



THE 148<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**WESTMINSTER**  
KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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***HOUSTON, TX MINIATURE POODLE WINS NON-SPORTING GROUP  
AT THE 148<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW***

**New York, NY** (Tuesday, May 14, 2024) — The Miniature Poodle of Houston, TX, handled by Kaz Hosaka and owned by Cathy Gauche, won the Non-Sporting Group under judge Fred O. Bassett of Broken Arrow, OK at the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Sage, a 3-year-old female, officially known as GCHG CH Surrey Sage, took top honors among the 21 dogs entered within the Non-Sporting Group. Westminster will see over 2,500 entries in conformation, with two days of Best of Breed judging from Monday, May 13 - Tuesday, May 14, culminating with the Group and Best in Show competitions.

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*Courtesy of Mike Stobe | Getty Images for The Westminster Kennel Club*

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*Courtesy of Fox Sports*

The Non-Sporting Group was televised live on FS1. Tune in for the crowning of Best in Show live on FS1 on Tuesday, May 14 from 7:00 - 11:00 PM EDT. The Empire State Building will illuminate the New York City skyline in Westminster's iconic purple and gold to celebrate the 148<sup>th</sup> annual event.

For full results and video, visit [westminsterkennelclub.org](http://westminsterkennelclub.org).

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**About The Westminster Kennel Club**

The Westminster Kennel Club, established in 1877, is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of showing 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 is to enhance the lives of all dogs by celebrating the companionship of dogs and promoting 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 thousands of dogs from the U.S. and around the world, a pinnacle experience for any dog lover. The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show has captivated canine enthusiasts for more than a century. Learn more at [westminsterkennelclub.org](http://westminsterkennelclub.org).

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