



THE 142ND ANNUAL
WESTMINSTER
KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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**HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTES SUSSEX SPANIEL WINS SPORTING GROUP
AT 142ND ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
IN NEW YORK CITY**

New York, NY - The Sussex Spaniel "Bean" of Hampden, Massachusetts, handled by Per Ingar Rismyhr for breeder-owners Karen Ann Toner and Amanda Toner, won the Sporting Group under Judge Elizabeth "Beth" Sweigart at the 142nd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12-13, 2018.

Bean, a 7-year-old male officially known as GCH Kamand's Full Of Beans @ Erinhill, took top honors in a field of 32 Best of Breed winners comprising the Sporting Group. The dog show featured nearly 2,900 dogs, with two days of Best of Breed competition held at Piers 92/94 and Group and Best in Show competitions held at Madison Square Garden.

"Winning the Sporting Group at Westminster is a major achievement for breeders, owners, and handlers. Congratulations to Bean's team," said Westminster Kennel Club Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher.

Selected highlights of the best of breed competitions were featured live on Nat Geo WILD on Feb. 12-13. For full Sporting Group results and video visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

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About The Westminster Kennel Club – The Westminster Kennel Club is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of purebred dogs. Established in 1877, Westminster's influence has been felt for more than a century through its famous all-breed, benched dog show held every year at New York City's Madison Square Garden. Today, America's dog show has expanded into Westminster Week which includes the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster and the Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster, both held at Piers 92/94. More than 3,000 dogs from the US and abroad makes Westminster Week like no other. *Westminster. There's only one.* Visit us at: www.westminsterkennelclub.org or follow us @WKCDOGS.

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