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LIGONIER, PENNSYLVANIA GOLDEN RETRIEVER WINS SPORTING GROUP AT 144TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK – The Golden Retriever “Daniel” of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, handled by Karen Mammano for owners Tammy Tomlinson, Jim Cohen and Robert Samios, won the Sporting Group under Judge Theresa Hundt at the 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on February 11, 2020.

Daniel, a 6-year-old male, officially known as GCHP Hillock’s Jack Daniels RA JH CA RATN CGC, bred by Tammy Tomlinson and Lisa and Jim Cohen, took top honors in a field of 33 Best of Breed winners entered, comprising the Sporting Group. Westminster reached its conformation entry limit of 2,500 dogs, with three days of Best of Breed competition held Feb. 9-11 at Pier 94, and Group and Best in Show competition held at Madison Square Garden.

“To win Best of Breed in the largest entry this year and in a competitive breed like Golden Retrievers at Westminster, and then go on to sweep the Sporting Group is a huge achievement,” said Westminster Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher. “Congratulations to Daniel, and his breeders, owners and handler.”

Selected highlights of the Best of Breed competitors were featured live on FS2 on Feb. 10-11. For full Sporting 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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