OVER 3,000 TOP-RANKED DOGS WILL COMPETE AT THE
147TH WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW HELD AT THE
USTA BILLIE JEAN KING NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER, QUEENS, NYC

Newly Eligible Breed, the Bracco Italiano, Joins America’s Dog Show

New York, NY (March 21, 2023) — The 147th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan, is returning to New York City on May 6, 8, and 9, 2023, after being held in Tarrytown, NY, for two years due to COVID-19. Highlights for this year’s show include one newly AKC-recognized breed, the Bracco Italiano, and Westminster’s inaugural Canine Celebration Day on May 6, commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Masters Agility Championship and the 8th Annual Masters Obedience Championship, both Presented by Purina Pro Plan.

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will welcome spectators once again to see 210 of the 212 recognized breeds represented at this year’s show. The largest Westminster entries by breed are Golden Retrievers (51), Labrador Retrievers (43), Rhodesian Ridgebacks (41), French Bulldogs (38), and Whippets (35). Westminster will celebrate the newly eligible breed, Bracchi Italiani (10), as part of the 16.5 hours of FOX Sports television coverage culminating with Best in Show on Tuesday, May 9, on FS1.

Westminster Week features over 3,000 top-ranked dogs in four different competitions. The week kicks off with the Canine Celebration Day on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The Celebration features the 10th Anniversary Masters Agility Championship and the 8th Annual Masters Obedience Championship and also includes Dock Diving at Westminster, a Breed Showcase, demonstrations of Freestyle Obedience, herding, scent work, and Dog Show 101 presentations.

The breed competitions and Junior Showmanship preliminaries will occur during the daytime on Monday (Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding), and Tuesday (Sporting, Working, and Terrier), May 8 and 9. The Group judging, Junior Showmanship Finals, and Best in Show will be held in the evenings. For the full schedule of events or to purchase tickets to the show, visit westminsterkennelclub.org.
The 147th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

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The states with the most dogs in the competition are California (222), Florida (198), and New York (181), followed by Pennsylvania (152) and Texas (144). There are 86 international entries across thirteen countries, topped by Canada (63), Japan (5), South Korea, and Mexico (4 each).

Dog Show Breed Entries by Group

**Sporting (453):** Barbets (7), Bracchi Italiani (10), Lagotti Romagnoli (4), Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes (5), Pointers (12), Pointers (German Shorthaired) (31), Pointers (German Wirehaired) (6), Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay) (11), Retrievers (Curly-Coated) (6), Retrievers (Flat-Coated) (22), Retrievers (Golden) (51), Retrievers (Labrador) (43), Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling) (16), Setters (English) (18), Setters (Gordon) (15), Setters (Irish) (18), Setters (Irish Red and White) (8), Spaniels (American Water) (5), Spaniels (Boykin) (9), Spaniels (Clumber) (5), Spaniels (Cocker) Black (11), Spaniels (Cocker) A.S.C.O.B. (6), Spaniels (Cocker) Parti-Color (6), Spaniels (English Cocker) (5), Spaniels (English Springer) (17), Spaniels (Field) (6), Spaniels (Irish Water) (5), Spaniels (Sussex) (10), Spaniels (Welsh Springer) (3), Spinoni Italiani (7), Vizslas (29), Weimaraners (12), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons (7), Wirehaired Vizslas (12).

**Hound (403):** Afghan Hounds (22), American English Coonhounds (4), American Foxhounds (4), Azawakhs (5), Basenjis (14), Basset Hounds (14), Beagles, Not Exceeding 13 In. (10), Beagles, Over 13 In. But Not Exceeding 15 In. (17), Black and Tan Coonhounds (9), Bloodhounds (9), Bluetick Coonhounds (5), Borzois (17), Cirnechi dell’Etna (3), Dachshunds (Longhaired) (22), Dachshunds (Smooth) (18), Dachshunds (Wirehaired) (11), English Foxhounds (1), Grand Basset Griffon Vendeens (2), Greyhounds (11), Harriers (2), Ibizan Hounds (18), Irish Wolfhounds (13), Norwegian Elkhounds (3), Otterhounds (8), Petit Bassets Griffons Vendeens (9), Pharaoh Hounds (13), Plott Hounds (4), Portuguese Podengo Pequenos (12), Redbone Coonhounds (8), Rhodesian Ridgebacks (41), Salukis (19), Scottish Deerhounds (9), Sloughis (5), Treeing Walker Coonhounds (6), Whippets (35).

