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FOX SPORTS NAMES 'PICK OF THE LITTER' FOR PRESENTATION OF 2017 WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW

FS1, Nat Geo WILD & FOX Sports GO Combine to Showcase 'Westminster Week' With More Coverage than Ever Before

VIDEO: Last Year's Best in Show, CJ, the German Shorthaired Pointer

New York – With little more than a month until the world's top dogs converge upon New York City's Madison Square Garden to vie for the coveted title of Best in Show, FOX Sports today names its team of broadcasters who present the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on FS1 for the first time ever. Also announced today are the announcers calling breed judging on FOX Sports GO and Nat Geo WILD and the Master's Agility Championship on FS1, combining to make 2017 Westminster Week the most widely covered in the event's illustrious history.

Westminster Kennel Club Director of Communications **Gail Miller Bisher** provides expert analysis of the breeds alongside FOX Sports veteran announcer **Chris Myers** during the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on <u>Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 13 and 14</u> on FS1. Bisher brings to the telecast more than 30 years of experience in the dog world as a handler, writer and spokesperson. An AKC-licensed conformation judge, her background spans conformation, obedience and earthdog trial competitions. Myers has been a member of the FOX Sports family since 1998 and has called NFL, NASCAR, MLB and more for the network, and this February is part of FOX Sports' Super Bowl coverage for the fifth time in his impressive career.

Also contributing to FS1's inaugural coverage of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show are social media and backstage correspondent **Katie Nolan**, backstage reporter **Karyn Bryant** and host **Jenny Taft**. Nolan, host of the Emmy Award-winning original program GARBAGE TIME WITH KATIE NOLAN, is backstage with the dogs and their handlers as they get ready for their moment in the spotlight and monitors what's trending on social media. Bryant is also backstage and interviews the winners, while Taft sets the scene for viewers leading up to the action on the arena floor.

Play-by-play announcer **Justin Kutcher**, analyst **Terry Simons** and reporter **Jennifer Hale** return to call the Master's Agility Championship at Westminster. Kutcher is then joined by **Paula Nykiel** and **Jason Hoke** to announce breed judging at Piers 92 and 94, and **Rachel Bonnetta** serves as a FOX Sports Digital correspondent during breed, group and Best in Show judging. Nykiel and Hoke are both accomplished judges whose credentials include Hoke's appointment as Toy Group judge at the 140th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and Nykiel's position as Sporting Group judge at this year's event.

The 141st Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is televised on FS1 for the first time in the event's history at 8:00 PM ET on <u>Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 13-14</u>, live from New York City's Madison Square Garden. FS1, Nat Geo WILD and FOX Sports GO team up to provide more coverage of Westminster Week than ever before beginning <u>Sunday, Feb. 12</u>, at 8:00 PM ET with the Master's Agility Championship at Westminster on FS1. Nat Geo WILD and FOX Sports GO offer live coverage of breed judging from Piers 92 and 94 on <u>Monday and Tuesday, Feb.</u> <u>13-14</u>, from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM ET streaming on FOX Sports GO and from 2:00-4:00 PM ET on Nat Geo WILD. FOX Sports GO's breed coverage encompasses 10 individual rings streamed concurrently, of which viewers may select one or up to four through the Multi-View feature on desktop and select connected devices.

Content available on FOX Sports GO can be streamed live on FOXSportsGO.com or on the FOX Sports GO app, which can be downloaded from <u>iTunes</u>, <u>Google Play</u>, <u>Amazon App Store</u> and <u>Windows Store</u>. Streaming on FOX Sports GO is now available on several connected devices, including Apple TV, Roku, Chromecast, Xbox One, Android TV and Fire TV.

In July of 2015, FOX Sports and Westminster Kennel Club announced a 10-year agreement bringing Westminster Kennel Club's conformation show to FS1 and Nat Geo WILD beginning with this year's event. FS1 remains home to the Master's Agility Championship at Westminster through 2026.

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