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THE 141ST ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW PRESENTS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR DOG LOVERS

Three Debut Breeds Among 3,200 dogs of 200 Breeds and Varieties from 49 States

New York, NY – More than 3,200 dogs, including 90 Golden Retrievers, will descend on Manhattan during Westminster Week 2017. Appearing at the 141st Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, on Monday and Tuesday, February 13-14, will be 2,798 dogs and 87 junior handlers. The 4th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster on Saturday, February 11 will feature 330 dogs followed by 23 dogs at the 2nd Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, February 13.

Most entered among the 200 breeds and varieties at the dog show are the Golden Retrievers (65), followed by Labrador Retrievers (46) French Bulldogs (46), Whippets (45), Yorkshire Terriers (38), and Australian Shepherds (38). These breeds are joined by three debut breeds at Westminster – the Sloughi (3), Pumi (7) and American Hairless Terrier (14). Golden Retrievers (8) are the largest obedience competition entry and the fourth most-entered breed (17) in Agility behind Border Collies (53), Shetland Sheepdogs (42) and Papillons (21).

New Yorkers entered the most dogs (260) at the dog show. But New Jersey dogs (94) top the agility competition as well as the obedience competition (4) and are the fourth most entered (188) at the dog show. The farthest dog show competitor entered hails from China.

On Saturday, February 11, the Meet & Compete event featuring the 8th AKC Meet the Breeds® and the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster will be held. This joint effort between The Westminster Kennel Club and the American Kennel Club provides an opportunity for people to interact with more than 100 breeds and learn about responsible dog ownership. New in 2017, AKC Meet the Breeds is bringing cats to the dog show.

Televised since 1948, Westminster will once again be America's most watched live broadcast of a dog show. New this year, dog lovers can tune into FS1 for live Group and Best in Show coverage Monday and Tuesday night from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. ET at Madison Square Garden and Nat Geo WILD for selected live breed coverage Monday and Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. from Piers 92/94. For information on tickets, broadcast schedule, and live streaming video visit westminsterkennelclub.org. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

The 141st Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Monday-Tuesday, February 13-14, 2017 / Pier 92/94 / Madison Square Garden

There are **2,798 dogs** from **49 states**, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, with the most dogs from **New York (260)** followed by California (246), Pennsylvania (232), New Jersey (188), Florida (148), and Connecticut (121). They are joined by **Junior Showmanship qualifiers (87)**. There are **135 foreign entries** from **16 countries**, topped by **Canada (108)**, Japan (6) and Mexico (5).

Dog Show Breed Entries by Group

Sporting breeds (518): Brittanys (15), Lagotti Romagnoli (13), Pointers (19), Pointers (German Shorthaired) (36), Pointers (German Wirehaired) (8), Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay) (21), Retrievers (Curly-Coated) (7), Retrievers (Flat-Coated) (31), **Retrievers (Golden) (65)**, Retrievers (Labrador) (46), Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling) (12), Setters (English) (19), Setters (Gordon) (11), Setters (Irish) (19), Setters (Irish Red & White) (9), Spaniels (American Water) (1), Spaniels (Boykin) (4), Spaniels (Clumber) (5), Spaniels (Cocker) ASCOB (7), Spaniels (Cocker) Black (13), Spaniels (Cocker) Parti-Color (9), Spaniels (English Cocker) (15), Spaniels (English Springer) (29), Spaniels (Field) (16), Spaniels (Irish Water) (6), Spaniels (Sussex) (5), Spaniels (Welsh Springer) (7), Spinoni Italiani (11), Vizslas (22), Weimaraners (20), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons (13), Wirehaired Vizslas (4).

Hound breeds (417): Afghan Hounds (21), American English Coonhounds (2), American Foxhounds (6), Basenjis (18), Basset Hounds (9), Beagles (13") (10), Beagles (15") (28), Black and Tan Coonhounds (5), Bloodhounds (6), Bluetick Coonhounds (5), Borzois (27), Cirnechi dell'Etna (7), Dachshunds (Longhaired) (20), Dachshunds (Smooth) (27), Dachshunds (Wirehaired) (28), English Foxhounds (2), Greyhounds (8), Harriers (3), Ibizan Hounds (8), Irish Wolfhounds (15), Norwegian Elkhounds (4), Otterhounds (8), Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens (16), Pharaoh Hounds (16), Plotts (5), Portuguese Podengo Pequenos (10), Redbone Coonhounds (4), Rhodesian Ridgebacks (32), Salukis (9), Scottish Deerhounds (5), Sloughis (3), Treeing Walker Coonhounds (5), **Whippets (45)**.

Working breeds (420): Akitas (11), Alaskan Malamutes (11), Anatolian Shepherd Dogs (5), **Bernese Mountain Dogs (30)**, Black Russian Terriers (13), Boerboels (2), Boxers (15), Bullmastiffs (25), Cane Corsos (21), Doberman Pinschers (27), Dogues de Bordeaux (17), German Pinschers (10), Giant Schnauzers (11), Great Danes (21), Great Pyrenees (11), Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs (16), Komondorok (3), Kuvaszok (5), Leonbergers (13), Mastiffs (19), Neapolitan Mastiffs (4), Newfoundlands (21), Portuguese Water Dogs (19), Rottweilers (17), Samoyeds (18), Siberian Huskies (25), St. Bernards (5), Standard Schnauzers (16), Tibetan Mastiffs (9).

