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COLUMBIA, NEW JERSEY RESIDENT WINS MASTERS OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AT 144TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

Heart retires the Luftnase Cup trophy after a phenomenal fifth consecutive win

NEW YORK – The Labrador Retriever “Heart” of Columbia, New Jersey, owned and handled by Linda Brennan, won the 5th Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 at the 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City at Pier 94.

Heart, a 7 ½- year-old female, officially known as OTCH18 Rhumblin’s Once In A Blue Moon UDX12 OGM BN GN VER RE JH ACT1 SWN CGC TK, bred by Susan Carpenter, bested a field of 22 Obedience entrants over two rounds of competition. Heart and Linda posted the best combined score of 397-1/2 out of a possible 400 to become the 2020 Masters Obedience Champion. This was an unbelievable fifth consecutive win for Heart and Linda, who triumphed at the inaugural event in 2016, as well as in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Brennan now retains permanent possession of the Luftnase Cup, an antique sterling silver trophy offered by Thomas H. Bradley 3d, for her five consecutive wins.

“What Heart and Linda have accomplished is extraordinary,” said Westminster Kennel Club’s Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher. “Heart has been the reigning Masters Obedience Champion, our only Masters Obedience Champion, since the competition was established. What a testament to Susan Carpenter’s breeding program and Linda Brennan’s commitment to excellence.”

Highlights of the championship were featured on the live broadcast on FS1 on Feb. 10. For full Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster 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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