – Greyhounds – Dr Donald Sturz, Jr.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:05 a.m. - OCCC Ring 17 – AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals – Greyhounds – Hal Biermann

9:50 a.m. - OCCC Ring 13 – Hound Association of Central Florida – Greyhounds – Frank Kane

8:30 a.m. - Brooksville, Fla. - GCA National Lure Coursing Trial and Tests – Julie Cramer

- **Transportation Available - Exhibitors and Spectators:**

Please bring your own chairs and shade. Water Available.

DIRECTIONS TO FIELD:

From I-75. Exit at SR 50

GO WEST approx. 1/4 mile

Turn LEFT onto Lockhart RD (the first left)

The field is at the top of the hill on the LEFT

Entrance fee is \$5/vehicle and will be collected by the

Park. Proceed straight ahead to the back of the property.

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GUEST SPEAKERS - PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Lori Blankenship PhD, DVM, CVA - Prevention and Treatment of Allergy and Other Autoimmune Diseases in the Dog



Dr. Blankenship received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from **Indiana University of Pennsylvania** in 1989, her Ph.D. in genetic toxicology from **The George Washington University** in 1996 and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from **The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine** in 2000. In her practice, she uses the holistic modalities of Homeopathy, Acupuncture, Laser, Nutrition, Bioresonance (Qest4) Scanning, Ozone therapy, and UV Light blood Therapy. Dr. Blankenship has a special interest in immunology and strives to keep our companion animals healthy through diet, lifestyle and minimal interferences with their innate physiology. Her passion is providing our companion animals the best chance for a long, healthy life. With foresight and an open mind, she always tries to see the complete picture and formulate a plan that will lead to improvements in patient health.

Dr. Blankenship lives in Virginia with her husband, three dogs and two spoiled ponies.

Cynthia Branigan - author of ***THE REIGN OF THE GREYHOUND***, will speak on the history and development of the breed before coming to America.

Cynthia Branigan's professional involvement with the welfare and protection of animals dates to 1974, when she began working with author Cleveland Amory and his organization, The Fund for Animals. Through The Fund, she set up adoption centers across the country for over 6,000 wild burros and 4,000 mustangs rescued from public lands in the West.



In 1980, on The Fund's behalf, she bought Gamal, the last Atlantic City Steel Pier Diving Horse. The relationship that developed between the two transformed them both and is the subject of her latest book, a memoir titled ***THE LAST DIVING HORSE IN AMERICA*** (Pantheon, New York, October 2021). In 1987, Ms. Branigan adopted her first retired racing Greyhound, King (racing name Low Key Two) and was inspired by him to found Make Peace With Animals, a non-profit, all volunteer, animal protection group, www.mpwa.org Its special mission is the adoption of retired racing Greyhounds. So far, over 5,500 of these dogs have found homes through the organization.

Ms. Branigan is the author of two books on Greyhounds, both published by Howell Book House, NY. The first, ***ADOPTING THE RACING GREY-***

HOUND, has sold over 125,000 copies since it appeared in 1992 and is now in an updated Third Edition. It was the first book published on the subject, and the only one written by someone who directs an adoption group. Known as the Bible for anyone considering ownership of a former racing dog, it inspired the Greyhound adoption movement worldwide. Her second book, **THE REIGN OF THE GREYHOUND: A POPULAR HISTORY OF THE OLDEST FAMILY OF DOGS**, traces the breed in art, history, and sport from 6000 BCE to the present. It won top prize, Best General Interest Book, in 1998 from the Dog Writers' Association of America and is now in an expanded Second Edition.

Ms. Branigan was educated at **Franconia College** in New Hampshire and the **University of Pennsylvania**. She shares a home in Bucks County, Pennsylvania with her husband and their many adopted Greyhounds. Ms. Branigan is a popular lecturer on the adoption of Greyhounds, the colorful history of the Steel Pier diving horses, and the humane treatment of all animals. She is available for speaking engagements and book club appearances and can be contacted through

Patti Clark - Judges Education Presentation

I started my dog life as a child, responsible for a pack of hunting Beagles. I soon became very popular in the neighborhood, taking care of sick pets and helping with all things dogs. As an adult, my first pure bred was a German Shepherd that proved to be a very good obedience competitor. I then moved to Dobermans and competed in conformation and obedience. It was in that ring that I learned to show against some of the top handlers in the Northeast back in the 70's. It was tough!



