



THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN COMPANY AND THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCE THE 144TH ANNUAL WKC DOG SHOW AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AND TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2020

**New Dog Breed, The Azawakh, Will Make Its Competition Debut When
The 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Returns To The World's
Most Famous Arena**

TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 10:00AM

New York, NY (September 26, 2019) – The Madison Square Garden Company and the Westminster Kennel Club have announced that the 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will return to Madison Square Garden on Monday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Additionally, – a new breed will be introduced to the competition, the Azawakh, making its Westminster debut at The World's Most Famous Arena. Tickets go on sale Thursday, October 3 at 10:00am.

The Azawakh, is an ancient hunting hound that hails from the West African countries of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. The Azawakh's short, fine coat can come in several shades and color combinations. As a member of the sighthound family, the breed's lean and muscular structure paired with their keen vision makes them reliable hunters. The Azawakh's sprinting ability have allowed them to chase gazelle across the Sahara Desert for more than a thousand years. In addition to the breed's physical capabilities they also excel as companion dogs.

“We are thrilled to be back at Madison Square Garden for the 144th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and to announce the addition of an African sighthound breed that will make its debut on the green carpet this year at the World's Most Famous Arena,” said Gail Miller Bisher, director of communications, Westminster Kennel Club. “This will be a historic year for the breed and the kennel club.”

The Westminster Kennel Club is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of purpose bred 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 in New York City.

Tickets will be available beginning on Thursday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. and can be purchased online at www.msg.com/dogshow, Ticketmaster at 1-866-858-0008 or the Ticketmaster Box Office at Madison Square Garden. Box Office hours are Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Service charges apply to telephone, internet and box office pick-up orders. For group sales, please call 212-465-6080. Accessible and companion seats are available via the Disabled Services Department at 888-609-7599.

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