



THE 149TH ANNUAL

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES RETURN TO MANHATTAN AND ITS ORIGINAL HOME, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, FOR 149TH ANNUAL DOG SHOW IN FEBRUARY 2025

Judging to be held on February 10 & 11 at Madison Square Garden, with agility and breed competitions on February 8, 10, & 11 at Jacob K. Javits Convention Center

New York, NY (June 12, 2024) – The Westminster Kennel Club is excited to announce that **the 149th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan** will return to Manhattan in February 2025. Daytime events will kick off on February 8 and will be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center on all three days. The evening events on February 10 & 11, including group judging and the Best in Show ceremony, will take place at New York City’s iconic Madison Square Garden (MSG). The 2025 return is a continuation of the long-standing relationship between The Garden and The Westminster Kennel Club – marking the first time since 2020 that the Dog Show will be held at MSG, where it was one of the storied venue’s original events.

“The Westminster Kennel Club is thrilled to bring America’s most prestigious dog show back to *The World’s Most Famous Arena* in February,” said Dr. Donald Sturz, President of The Westminster Kennel Club. “As Westminster approaches its 150th anniversary in 2026, we could not be more excited to welcome our celebration of the world’s top canines, as well as our incredible fan base, back to this global stage and to two prominent New York City event venues, including the place where it all began, Madison Square Garden.”

Featuring nearly 3,000 top-winning dogs, the 149th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will feature its 12th Annual Masters Agility Championship presented by Purina Pro Plan on February 8 at the Javits Center. The events on February 10 & 11 across both venues will include breed competitions, group judging, and the Junior Showmanship competition, culminating with the coveted Best in Show ceremony at Madison Square Garden on the evening of February 11.

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show held its first event in 1877 at Gilmore’s Garden, which was officially renamed Madison Square Garden in 1879. Between 1877 and 2024, the Dog Show was held at The Garden in all but 11 years, creating a lasting connection between The Westminster Kennel Club and MSG.

Additional event information including ticket sales, partner hotel listings, [FOX Sports](#) broadcast and streaming schedules, and more will be available at [westminsterkennelclub.org](#). Be sure to follow The Westminster Kennel Club on social media to keep up on event news and special announcements.

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