I bought a boarding kennel while keeping my job as a clinical microbiologist and met June Matarazzo, a Greyhound enthusiast and Afghan breeder. We became friends and dog partners, co-owning our first greyhound in the mid 80's. We had co-bred and co-owned more than 30 Greyhound champions, many of them specialty winners, group winners and placers, and the number one Greyhound. June polished my handling skills to a higher degree and that allowed me to start a second career as a handler, showing Sighthounds, some Sporting and Working breeds. I became a member of GCA in 1987. In the year's following, I held many positions on the GCA Board and am currently the President, the Judge's Education Coordinator and the Gazette Columnist.

When Covid started, I decided to start my judging career and now have Juniors, most Sighthounds and a few Scent hounds as well. I have experienced the American judging process from the point of view of teacher and now as a student.

Dr. Robert S. Dove - will speak on Reproduction in the Greyhound.

Dr. Robert S. Dove DVM Dr. Robert S. Dove received his BSc and DVM from **Texas A&M University** and has spent his practice life in Virginia. Post-doctorate training includes **Oklahoma Horseshoeing School**,



Board certification in Acupuncture, a three-year training program in small animal reproduction by the **European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies**, and completion of the chiropractic training program by the AVCA. He has two noteworthy far-reaching accomplishments. Having been trained in Sweden by Dr. Linde-Forsberg in transcervical insemination, Dr. Dove then brought that training to the Veterinary Schools in the USA by teaching this technology to the Theriogenologists at **Virginia Tech** and **Washington State Veterinary Colleges** (TCI not being known or practiced in the USA at the time).

Dr. Dove also presented a paper to the Society for Theriogenology on the manipulation of lamellar bodies in late pregnancy, whelping, and neonatol-

ogy. This information changed the way the cesarean section and neonate resuscitation are performed. Along with his wife Cecilia, they established Foxcliffe Kennel to breed and preserve the Scottish Deerhound. In 2011, Ch Hickory Wind won Best in Show at Westminster. Since that time, wins include BIS at the National Dog Show (twice), number one in the hound group, multiple BIS at the Scottish Deerhound National Specialties, BIS at the Breed Show in the UK, and the distinct honor of having the number one Scottish Deerhound in the USA, Canada, and the UK in the same year.

Dr. Dove is a frequent speaker at kennel club meetings, dog shows, hunt clubs, and Overland Expos. His lectures cover topics in canine reproduction, canine wilderness medicine and first aid, canine cardiology, and canine gerontology. He is currently serving as the AKC Delegate for the Scottish Deerhound Club of America. In his private time, he enjoys overlanding, fly fishing, and camping with his sons and grandsons.

Dani and Elizabeth Edgerton - Passing down your vision of the ideal Greyhound through the generations.

Dani Edgerton Cebal Greyhounds The Creech family began their Greyhound journey in 1970 with Ch. Aroi Firebrand and a dog imported by Cecil Creech and Barb Henderson from England, Ch. Shaunvalley Anton.



Under the Cebal prefix, my parents and Barb Henderson built a legacy rooted in structure, function, and temperament. "I began showing greyhounds before the age of fifteen, having already competed in junior showmanship and obedience with an Afghan. By the early 1980s, our family was coursing both Greyhounds and Afghans, and had finished many champions with limited breeding. I joined the Greyhound Club of America in 1982. Over the years, I have served as newsletter editor, specialty show chair, president, vice president, and have particularly enjoyed judge education and ringside mentoring. I have trained dogs for my whole life and currently own and operate a dog daycare and training facility, two retail stores and a raw food and treat processing plant. Today, I find great joy in mentoring new enthusiasts, grading litters, and watching Elizabeth continue our family tradition, exhibiting our dogs beautifully and running them as time permits. But above all, I still love simply watching the Greyhounds at home—graceful, gentle, and endlessly captivating."



Elizabeth Edgerton - Cebal Greyhounds Elizabeth Edgerton first entered the show ring at three years old ... well, actually she wasn't supposed to be there and she didn't have a dog but her father was in the ring and she joined him.

Fast forward two years and Elizabeth officially showed her very first dog in peewee handling at a puppy match in Canfield. Then she caught the dog show bug and hasn't stopped showing since. From the time Elizabeth entered junior showmanship, she began assisting some truly remarkable handlers and learning all she could from them. As a third generation dog show enthusiast, Elizabeth was a natural at showing from the start. Both her grandparents and her parents had shown dogs throughout their lives. Elizabeth has the gentle confidence with dogs that comes from those years of experience and background. At 20 years old, Elizabeth decided she wanted to begin handling dogs professionally. She was and is a certified groomer who works at Paws on Main in Columbiana, Ohio and she owns a boarding

kennel in Canfield Ohio. The first thing she did was to purchase a retired airline transport and converted to her dog bus.

