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## **COLUMBIA, NEW JERSEY RESIDENT WINS MASTERS OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AT 143<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY**

**New York, NY** – The Labrador Retriever “Heart” of Columbia, New Jersey, owned and handled by Linda Brennan, won the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City at Pier 94.

Heart, a 6 1/2-year-old female, officially known as OTCH Rhumblin’s Once In A Blue Moon UDX9 OGM BN GN VER RE JH ACT1 SCN CGC TKI, bred by Susan Carpenter, bested a field of 15 Obedience competitors entered over two rounds of competition. Heart and Linda posted the best combined score of 287 out of a possible 300 to become the 2019 Masters Obedience Champion. This is an extraordinary four-time win for Heart and Linda, who triumphed at the inaugural event in 2016, as well as in 2017 and 2018.

“It is an amazing feat to win the Masters Obedience Championship,” said Westminster Kennel Club Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher. “Dedication and hard work are demanded, and there must be a strong partnership between dog and handler. To win this event four consecutive times is astonishing.”

The championship final round was featured on the live broadcast on Nat Geo WILD on Feb. 11. For full Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster results and video visit [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org). All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan®.

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