

BENCHING

1. Dogs are received only at the exhibitors' entrances noted on the layouts for the Piers beginning at 6:00 A.M. E.S.T. each morning. Best of Breed winners and the Winner of The Masters Obedience Championship are received at the exhibitors' entrance ramp noted on the layout for Madison Square Garden, beginning at 3:00 P.M. E.S.T. each afternoon. The Masters Obedience Champion is requested to be present at MSG on Monday Only.
2. Dogs must arrive at the Piers by 11:30 A.M. E.S.T. on the day they are judged. Dogs arriving after 11:30 A.M. E.S.T. will not be admitted, and no entry fees will be returned. All dogs must be removed from the benching areas by 11:30 P.M. E.S.T. each evening. **Best of Breed Winners and the Masters Obedience Champion ONLY** will be released to Madison Square Garden beginning at 3:00 P.M. **TUESDAY BREEDS** will not be admitted into the Piers until 9:00 P.M. Monday evening. Dogs must arrive at Madison Square Garden by 5:00 P.M. each evening and may be released beginning at 9:00 P.M. (See also Obedience pages 24-26 in tPremium List). They must be removed from the benching areas at Madison Square Garden by 11:30 P.M. on Monday, February 13, 2017 and Tuesday, February 14, 2017. No dogs may remain in Madison Square Garden overnight.
3. All dogs will be benched. The Four Variety Group Winners from Monday **MUST** be benched on Tuesday at the Piers from 11:30 A.M. E.S.T. until 3:00 P.M. E.S.T. All exhibitors will be assigned a

specific benching row or multi-breed status. All dogs will be on their benches and must be able to be viewed by the public. A bench card displaying the dog's bench/armband number will be supplied by the Superintendent at the dog's bench. Those benched in the Multi-Breed area **MUST** attach the bench card to each dog's crate. All dogs must have the exhibitor's name and contact information for the duration of the show located at their bench or on the dog's crate.

4. **Dogs not required for Variety Group judging, Obedience judging, and equipment cannot be removed from the Piers venue either day before 5:00 P.M. E.S.T. or from the Madison Square Garden venue before 9:00 P.M. E.S.T.** Spectators buying items from concessionaires must show sales receipts to guards at the gates for any items they wish to take from the Piers or Madison Square Garden buildings before 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. respectively. All dogs must be removed from Madison Square Garden by 11:30 P.M. each evening. See Exhibitor Ticket Information #1 on Premium List page 29. See also separate note regarding release forms on Premium List page 12. **It is your responsibility to have the appropriate release forms to exit the building with dogs/equipment.**
5. **Piers benching sizes: S - 18" x 32," M - 23" x 36," L - 31" x 42." MSG Benching Size: 4' x 4'.**
6. **See Premium List pages 17-18, 27, 30-32 for Multi Breed and Multi Dog Benching Requirements.**
7. Under no circumstances may exhibitors change their bench numbers.
8. No signs and decorations may be affixed to any Pier or MSG surface; that is, no nails, carpet tacks, thumb tacks, or staples may be used. All decorations must be fire-retardant. No signs over 11" x 14" may be displayed at your bench. No signs may be displayed on the bench other than a plaque or emblem of a show-giving Specialty Club to which the dog's owner belongs, or giving the kennel name & address of the owner. No prizes or ribbons shall be displayed on the bench except those won by the dog at this show.
9. Chapter 13, sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows is strictly enforced. The benching of dogs is an integral part of the dog show, the importance of which cannot be overstated. **Exhibitors/Handlers who do not adhere to the benching requirements of the AKC and The Westminster Kennel Club as noted in this premium list run the risk of The Westminster Kennel Club refusing all future entries from you for their show.** In addition, dogs are presumed to be under the care custody and control of the person(s) listed on the entry form. Neglect of a dog in the benching areas could result in an event Committee hearing. See also Premium List pages 4, 6, 12, 17-18, 23, 27, 30-32.

SPECIAL BENCHING NOTICE

Chapter 13, Section 1. of the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows will be strictly enforced. IT IS PERMISSIBLE TO REMOVE A DOG FROM THE BENCHING AREAS FOR EXERCISING AND JUDGING ONLY. DOGS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE BENCH WITHIN 30 MINUTES AFTER THEY ARE SHOWN.

CITY LAWS

1. The Director of the Bureau of Animal Affairs of New York City requires all dogs entering the City of New York to be accompanied by a Current Rabies Certificate issued by a licensed Veterinarian no more than 7 days prior to arrival in the City. All dogs residing in New York City must have a valid dog license.
2. New York City law states that people exercising dogs are responsible for cleaning-up the feces. The law is strictly enforced and punishable by a \$250.00 fine. The Department of Sanitation will be enforcing the "Pooper-scooper" law and will be writing tickets for fines in the amount of \$250.00. Dog waste both inside and outside the building MUST be picked up and disposed of sanitarly. Failure to do so may result in an Event Committee hearing and/or refusal of future entries by this club.
3. Dog walking is not permitted in Sanitation area adjacent to the Piers; monetary fines are administered.

PIERS BENCHING SIZES
CODE WIDTH DEPTH

L.....31" X 42" M.....23" X 36"
S.....18" X 32"

NOTE: Dogs in some of these breeds may also be found in the multi-breed benching area. If you are benched in the Multi-Breed Section, see the Superintendent's Office in that area for directions and assistance.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
BENCH SIZE

Each dog is allotted a 5' x 5' space that includes a 4' x 4' bench space.