Elizabeth has successfully bred some lovely greyhounds under her family's Cebal prefix and shown dogs of

her breeding to their championships and grand championships. Multiple group winners and placers. Breeding greyhounds to preserve this beautiful breed is one of Elizabeth's passions. During her years in the ring, Elizabeth has shown a variety of breeds. Among those are her beloved greyhounds, Basenjis, Briards, Pyrenean Shepherds, Fox Terriers, Golden Retrievers and Afghan Hounds. She especially loves working with puppies to get them ring ready and has a light touch to bring the most out of them and help them love the experience.

It is a joy to watch her handle each breed and each dog with a focus on breed type, appropriate moving style and an understanding of the breed standards. She takes her relationship with the individual dog and her understanding of their best qualities into consideration when planning her handling strategy.

Alan Fausel - AKC Museum of the Dog "Why Not a Greyhound" A look at the artistic legacy of the breed in comparison with the development of other breeds from Medieval times to the present day.



Alan Fausel is one of the world's leading experts in the field of Dog Art. "Why Not A Greyhound" A look at the artistic legacy of the breed in comparison with development of other breeds from Medieval times to the present day.

Since 2019, he has served as the **Curator and Executive Director of the AKC Museum of the Dog** and was instrumental in bringing it back to NYC. Prior to the move, he held auctions of dog-related art at Doyles and Bonhams auction houses for 17 years. Most will recognize him from his 30-year tenure on the Paintings and Drawings table with **PBS' Antiques Roadshow**. He has also held curatorial positions at the **Fine Arts Museums** of San Francisco and **The Frick Art Museum** in Pittsburgh. Alan also has 20 years of teaching experience, including posts at **NYU**, the **University of Santa Clara**, and **Sotheby's Institute**. He holds degrees in Art History from **UCLA** and **Stanford University**.

Dr. Charles Garvin - speaking on AKC Purebred Preservation Bank.



Dr. Charles Garvin, Chairperson – Class of 2028 Founding Chairman of the **AKC Purebred Preservation Bank**, Dr. Garvin has been involved in dogs since 1965 – first in obedience, then in Junior Showmanship and conformation. His Korcula Kennels has produced 90 Dalmatian champions, most of them owner-handled. He has bred and owned five Best in Show winners and several of the top winners, producers, and record holders in the breed. He won the Junior Showmanship finals at Westminster in 1969. An AKC Delegate since 1990, he has served 23 years on the **AKC Board of Directors**, and eighteen years on the AKC CHF Board, eight as Chairman. He has served 17 terms as President of the Dalmatian Club of America and has been on the Board of Directors since 1981. He has been President of the Marion Ohio KC since 2008, Show Chair, and on the board since 1982. First approved as an AKC Judge in 1981, he has judged at the Dalmatian National Specialty eight times, Westminster, ANC, and at the 1984 AKC Centennial Show. He was a Founding Director of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation in 1995, and has continued on that

board, also serving as President. He is a recently retired ophthalmic surgeon and physician executive: for 25 years he was CEO of a 75-physician group practice.

Dr. Rob Gillette - a sports medicine vet, will speak on maintaining the canine athlete.



Rob Gillette received his Veterinary degree in 1988 from **Kansas State University**. His interests in animal movement and performance inspired him to pursue a post-doctoral program through the Human Performance program at the University of Kansas. His major focus was on Kinesiology with a minor in Exercise Physiology, receiving his Masters of Science Education in 1998.

His academic experience includes 15 years at the **Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine**, where he was the Director of the Veterinary Sports Medicine Program. During this time he managed his athletic and working dog laboratory, researching the biomechanical and physiological nuances of the elite canine. He has over 35 years of clinical practice experience, 30+ years' experience with athletic and working dogs, numerous related scientific publications, and is a national and international lecturer on Athletic Dog Performance and Sports Medicine. He is a Charter Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Gillette's greatest passion is his work for optimizing canine health and musculoskeletal functions. He has vast experience in injury prevention, training methods, diet, conditioning and breeding programs of athletic and working dogs. He has devoted his professional life to research in the area of canine performance, educating professionals in animal biomechanics & exercise physiology and treating athletic animals.

Sue Lackey, author of ***Greyhounds in America*** will speak on the development of the Greyhound as a show dog, specifically the development of show kennels and bloodlines in America up to the 1990's.



