



THE 143RD ANNUAL
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KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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TWO BREEDS DEBUT AND DOZENS OF DACHSHUNDS DESCEND ON THE 143RD ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes and Grand Bassett Griffon Vendeéns Make First Appearance at Westminster

New York, NY – The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show welcomes two new breeds the Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes and Grand Bassett Griffon Vendeéns to its iconic all-breed dog show at Piers 92/94 and Madison Square Garden in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11 and 12, 2019

Joining seven Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes, a spirited dog of Dutch descent from the Sporting Group and eight Grand Bassett Griffon Vendeéns, a happy, outgoing French rough-coated dog from the Hound Group are 76 Dachshunds (three varieties), 57 Golden Retrievers, 53 Bernese Mountain Dogs, 48 French Bulldogs, 47 Labrador Retrievers, and 41 Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

The 143rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show reached its conformation entry limit, for a total of **2,800 dogs** among **203 breeds and varieties** representing **2,916 entries** which includes **102 junior showmanship qualifiers** and **14 obedience teams** competing in the 4th Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019. There are also **330 agility teams** entered in the 6th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, part of the Meet & Compete event featuring AKC Meet the Breeds[®].

Agility fans can catch the fast-paced action of the Championship finals once again on the FOX broadcast network on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019 from 2 pm to 4:30 pm EST. Daytime viewers will enjoy select live coverage of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and Masters Obedience Championship on Nat Geo WILD on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11-12, 2019 from 1 pm to 4 pm EST. The coveted Groups and Best in Show live telecast will continue on FS1 on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 11 pm EST.

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The 143rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 11-12, 2019 / Pier 92/94 / Madison Square Garden

There are **2,879 dogs in the show** from **50 states**, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico with the most dogs from **California (246)**, followed by New York (209), Pennsylvania (197), New Jersey (173), Florida (173), Connecticut (139), and Texas (137). They include **Junior Showmanship qualifiers (102)** and **144 entries** from **14 other countries**, topped by **Canada (103)**, Russia (8), Mexico (7), and Japan (6). The farthest entries are from South Korea (4) and Thailand (2).

Dog Show Breed Entries by Group

Sporting breeds (540): Brittanys (13), Lagotti Romagnoli (11), **Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes (7)**, Pointers (17), Pointers (German Shorthaired) (37), Pointers (German Wirehaired) (11), Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay) (14), Retrievers (Curly-Coated) (8), Retrievers (Flat-Coated) (32), **Retrievers (Golden) (57)**, Retrievers (Labrador) (47), Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling) (32), Setters (English) (19), Setters (Gordon) (10), Setters (Irish) (17), Setters (Irish Red & White) (9), Spaniels (American Water) (3), Spaniels (Boykin) (3), Spaniels (Clumber) (9), Spaniels (Cocker) ASCOB (6), Spaniels (Cocker) Black (10), Spaniels (Cocker) Parti-Color (12), Spaniels (English Cocker) (16), Spaniels (English Springer) (22), Spaniels (Field) (12), Spaniels (Irish Water) (4), Spaniels (Sussex) (6), Spaniels (Welsh Springer) (8), Spinoni Italiani (19), Vizslas (40), Weimaraners (12), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons (9), Wirehaired Vizslas (8).

Hound breeds (429): Afghan Hounds (20), American English Coonhounds (5), American Foxhounds (7), Basenjis (21), Basset Hounds (14), Beagles (13") (13), Beagles (15") (27), Black and Tan Coonhounds (3), Bloodhounds (8), Bluetick Coonhounds (7), Borzois (20), Cirnechi dell'Etna (9), Dachshunds (Longhaired) (22), Dachshunds (Smooth) (27), Dachshunds (Wirehaired) (27), English Foxhounds (2), **Grand Bassett Griffon Vendeens (8)**, Greyhounds (9), Harriers (1), Ibizan Hounds (13), Irish Wolfhounds (11), Norwegian Elkhounds (12), Otterhounds (6), Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens (9), Pharaoh Hounds (10), Plotts (8), Portuguese Podengo Pequenos (11), Redbone Coonhounds (5), **Rhodesian Ridgebacks (41)**, Salukis (14), Scottish Deerhounds (8), Sloughis (1), Treeing Walker Coonhounds (6), Whippets (24).