**Working (401):** Akitas (8), Alaskan Malamutes (13), Anatolian Shepherd Dogs (6), Bernese Mountain Dogs (14), Black Russian Terriers (9), Boerboels (3), Boxers (16), Bullmastiffs (25), Cane Corsos (18), Chinooks (2), Doberman Pinschers (24), Dogo Argentinos (9), Dogues de Bordeaux (10), German Pinschers (9), Giant Schnauzers (10), Great Danes (20), Great Pyrenees (10), Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs (19), Komondorok (2), Kuvaszok (6), Leonbergers (18), Mastiffs (12), Neapolitan Mastiffs (11), Newfoundlanders (13), Portuguese Water Dogs (14), Rottweilers (12), Saint Bernards (15), Samoyeds (29), Siberian Huskies (22), Standard Schnauzers (12), Tibetan Mastiffs (10).
Terrier (296): Airedale Terriers (12), American Hairless Terriers (6), American Staffordshire Terriers (15), Australian Terriers (4), Bedlington Terriers (12), Border Terriers (12), Bull Terriers (Colored) (5), Bull Terriers (White) (7), Cairn Terriers (13), Cesky Terriers (7), Dandie Dinmont Terriers (4), Fox Terriers (Smooth) (10), Fox Terriers (Wire) (9), Glen of Imaal Terriers (10), Irish Terriers (9), Kerry Blue Terriers (10), Lakeland Terriers (8), Manchester Terriers (Standard) (6), Miniature Bull Terriers (9), Miniature Schnauzers (9), Norfolk Terriers (12), Norwich Terriers (17), Parson Russell Terriers (5), Rat Terriers (14), Russell Terriers (10), Scottish Terriers (16), Sealyham Terriers (6), Skye Terriers (5), Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (9), Staffordshire Bull Terriers (8), Welsh Terriers (3), West Highland White Terriers (14).

Toy (324): Affenpinschers (8), Biewer Terriers (12), Brussels Griffons (13), Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (28), Chihuahuas (Long Coat) (16), Chihuahuas (Smooth Coat) (13), Chinese Cresteds (27), English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles) (4), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby) (5), Havanese (14), Italian Greyhounds (16), Japanese Chin (8), Maltese (7), Manchester Terriers (Toy) (13), Miniature Pinschers (7), Papillons (21), Pekingese (14), Pomeranians (19), Poodles (Toy) (8), Pugs (28), Russian Toys (10), Shih Tzu (10), Silky Terriers (7), Toy Fox Terriers (8), Yorkshire Terriers (8).

Non-Sporting (266): American Eskimo Dogs (7), Bichons Frises (17), Boston Terriers (23), Bulldogs (17), Chinese Shar-Pei (9), Chow Chows (12), Coton de Tulear (7), Dalmatians (18), Finnish Spitz (3), French Bulldogs (38), Keeshonden (12), Lhasa Apsos (13), Lowchen (8), Poodles (Miniature) (6), Poodles (Standard) (22), Schipperkes (10), Shiba Inu (7), Tibetan Spaniels (17), Tibetan Terriers (13), Xoloitzcuintli (7).

Herding (357): Australian Cattle Dogs (14), Australian Shepherds (30), Bearded Collies (13), Beaucerons (7), Belgian Laekenois (7), Belgian Malinois (10), Belgian Sheepdogs (13), Belgian Tervuren (13), Bergamasco Sheepdogs (12), Berger Picards (10), Border Collies (17), Bouviers des Flandres (6), Briards (7), Canaan Dogs (4), Cardigan Welsh Corgis (19), Collies (Rough) (14), Collies (Smooth) (12), Finnish Lapphunds (13), German Shepherd Dogs (12), Icelandic Sheepdogs (7), Miniature American Shepherds (14), Mudik (10), Norwegian Buhunds (7), Old English Sheepdogs (5), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (21), Polish Lowland Sheepdogs (4), Pulik (6), Pumik (11), Pyrenean Shepherds (8), Shetland Sheepdogs (17), Spanish Water Dogs (8), Swedish Vallhunds (6).