Sue Lackey has spent a lifetime showing and breeding champions in her own breeds, and as a professional handler advising the breeding programs of clients in numerous other breeds. As an aspiring handler, Sue spent years as an apprentice under Dick Cooper and Wendell Sammet, two of the top handlers in dog show history. As a professional handler, she went on to show many top-winning champions in multiple groups, including numerous Specialty and Best in Show winners.

Over many decades of involvement as a breeder of Greyhounds, she has judged at and organized National Specialty shows and coursing meets, as well as serving as the President of the Greyhound Club of America. Her foundation bitch was the first Best in Field and Best in Show winning Hound in AKC history, and all her Greyhound champions have been coursed in open field. She has been the owner and/or breeder of multiple Best in Show winning Greyhounds and has won the National Specialty from the Bred-by class.

Sue Lackey is the author of ***GREYHOUNDS IN AMERICA*** and several tutorials on judging the breed. She considers Specialties to be the ultimate showcase for any breeder or handler.

Paul Lepiane - 2025 Greyhound World Congress Moderator



I have been involved with purebred dogs, mostly Sighthounds, for over 55 years since even before I showed a Borzoi in 1970. I then went on to work for a couple of west coast handlers and brushed a lot of Afghan Hounds! Over all those years my most important involvement was in publishing dog-show related magazines including ***The Afghan Hound Review***, ***Poodle Variety*** and, with Bo Bengtson, ***Sighthound Review***, ***Dogs in Review*** and ***Whippet Review***. All during that time I also handled a lot of the Bohem Whippets bred by Bo. Although I never really wanted to judge, Pat Ide of Huzzah Greyhounds did convince me to judge the Greyhound Club of America Sweepstakes held in conjunction with Santa Barbara Kennel Club in 1984.

Being involved with the magazines put me in touch with fanciers all over the world, and this morphed into me being a part of several world congresses for various breeds. I was one of the three major organizers and Moderator of the 1995 Afghan Hound World Congress in San Diego, California; Moderator at the 1996 Whippet World Congress in Burlington, Vermont; and Co-Moderator at another Afghan Congress in Elsinore, Denmark in 1997. Fast forward through a couple of decades and more international events, I most recently attended the Whippet World Congress in Padenghe, Italy in 2022 and the Greyhound World Congress in Camberley, England, also in 2022. I'm looking forward to being part of the 2025 Greyhound World Congress for this classic and important breed, which is also one of my favorites.

Maureen Lucas – “Hands On” Judges Education Presentation



Bob and I got our first Greyhound in 1973. He went on to become multiple group placing Am & Can CH Kingsmark Spitfire, Am & Can CDX, (Jesse) and set the bar for what we wanted in our Greyhounds. Our Greyhounds have been in an opera, a tv commercial, were mascots for a high school football team, have marched in parades and done 17 years of pet therapy, in addition to going to shows and trials.

I have been on the board of GCA and judged a number of our Sweeps, been on committees to write our official breed study guide, create our AKC breed video, have presented our breed program at judges education seminars, and had the honor of being one of the speakers at the first World Greyhound Congress in Norway. Jesse, my first Greyhound over 50 years ago was sired by a Guld's dog, and now my young Nigel was sired by a Guld's dog. A cohesive, consistent vision of the breed, a dedication to the standard and to the mental and physical health of Lochinvar dogs are my steadfast commitments.

Laurie Soutar - AKC Winner of Lifetime Achievement in Performance will speak on breeding for the total Greyhound.

Laurie Soutar has been involved with sighthounds since she was a teenager, bred her first litter of Grey-



hounds under the Lakilanni prefix in 1976, and since then has worked to breed, encourage and promote dogs who could be successful in both the field and in the ring. She has been involved in promoting and preserving various Performance Sports for many years, and she has extensive experience in all facets of Performance Events. She hosted events at her property for 30 years, including showsw, Lure Coursing, Rally and Obedience Trials, Draft Dog Tests, as well as Specialties and Breed Club Events. She has been Trial Secretary or Chair for many different sports for different clubs and has assisted and supported the creation of numerous Performance Clubs. She has mentored Judges, Field Trial Secretaries and Lure Operators. She oversaw the creation of the Canadian Amateur Racing Association and wrote the rule book. She created and wrote the rules for a Lure Coursing program for the UKC, which included the first ever coursing titles for non-sighthounds. The program was so popular that the following year AKC adopted virtually identical rules, and the CAT and Fast CAT® programs have introduced thousands of dogs and their handlers to the joys of running sports.