Working breeds (451): Akitas (7), Alaskan Malamutes (8), Anatolian Shepherd Dogs (6), **Bernese Mountain Dogs (53)**, Black Russian Terriers (12), Boerboels (4), Boxers (14), Bullmastiffs (24), Cane Corsos (18), Doberman Pinschers (28), Dogues de Bordeaux (16), German Pinschers (8), Giant Schnauzers (16), Great Danes (20), Great Pyrenees (8), Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs (19), Komondorok (3), Kuvaszok (4), Leonbergers (18), Mastiffs (12), Neapolitan Mastiffs (5), Newfoundlands (17), Portuguese Water Dogs (16), Rottweilers (18), Samoyeds (30), Siberian Huskies (30), St. Bernards (10), Standard Schnauzers (20), Tibetan Mastiffs (7).

Terrier breeds (310): **Airedale Terriers (19)**, American Hairless Terriers (13), American Staffordshire Terriers (7), Australian Terriers (5), Bedlington Terriers (15), Border Terriers (13), Bull Terriers (Colored) (6), Bull Terriers (White) (2), Cairn Terriers (16), Cesky Terriers (8), Dandie Dinmont Terriers (6), Fox Terriers (Smooth) (16), Fox Terriers (Wire) (12), Glen of Imaal Terriers (9), Irish Terriers (4), Kerry Blue Terriers (11), Lakeland Terriers (10), Manchester Terriers (Standard) (9), Miniature Bull Terriers (10), Miniature Schnauzers (16), Norfolk Terriers (3), Norwich Terriers (10), Parson Russell Terriers (9), Rat Terriers (8), Russell Terriers (13),

Scottish Terriers (10), Sealyham Terriers (5), Skye Terriers (6), Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (14), Staffordshire Bull Terriers (10), Welsh Terriers (4), West Highland White Terriers (11).

Toy breeds (353): Affenpinschers (9), Brussels Griffons (12), **Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (38)**, Chihuahuas (Long Coat) (15), Chihuahuas (Smooth Coat) (18), Chinese Cresteds (19), English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles) (6), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby) (7), Havanese (21), Italian Greyhounds (12), Japanese Chin (9), Maltese (11), Manchester Terriers (Toy) (10), Miniature Pinschers (11), Papillons (16), Pekingese (17), Pomeranians (26), Poodles (Toy) (11), Pugs (25), Shih Tzu (12), Silky Terriers (9), Toy Fox Terriers (10), Yorkshire Terriers (29).

Non-Sporting breeds (321): American Eskimo Dogs (11), Bichon Frises (25), Boston Terriers (24), Bulldogs (32), Chinese Shar-Pei (17), Chow Chows (13), Cotons de Tulear (5), Dalmatians (26), Finnish Spitz (6), **French Bulldogs (48)**, Keeshonden (12), Lhasa Apsos (16), Lowchen (3), Norwegian Lundehunds (2), Poodles (Miniature) (10), Poodles (Standard) (19), Schipperkes (7), Shiba Inu (12), Tibetan Spaniels (8), Tibetan Terriers (18), Xoloitzcuintlis (7).

Herding breeds (397): Australian Cattle Dogs (16), **Australian Shepherds (38)**, Bearded Collies (20), Beaucerons (11), Belgian Malinois (16), Belgian Sheepdogs (13), Belgian Tervuren (14), Bergamasco Sheepdogs (7), Berger Picards (13), Border Collies (16), Bouviers des Flandres (7), Briards (9), Canaan Dogs (3), Cardigan Welsh Corgis (26), Collies (Rough) (13), Collies (Smooth) (12), Entlebucher Mountain Dogs (3), Finnish Lapphunds (7), German Shepherd Dogs (13), Icelandic Sheepdogs (6), Miniature American Shepherds (27), Norwegian Buhunds (8), Old English Sheepdogs (8), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (23), Polish Lowland Sheepdogs (10), Pulik (5), Pumik (14), Pyrenean Shepherds (8), Shetland Sheepdogs (10), Spanish Water Dogs (15), Swedish Vallhunds (6).

