



THE 144<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**WESTMINSTER**  
KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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## **THE 144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW EXPANDS TO THREE DAYS IN 2020**

*Tickets are now on sale for America's Dog Show*

**NEW YORK** — The Westminster Kennel Club will expand its iconic dog show to include an additional third day of breed judging at Pier 94 in New York City. The Westminster Week celebration of dogs will kick off on Saturday, Feb. 8, with the Masters Agility Championship followed by the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Feb. 9-11, 2020.

Westminster will continue its annual benched dog show tradition, which offers the public an opportunity to meet and greet nearly 3,000 dogs of 205 breeds and varieties. In 2020, this will include an extra dog show day on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Pier 94. Spectators will now have a weekend opportunity to interact with hundreds of dogs and watch top show dogs vie for a chance to compete in the Groups, which will be held during the evening at Madison Square Garden on Monday, Feb. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020.

For 2020, Westminster welcomes a newly eligible breed, the Azawakh, to the competition. Originally from the West African nations of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, this guardian and hunter has a long history as a companion to nomads of the region. The Westminster Best of Breed winning Azawakh will make history as the first in its breed to compete in the Hound Group at Madison Square Garden. To learn more about this African sighthound, please visit the [Media Center](#) or the Azawakh breed page on [Westminsterkennelclub.org](http://Westminsterkennelclub.org).

"We are thrilled to offer dog lovers another day to meet top canine competitors from around the world," Westminster Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher said. "Westminster looks forward to continuing its tradition of celebrating purpose-bred dogs, and their owners, breeders, and exhibitors, by sharing their heartwarming stories and highlighting their achievements in dog sports."

There are a variety of ticket options on sale now at [westminsterkennelclub.org](http://westminsterkennelclub.org). Also, find a quick reference guide to Westminster event tickets [here](#).

## Westminster Week Schedule:

### Pier 94

- Feb 8           **Masters Agility Championship**  
                    Saturday - Agility Preliminaries (8 am – 4 pm)  
                    Saturday - Agility Finals (7 pm - 9 pm)
- Feb 9           **Masters Obedience Championship**  
                    Sunday - (8 am-4:30 pm)
- Feb 9-11       **144<sup>th</sup> Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show**  
                    Sunday - Breed judging (8 am-4:30 pm) Hound and Herding Breeds  
                    Monday - Breed judging (8 am-4:30 pm) Terrier, Non-Sporting and Toy Breeds  
                    Tuesday - Breed judging (8 am-4:30 pm) Sporting and Working Breeds

### Madison Square Garden

- Feb 10-11      **144<sup>th</sup> Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show**  
                    Monday – Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding Group judging (7:30 pm – 11:00 pm)  
                    Tuesday – Junior Showmanship Finals (7:00 pm) Sporting, Working, Terrier Group and Best in Show judging (7:30 pm – 11:00 pm)

To find out more about the Westminster Week events presented by Purina Pro Plan, go to: [westminsterkennelclub.org](http://westminsterkennelclub.org).

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**About The Westminster 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, bench dog show held every year in New York City. Today 205 breeds and varieties of dogs compete in Best of Breed judging at Pier 94 with the winners advancing to the Group and Best in Show competitions at Madison Square Garden. 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 Pier 94. Nearly 3,000 dogs entered from around the world compete in these events, making Westminster Week like no other. *Westminster. There's only one.* (R) Follow us @WKCDOGS or visit: [westminsterkennelclub.org](http://westminsterkennelclub.org).

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\* The handler or owners of these champions may have received Purina Pro Plan dog food as Purina ambassadors.