She has promoted Performance Sports enthusiastically and tirelessly through articles in many dog publications, teaching classes, as well as offering seminars, workshops and try- it days, and currently teaches Obedience, Rally and Scent Work, as well as running Lure Coursing practices. She is licensed to judge Lure Coursing in every venue, and various other sports through several registries. She organized the Fast CAT® test for the first Eukanuba Performance Games, has hosted the National Lure Coursing Championship, and when AKC Scent Work was introduced, she organized and was Secretary for full trials on the first official date.

She believes that Conformation and Performance go hand in hand and has bred more than 30 Dual Champions since the inception of AKC's Lure Coursing program in 1991, and more than 50 that included ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association) Field Champions that were also AKC Bench Champions. She was awarded the **AKC Performance Breeder of the Year in 2015**. In addition, she has titled Greyhounds in nearly every sport, and has had numerous dogs achieve #1 status in Lure Coursing, including two dogs that were #1 in AKC, ASFA and CKC Lure Coursing in the same year.

Dr. Uchenna Nlebedum - an Ophthalmologist speaking openly on current research on PRA and testing being done on Greyhounds (**UC Davis** and **U of Florida**) "Current Advancements in Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) in Greyhounds and new a genetic test."



Dr. Uchenna Nlebedum received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from **University of Nigeria**, Nsukka and obtained his masters from the same university. In his master's dissertation, he evaluated the developmental morphology of the eyeball of the Red Sokoto Goat. He moved to the United States and joined the Comparative Ocular Pathology Laboratory of Wisconsin (COPLOW) and the Gamm Laboratory both at **University of Wisconsin**, Madison. He later joined the Comparative Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences Laboratory (COVSL) at **University of California**, Davis where he is currently a doctorate candidate working with Dr. Sara Thomasy. His research focuses on degenerative retinal diseases by characterizing the phenotype and identifying the mutation responsible for a novel type of progressive retinal atrophy in racing Greyhounds. He enjoys reading and spending time with family.

PANELISTS



Bitte Ahrens Primavera (Sobers) - Italy



Clare Boggia (Boughton) - England



Bruce Clark (Shylo) - USA



Patricia Clark (Willomoor) - USA – Biography on Page 8



Dr Robert Dove – USA – Biography on Page 8



Dani & Elizabeth Edgerton (Cebar) - USA – Biography on Page 9



Espen Engh (Jets) - Norway



Dr Rob Gillette – USA – Biography on Page 11



Sue Lackey (Talos) – USA – Biography on Page 11



Maureen Lucas (Lochinvar) - USA – Biography on Page 12



Anita Pugh (SkyHi) - USA



Veronique Rivet (Christcile) - France



Pamela Rubinstein (Rubicon) - USA



Laurie Soutar (Lakilanni) - Canada – Biography on Page 13

GCA National Specialty

Friday December 12, 2025 11:45 a.m. - OCCC Ring 32
Conformation Judge - Desmond Murphy

Desmond Murphy is a prominent figure in the dog show community, recognized as an AKC judge and a third-generation dog enthusiast. He has been involved in the sport for over 65 years and has judged in more than 50 countries.

Judging Experience:

AKC Judge Since: 1976

Breeds Judged: Approved to judge 93 breeds.

Contributions to Dog Shows:

Breeder Showcase: Co-chair for the Santa Barbara Breeder Showcase, a competitive event for dog breeders.

Focus on Youth: Advocates for the involvement of younger breeders and handlers in the dog show community, noting a decline in participation.

Personal Background

Family Legacy: Grew up in a family deeply involved in dog breeding and showing, with his grandfather managing kennels in Scotland.

Achievements: Known for handling multiple Best in Show Chow Chows, he emphasizes the importance of preserving breed type in dog breeding.

Desmond Murphy continues to be a respected judge and mentor in the dog show world, contributing to the sport's growth and the education of new generations

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“I spent my childhood and teenage years growing up at the famous Mardormere kennel of Greyhounds and Whippets. I have seen all the best Greyhounds in the last sixty years.

I have been judging Greyhounds for over 49 years. I have judged many Greyhound Specialties. I have judged B.I.S. at the AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW and Morris and Essex. I was awarded Judge of the Year at the Dog News/ Purina Dinner this past year .

I am looking forward to judging at the World Congress so much. It is a great honor to be invited to judge this special event.”

Thank you
Desi Murphy





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*Thank You for Attending the 2025 Greyhound World Congress in Orlando.
We Hope our Paths Cross Again Soon!*