



announces the new edition of the
WORLD DOG SHOW 2026



**The international cynological event will be
held at BOLOGNA FIERE
from JUNE 3rd to 7th**

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The **Italian National Canine Association (ENCI)** is proud to announce the organisation of the new edition of the **World Dog Show 2026**, the world's most important canine exhibition, which returns to Italy after 11 years and will be held at the **BolognaFiere** exhibition centre from **June 3rd to 7th**.

With over 100,000 square metres of exhibition space, divided into 12 halls and 90 judging rings, the event will host around 400 dog breeds, with breeders from five continents bringing the best of international dog breeding to Bologna.

An international jury comprising **230 expert judges** will be responsible for the evaluations, selecting the best dogs based on morphological and functional characteristics, with full respect for animal welfare - a core value for ENCI.

The most eagerly awaited moment will be the announcement of the **“BEST IN SHOW - WDS 2026”**, which will see the selected dogs parade in the prestigious **International Ring of Honour**, a space of over 200 square metres enhanced by the most advanced stage technologies.

The **World Dog Show 2026** will not merely be an exhibition, but also an opportunity for breeders to exchange ideas and develop their skills, allowing them to share experiences and discuss the most pressing issues in dog breeding. The public, meanwhile, will have the chance to admire the beauty and charm of the dogs in a unique exhibition setting, in the heart of the city of Bologna, promoting an appreciation of canine culture.

“The World Dog Show 2026 represents a milestone of extraordinary importance for Italy and for ENCI. Bologna will be the international stage for dog breeding, welcoming breeders and enthusiasts from all over the world, confirming our commitment to high-quality dog breeding, always with respect for animal welfare,” said **Dino Muto, ENCI president**.

The event’s **main sponsor** will be **Royal Canin**, which will welcome visitors to a dedicated area featuring fun activities for children and interactive experiences for families, offering useful information and opportunities to spend time with dogs.

ABOUT ENCI

The **Italian National Canine Association (ENCI)** is the only organisation recognised by the Italian government for the protection and promotion of pedigree dogs in Italy. It manages the stud book, coordinates dog breeding associations across the country and promotes events and projects that utilise pedigree dogs in areas of social utility, ranging from civil protection to healthcare, from environmental protection to security.

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