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Last year's 1st place "Cute & Cuddly" Color Winner, Olena Kagui / American Staffordshire Terrier

THE AKC'S FAMILY DOG MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES 44th ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

New York, N.Y. – Calling all photographers! Think your dog has that star quality? The AKC's Family Dog Magazine invites people to participate in the 44th Annual AKC Publications Photo Contest.

The contest is open now through **February 8th, 2023**. Family Dog Magazine asks participants to enter and follow this year's theme, "Dogs in Action". Entries are judged based solely on creativity, quality, and originality. Submissions received via post must be postmarked by **February 1st, 2023** and received no later than **February 8th, 2023**. Entries can also be emailed to photocontest@akc.org. One entry each can be submitted for Color and Black & White categories.

“There are already so many amazing entries and we look forward to receiving many more,” said Mara Bovsun, Managing Editor of AKC Family Dog. “It’s always a joy to see how participants interpret each year’s theme.”

Winners of the Family Dog Photo Contest will receive cash prizes with a First Place prize of \$500; Second Place of \$250; and one Third Place prize of \$150 and will be featured in a special section of Family Dog Magazine. For more information including the address to send entries to and contest rules and regulations, visit <https://www.akc.org/products-services/magazines/family-dog/photo-contest/rules/>.

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