

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria is delighted to announce the international judging panel for the 2013 Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show.

The international judging panel will include the expertise of **Ms Denys Janssen** (Columbia), **Mrs Gloria Geringer** (USA), **Mr Juan Carlos Vasconellos** (Paraguay) and **Mr Pedro Sanches Delerue** (Portugal).

For the very first time at any Australian Royal Show, the international panel will be further enhanced by the inclusion of Herr Hans–Peter Fetten (Germany), an SV judge who will be judging both varieties of German Shepherd dogs.

German Shepherds will be judged on Saturday 21 September on the large natural grass judging ring and it will be the first time at the Royal Melbourne Show where German Shepherds will be critiqued and graded. The RASV and its' Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show committee greatly appreciate and value the support of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria with this exciting initiative.

Many breed enthusiasts enjoy having the opinion of a specialist judge, the variety of involvement, experience and hands–on involvement contained in this year's judging panel reflects this. The Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show this year can be considered a 'Feature Show' for many breeds indicated as follows:

Mrs Denys Janssen (Columbia) will judge Great Danes; **Mrs Gloria Geringer** (USA) will judge American Cocker Spaniels and Whippets; **Mr Juan Carlos Vasconellos** (Paraguay) will judge Fox Terriers (Smooth), Salukis and Beagles and **Mr Pedro Delerue** (Portugal) will judge Labradors and Old English Sheepdogs.

The total judging assignment for each member of our international panel at the 2013 Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show is as follows:

Ms Denys Janssen (Columbia) will judge Bichon Frise, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels & Yorkshire Terriers from the Toy Group; American Staffordshire Terriers & Jack Russell Terriers from the Terrier Group; Afghan Hounds from the Hound Group; Australian Shepherds from the Working Group; Alaskan Malamutes, Newfoundlands & Siberian Huskies from the Utility Group and **Group 7 Non–Sporting and Non–Sporting Group Specials and GENERAL SPECIALS.**

Mrs Gloria Geringer (USA) will judge **Group 1 Toys** (less Bichon Frise, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels & Yorkshire Terriers) and **Toy Group Specials**; American Cocker Spaniels from the Gundog Group; **Group 4 Hounds** (less Afghan Hounds, Beagles & Salukis) **and Hound Group Specials.**

Mr Juan Carlos Vasconellos (Paraguay) **Group 2 Terrier** (less American Staffordshire Terriers & Jack Russel Terriers) and **Terrier Group Specials**; Beagles & Salukis from the Hound Group and **Group 6 Utility** (less Alaskan Malamutes, Newfoundlands & Siberian Huskies) **and Utility Group Specials.**

Mr Pedro Delerue (Portugal) will judge **Group 3 Gundogs** (less American Cocker Spaniels) **and Gundog Group Specials**; **Group 5 Working** (less Australian Shepherds, German Shepherd Dogs & German Shepherd Dogs (Long Stock)) **and Working Group Specials**

Herr Hans–Peter Fetten (Germany) will judge German Shepherd Dogs & German Shepherd Dogs (Long Stock) from the Working Group.

All **Sweepstakes classes** will be judged by the very knowledgeable **Ms Debbie Cozart** (WA).

The Action Dog competitions consisting of '**Obedience Trials**' and '**Agility/ Jumping Trials**' will be judged by **Mr Brian Fielder from South Australia.**

The **2013 Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show** runs from **Saturday 21 September to Saturday 28 September.** The Schedule will be published online at rasv.com.au and in the May edition of the Dogs Victoria Gazette.

There's nothing like winning a Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show blue ribbon at the Royal Melbourne Show, Victoria's largest annual community event.

2013 Royal Melbourne Show, Saturday 21 September – Wednesday 2 October at Melbourne Showgrounds.