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ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND RESIDENT WINS TOP ALL-AMERICAN DOG AND OVERALL AGILITY CHAMPION AT 11th ANNUAL MASTERS AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

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For the First Time in Westminster History, an All-American Dog Wins Overall Agility Championship

New York, NY (May 12, 2024) —The All-American of Ellicott City, Maryland with owner and handler Cynthia Hornor won the 11th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster presented by Purina Pro Plan. The event was held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on Saturday, May 11 as part of Westminster's Canine Celebration Day.

Nimble, a 6-year-old female, officially known as NAC MACH Breezy Blue's Be Quick! T2B MXF, bested a field of 26 All-American (mixed breed) Agility competitors among 351 total Agility competitors over two rounds of competition under judges Zach Davis of Jersey City, NJ and Susan Leitner of Vancouver, WA. After advancing to the Championship round of 50 finalists, Nimble and Hornor, the winners of the 12-inch height division, posted the fastest clean round of 28.76 seconds to become the 2024 Top All-American Dog and Masters Agility Champion.

This marks the first time in Westminster history an All-American dog has taken home both the Top All-American Dog award and the Masters Agility Championship. Additionally, this historic win signifies the first time a dog from the 12-inch division has taken home the Masters Agility Championship. Owner and handler Cynthia Hornor previously won the 10th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster in 2023 with her 6.5-year-old male Border Collie, Truant.

The Westminster Kennel Club donates \$5,000 to honor the winner of the Masters Agility Championship to the AKC training club of the winner's choice or the AKC Humane Fund. A donation of \$1,000 will also be made in the names of the Highest

Scoring All-American Dog and the four remaining first-place dogs in their height classes.

The 11th Annual Masters Agility Championship is part of Westminster Week which includes the 148th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and 9th Annual Masters Obedience Championship.

The finals of the Masters Agility Championship were televised on FOX on Sunday, May 12. For full results and video, visit <u>westminsterkennelclub.org</u>.

LINK TO 11th ANNUAL MASTERS AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP IMAGES: <u>HERE</u> Photo Credit: O & Co. Media for The Westminster Kennel Club

LINK TO WESTMINSTER'S CANINE CELEBRATION IMAGES DAY: <u>HERE</u> Photo Credit: Roy Rochlin | Getty Images for The Westminster Kennel Club

LINK TO 11th ANNUAL MASTERS AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP VIDEO: <u>HERE</u> Courtesy of Fox Sports

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