Dog Show Entries by Location

States (50): Alaska (8), Alabama (15), Arkansas (12), Arizona (26), **California (246)**, Colorado (34), Connecticut (139), Delaware (24), Florida (173), Georgia (54), Hawaii (10), Idaho (12), Illinois (62), Indiana (42), Iowa (8), Kansas (7), Kentucky (29), Louisiana (26), Maine (10), Maryland (92), Massachusetts (110), Michigan (79), Minnesota (37), Mississippi (7), Missouri (33), Montana (7), Nebraska (6), Nevada (13), New Hampshire (32), New Jersey (173), New Mexico (8), New York (209), North Carolina (71), North Dakota (4), Ohio (89), Oklahoma (21), Oregon (22), Pennsylvania (197), Rhode Island (17), South Carolina (51), South Dakota (4), Tennessee (41), Texas (137), Utah (8), Vermont (18), Virginia (124), Washington (87), West Virginia (14), Wisconsin (72), Wyoming (2). Other: Washington D.C. (10), Puerto Rico (3).

Other Countries (14): Brazil (3), **Canada (103)**, Costa Rica (1), Germany (2), Guatemala (2), Japan (6), Lithuania (1), Mexico (7), Peru (3), Russia (8), Slovenia (1), South Korea (4), Spain (1), and Thailand (2).

6th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 at Pier 94

There are **330 dogs** entered representing **72 breeds** and **33 states** with the most coming from **New Jersey (61)**, New York (55), and Pennsylvania (36). The top 5 entries are **Border Collies (50)**, Shetland Sheepdogs (29), All-American Dogs (27), Golden Retrievers (26), and Papillons (20).

Agility Entries by Breed

Breeds (72): All-American Dogs (27), American Hairless Terrier (1), American Staffordshire Terriers (1), Australian Shepherds (16), Beagles (1), Bearded Collies (1), Bedlington Terriers (1), Belgian Tervuren (2), Berger Picards (1), Bernese Mountain Dogs (1), Bichon Frises (4), **Border Collies (50)**, Border Terrier (1), Borzoi (1), Boston Terrier (4), Boxers (5), Brittany (1), Bull Terriers (1), Bulldog (1), Cairn Terriers (1), Cardigan Welsh Corgis (2), Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (2), Chesapeake Bay Retriever (1), Chihuahuas (2), Chinese Crested (1), Cocker Spaniels (10), Curly-Coated Retrievers (1), Dachshunds (2), Dalmatians (1), Doberman Pinschers (5), English Cocker Spaniels (3), English Springer Spaniels (3), Finnish Lapphunds (1), Flat-Coated Retrievers (3), Fox Terriers (1), German Shepherd Dogs (3), German Shorthaired Pointers (1), Glen of Imaal Terrier (1), Golden Retrievers (26), Havanese (1), Icelandic Sheepdogs (3), Irish Red & White Setters (1), Irish Setters (1), Keeshonden (4), Labrador Retrievers (14), Lowchen (1), Maltese (1), Manchester Terriers (1), Miniature American Shepherds (5), Miniature Schnauzers (2), Mudi (1), Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers (2), Papillons (20), Parson Russell Terriers (4), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (7), Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen (1), Pomeranians (4), Poodles (13), Portuguese Water Dogs (2), Rat Terriers (1), Rhodesian Ridgebacks (1), Rottweilers (4), Rough Collie (1), Salukis (1), Scottish Terriers (3), Shetland Sheepdogs (29), Shiba Inu (2), Shih Tzu (1), Siberian Huskies (1), Toy Fox Terriers (1), West Highland White Terriers (2), Yorkshire Terriers (2).

Agility Entries by Location

States (33): Alabama (1), Arizona (4), California (8), Colorado (1), Connecticut (19), Delaware (2), Florida (2), Georgia (4), Illinois (3), Indiana (5), Kentucky (2), Massachusetts (23), Maryland (9), Michigan (4), Missouri (2), North Carolina (9), Nebraska (1), New Hampshire (13), **New Jersey (61)**, New Mexico (4), New York (55), Ohio (14), Pennsylvania (36), Rhode Island (4), Tennessee (4), Texas (8), Virginia (23), Vermont (2), Washington (1), Wisconsin (2), West Virginia (1).

4th Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster Entries

Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 at Pier 94

There are **14 dogs** entered from **8 states** led by **New Jersey (5)** and South Carolina (3). **Border Collies (4)** and **Labrador Retrievers (4)** are tied for the most entered followed by Golden Retrievers (3). Entries also include Belgian Malinois, German Shepherd Dogs, and Papillons. Other states represented are Florida, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Tennessee, and Washington.

***** All entry counts are subject to final AKC audit *****

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