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MEET AND COMPETE

The Westminster Kennel Club and American Kennel Club have partnered once again to bring dog and cat lovers a fun-filled, action-packed, fan-favorite day during Westminster Week 2018.

Meet & Compete, featuring the 5th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster and the 9th AKC Meet the Breeds®, presented by Purina Pro Plan, returns to Manhattan on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 at Piers 92 and 94. The International Cat Association (TICA) also joins AKC Meet the Breeds® bringing more than 200 dog and cat breeds together for this event.

Masters Agility Championship at Westminster

The *Masters Agility Championship at Westminster* will once again feature some of the country's greatest canine athletes and their handlers as they face a challenging obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles, and more, in entertaining races against the clock. The entry is limited to 330 dogs that have attained Master agility titles (MX and MXJ, or MXP and MJP) at the time of entry, virtually guaranteeing a top-performing field.

The Agility competition is divided into five height classes - 8, 12, 16, 20 and 24 inches, which refer to the height of the jumps in that class. Dogs compete in the class appropriate for their size. At Westminster, each dog will compete in two qualifying rounds – a Standard Agility course and a Jumpers with Weaves course. Scoring for eligibility to the Championship round will be the combined actual running time of both runs, plus any faults (refusal/run-out, wrong course, table fault, failure) and course time faults.

Dogs will be placed in order of the lowest combined score within their true AKC jump height. The ten dogs from each height class with the lowest combined scores will move on to the televised Championship round Saturday evening, creating a field of 50 finalists competing for the coveted title of Westminster Kennel Club Masters Agility Champion.

The championship course will be a hybrid of the qualifying rounds and will be run as a 'time to beat' course, where the first dog will set the baseline time for the subsequent competitors. The *Masters Agility Championship at Westminster* will include AKC-registered purebred dogs, mixed breeds enrolled in the AKC's Canine Partners program, Miscellaneous breeds not yet eligible for conformation competition, Foundation Stock Service recorded breeds, and Purebred Alternative Listing dogs (purebred dogs that cannot be fully AKC registered).

Agility judges for 2018 are Mr. Don Farage of Bartlett, Tennessee and Mr. David Powell of Auzielle, Occitanie, France.