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CHARLESTON, TENNESSEE RESIDENT WINS BEST JUNIOR HANDLER AT 144TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK – Johnathon Wehry with his ASCOB Cocker Spaniel won Best Junior Handler under Judge Valerie Nunes-Atkinson at the 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Madison Square Garden.

Wehry, handling his 6-year-old male, officially known as GCHS Cameo Siloet's Gold Coast Legacy, took top honors in the Junior Showmanship competition besting a field of 108 entrants, narrowed down to eight finalists. Finalists were selected over two days of preliminary competitions held at Pier 94 on Feb. 10 and Feb. 11.

As the 2020 Westminster Kennel Club Best Junior Handler, Wehry will receive a \$10,000 Junior Showmanship Finalists Scholarship Award. Competitors in Junior Showmanship are from 9 to 18 years of age and are judged on their handling abilities.

"It is a huge accomplishment to triumph at this level of competition, against talented young people from around the country," said Westminster Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher. "Congratulations to Johnathon Wehry for his great teamwork with his ASCOB Cocker Spaniel."

Selected highlights of the preliminary rounds were featured on the live broadcast on FS2 on Feb. 10-11. For full Junior Showmanship 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

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