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Marisa Melo Joins Team Eukanuba

MT. SHASTA, CALIFORNIA (August 8, 2011) – 11 year-old Marisa Melo of Mt. Shasta, Calif. learned today that she will join the prestigious Team Eukanuba which consists of 70 of the elite owners and trainers in the nation which represent Eukanuba in various competitive sporting trials around the country. Marisa will be the youngest member of Team Eukanuba and will represent Eukanuba at events and be a spokesperson on the benefits of the Eukanuba products.

Marisa continues to impress the hunt test community with her desire and passion she brings to the fields at the AKC events throughout the Northwest region. Marisa most recently completed her Senior handler certification in Glide, Oregon and now plans to move into the highest levels of hunt test competition by competing in Master Hunt Tests as early as this October at just 11 years old.

"I am so excited and honored to have received the call from Rick Dirmeyer of Eukanuba asking me to be part of Team Eukanuba" said Marisa Melo. "There initial support this year has been great and I am so excited to be able to do more with them. I want to thank Rick Dirmeyer and everyone at Eukanuba for believing in me." Please visit EukSport at www.euksport.com

Marisa began her training over three years ago training rain or shine in the Mt Shasta area and completed her Junior handler certification thru AKC last season at just 10 years old and now has completed her Senior handler at age 11. Marisa has announced she will now set the bar higher and will begin competing in Master Hunt tests and some Field Trial events by the end of 2011 and into 2012.

Marisa will continue to travel throughout the Northwest this season with continued support from other industry leaders such as Tri-Tronics, and The Original Muck Boot Company to name a few and will be training directly under Misty Melo and Kerry Lavin. With the support group this young talent has around her, she will continue to focus on a few goals which are to have fun, represent her team and sponsors well and work on obtaining the five Master passes she needs to qualify for the 2012 Master Nationals to be held October 19-28th in Greensboro, Alabama.

Marisa has attracted the attention of sponsors and pro trainers from across the U.S. and is sponsored by Eukanuba, Tri-Tronics, The Original Muck Boot Company, Mossy Oak, PepperJack Kennels and Grouse Creek Labrador Retrievers.

If you are interested in learning more about or sponsoring Marisa, you can visit the PepperJack Kennels website at www.pepperjackkennels.com