



THE 144TH ANNUAL
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KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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**BELLA VISTA, CALIFORNIA SHETLAND SHEEPDOG WINS HERDING
GROUP AT 144TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB
DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY**

NEW YORK – The Shetland Sheepdog “Conrad” of Bella Vista, California, handled by owner Tyler Crady and also owned by Deborah Sirdofsky, Guy Okada, and Debi Tario, won the Herding Group under Judge Shirley Limoges at the 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on February 10, 2020.

Conrad, a 6-year-old male, officially known as GCHP Syringa-Akadia The Corsair, bred by Deborah Sirdofsky and Shannalee Waller-Michalsky, took top honors in a field of 31 Best of Breed winners, comprising the Herding Group. Westminster reached its conformation entry limit of 2,500 dogs, with three days of Best of Breed competition Feb. 9-11 held at Pier 94, and Group and Best in Show competition held at Madison Square Garden.

“Going Herding Group First at the Garden is an amazing feat,” said Westminster Kennel Club Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher. “Congratulations to Conrad and his incredible team.”

Selected highlights of the Best of Breed competitors were featured live on FS2 on Feb. 10-11. For full Herding Group results and video visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

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The Westminster Kennel Club, established in 1877, is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of purebred dogs. Westminster's influence has been felt for more than a century through its famous all-breed, bench dog show held annually in New York City. Each year, 205 dog breeds and varieties — highlighting preservation breeders and purpose-bred dogs — are eligible to compete in the dog show at Pier 94. Best of Breed winners advance 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.

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