Dog Show Entries by Location

States (49): Alabama (19), Alaska (3), Arizona (29), Arkansas (7), California (222), Colorado (44), Connecticut (103), Delaware (13), Florida (198), Georgia (62), Hawaii (4), Idaho (8), Illinois (73), Indiana (33), Iowa (12), Kansas (12), Kentucky (29), Louisiana (14), Maine (15), Maryland (79), Massachusetts (119), Michigan (58), Minnesota (32), Mississippi (5), Missouri (29), Montana (6), Nebraska (13), Nevada (17), New Hampshire (29), New Jersey (127), New Mexico (7), New York (181), North Carolina (77), Ohio (83), Oklahoma (13), Oregon (26), Pennsylvania (152), Rhode Island (22), South Carolina (47), South Dakota (3), Tennessee (49), Texas (144), Utah (6), Vermont (14), Virginia (107),
Washington (78), West Virginia (6), Wisconsin (53), Wyoming (4). Other: District of Columbia (6), Puerto Rico (2).

**Other Countries**: Belgium (1), Canada (63), Chile (1), Columbia (1), Finland (1), Italy (2), Japan (5), South Korea (4), Mexico (4), Spain (1), Sweden (1), Thailand (1), UAE (1).

**Junior Showmanship Competition**

**Monday-Tuesday, May 8 and 9, 2023 / Flushing, NY**

There are 88 young handlers between the ages of 9-18 competing from 32 states, with the most entries representing California (9) and Washington (7).

**Junior Showmanship Entries by Location**

**States (32)**: Alabama (1), Arizona (3), California (9), Colorado (6), Connecticut (4), Florida (4), Georgia (2), Illinois (2), Indiana (3), Iowa (1), Kansas (1), Kentucky (1), Louisiana (1), Maryland (1), Massachusetts (3), Michigan (4), Minnesota (3), Missouri (2), Nevada (1), New Jersey (2), North Carolina (3), Ohio (4), Oregon (2), Pennsylvania (3), Rhode Island (1), South Carolina (3), Tennessee (1), Texas (3), Utah (2), Virginia (3), Washington (7), Wisconsin (2).

**10th Anniversary Masters Agility Championship at Westminster**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023 / Flushing NY**

All agility entries will be submitted by the April 5, 2023, deadline. The entry breakdown will be distributed in late April 2023. The Masters Agility Finals will air on FOX from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm ET, on May 7, 2023.

**8th Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023 / Flushing NY**

There are 25 dogs entered from 12 states, led by New Jersey (7). Border Collies (8) and Golden Retrievers (5) are the breeds with the most entries.

**Obedience Entries by Breed**

**Breeds (11)**: Australian Shepherds (2), Border Collies (8), Doberman Pinschers (1), Miniature Schnauzers (1), Poodles (Standard) (1), Retriever (Flat-Coated) (1), Retriever (Golden) (5), Retrievers (Labrador) (3), Spaniels (Cocker) Parti-Colored (1), Spaniels (English Springer) (1), Standard Schnauzers (1).
Obedience Entries by Location

**States (12):** California (2), Colorado (1), Connecticut (1), Florida (1), Illinois (4), Minnesota (1), **New Jersey (7)**, Nevada (1), New York (2), Pennsylvania (3), South Carolina (1), Virginia (1).

*** All entry counts are subject to the final AKC audit. ***

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The Westminster Kennel Club, established in 1877, is America’s oldest organization dedicated to the sport of dogs. It hosts the iconic, all-breed Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, the second-longest, continuously held sporting event in the U.S. after the Kentucky Derby, and since 1948, the longest nationally televised live dog show. The Club’s mission, which enhances the lives of all dogs, celebrates the companionship of dogs and promotes responsible dog ownership and breed preservation. The Club advocates for purpose-bred dogs, with an understanding that each breed has a legacy and history that deserves to be taught, honored, and preserved. The Club uses education to raise awareness and encourage owners to conscientiously select dogs that are the right match for their families. The annual dog show—a conformation competition for purpose-bred dogs—and the Masters Agility Championship and Masters Obedience Championship—where dogs from all backgrounds are eligible to compete—make Westminster Week with nearly 3,000 dogs from the U.S. and around the world, a pinnacle experience for any dog lover. America’s Dog Show has captivated canine enthusiasts for more than a century. WESTMINSTER. There’s only one.® Visit us on, westminsterkennelclub.org, on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok.

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