



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is a Dog Show?**

The basic purpose of a dog show is to facilitate the evaluation of breeding stock to be used in producing the next generations.

### **What is a Benched Dog Show?**

Westminster is one of the few clubs that continues to hold a benched dog show. The dogs competing are staged on benches categorized by breed throughout the day of competition. This benching allows for the public to easily see all the breeds entered, speak with owners, breeders and handlers to learn more about the dogs.

### **Can People Touch the Dogs?**

Benched shows are the perfect place for the public to see and touch all 202 breeds. Proper etiquette requires that you always ask the owner first, as the dog may be close to entering the competition ring.

### **What is the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster?**

Our agility competition will display the country's greatest canine athletes (purebreds and mixed breeds) and their handlers excitedly attack an obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles, and more, in entertaining races against the clocks.

### **What is the Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster?**

The obedience competition highlights the responsiveness of dogs (purebreds and mixed breeds) to their handlers' commands. At this special event, top-ranked dogs and their handlers will be judged on a combination of exercises including directed jumping, scent discrimination and drop on recall. It is a terrific demonstration of how training and teamwork can make an incredibly close dog and human bond.

### **How Can I Follow the Events Online?**

Westminster has many social accounts in addition to its website which will be posting results and streaming video coverage throughout Westminster Week.

[www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org)

Facebook: Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Twitter: @WKCDOGS

Instagram: @westminsterkennelclub

Pinterest: wkcdogshow

YouTube: Westminster Kennel Club Official

### **Where Can I Buy Tickets?**

Tickets can be purchased through [westminsterkennelclub.org](http://westminsterkennelclub.org).

## **What Can I See on TV and Online?**

Sunday, February 11, 2018

The Masters Agility Championship at Westminster Finals will air on FS1 - from 8pm - 10pm ET.

Monday, February 12, 2018

Full coverage details will be available soon.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Full coverage details will be available soon.

## **How Many Dogs Compete During Westminster Week?**

The 142nd Westminster Kennel Club event will feature around 3,000 dogs competing, from all over the country.

## **How long has The Westminster Kennel Club been holding dogs shows?**

Since 1877, the Westminster Kennel Club (WKC) has held an annual benching all breed dog show in New York City at Madison Square Garden. In 2013 the daytime judging moved to Piers 92/94, with the evening Group, junior Showmanship finals and Best in Show judging continuing at the Garden.