Terrier breeds (342): Airedale Terriers (14), American Hairless Terrier (14), American Staffordshire Terriers (10), Australian Terriers (10), Bedlington Terriers (8), Border Terriers (18), Bull Terriers (Colored) (4), Bull Terriers (White) (4), Cairn Terriers (12), Cesky Terriers (9), Dandie Dinmont Terriers (3), Fox Terriers (Smooth) (16), Fox Terriers (Wire) (7), Glen of Imaal Terriers (16), Irish Terriers (3), Kerry Blue Terriers (16), Lakeland Terriers (6), Manchester Terriers (Standard) (6), Miniature Bull Terriers (8), **Miniature Schnauzers (27)**, Norfolk Terriers (10), Norwich Terriers (17), Parson Russell Terriers (3), Rat Terriers (12), Russell Terriers (10), Scottish Terriers (11), Sealyham

Terriers (4), Skye Terriers (6), Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (19), Staffordshire Bull Terriers (20), Welsh Terriers (6), West Highland White Terriers (13).

Toy breeds (410): Affenpinschers (5), Brussels Griffons (20), Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (37), Chihuahuas (Long Coat) (15), Chihuahuas (Smooth Coat) (13), Chinese Cresteds (34), English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles) (5), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby) (3), Havanese (28), Italian Greyhounds (19), Japanese Chin (10), Maltese (15), Manchester Terriers (Toy) (7), Miniature Pinschers (17), Papillons (22), Pekingese (19), Pomeranians (16), Poodles (Toy) (14), Pugs (37), Shih Tzu (17), Silky Terriers (8), Toy Fox Terriers (11), **Yorkshire Terriers (38)**.

Non-Sporting breeds (289): American Eskimo Dogs (11), Bichon Frises (18), Boston Terriers (16), Bulldogs (17), Chinese Shar-Pei (9), Chow Chows (6), Coton De Tulears (8), Dalmatians (24), Finnish Spitz (2), **French Bulldogs (46)**, Keeshonden (19), Lhasa Apsos (16), Lowchen (1), Poodles (Miniature) (6), Poodles (Standard) (23), Schipperkes (9), Shiba Inu (19), Tibetan Spaniels (10), Tibetan Terriers (18), Xoloitzcuintlis (11).

Herding breeds (402): Australian Cattle Dogs (12), **Australian Shepherds (38)**, Bearded Collies (15), Beaucerons (8), Belgian Malinois (14), Belgian Sheepdogs (8), Belgian Tervuren (13), Bergamascos (10), Berger Picards (18), Border Collies (14), Bouviers des Flandres (14), Briards (15), Canaan Dogs (3), Cardigan Welsh Corgis (23), Collies (Rough) (17), Collies (Smooth) (18), Entlebucher Mountain Dogs (5), Finnish Lapphunds (8), German Shepherd Dogs (19), Icelandic Sheepdogs (6), Miniature American Shepherds (13), Norwegian Buhunds (11), Old English Sheepdogs (15), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (34), Polish Lowland Sheepdogs (11), Pulik (1), Pumik (7), Pyrenean Shepherds (5), Shetland Sheepdogs (13), Spanish Water Dogs (10), Swedish Vallhunds (4).

Dog Show Entries by Location

States (49): Alaska (2), Alabama (26), Arkansas (6), Arizona (28), California (246), Colorado (39), Connecticut (121), Delaware (15), Florida (148), Georgia (79), Hawaii (8), Idaho (6), Illinois (54), Indiana (37), Iowa (6), Kansas (13), Kentucky (22), Louisiana (31), Maine (11), Maryland (90), Massachusetts (97), Michigan (82), Minnesota (35), Mississippi (5), Missouri (27), Montana (4), Nebraska (8), Nevada (12), New Hampshire (41), New Jersey (188), New Mexico (9), New York (260), North Carolina (94), Ohio (108), Oklahoma (29), Oregon (25), Pennsylvania (232), Rhode Island (17), South Carolina (49), South Dakota (3), Tennessee (46), Texas (110), Utah (3), Vermont (21), Virginia (113), Washington (91), West Virginia (10), Wisconsin (54), Wyoming (2).

Other: Washington D.C. (7), Puerto Rico (2).

Foreign Countries (16): Bermuda (1), Brazil (1), Canada (108), Chile (3), China (1), Columbia (1), Costa Rica (2), Denmark (1), England (1), France (1), Germany (1), Italy (1), Japan (6), Mexico (5), Norway (1), Slovenia (1).

4th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster

Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Pier 94

There are **330 dogs** entered representing **25 states** with the most coming from **New Jersey (94)**, New York (67) and Connecticut (35). The top 5 entries are **Border Collies (53)**, Shetland Sheepdogs (42), All American Dogs (26), Papillons (21), and Golden Retrievers (17).

Agility Entries by Breed

Alaskan Malamutes (2), All American Dogs (26), Australian Shepherds (13), Basenjis (1), Beagles (3), Bearded Collies (2), Beaucerons (1), Belgian Malinois (2), Belgian Sheepdog (1), Berger Picards (1), Bernese Mountain Dog (1), Bichon Frises (3), **Border Collies (53)**, Boston Terriers (1), Boxers (2), Brittanys (2), Bull Terriers (1), Cardigan Welsh Corgis (3), Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (8), Chihuahuas (Smooth Coat) (2), Chinese Cresteds (2), Cocker Spaniels (4), Cotons de Tulear (2), Curly-coated Retrievers (1), Dalmatians (3), Doberman Pinschers (3), English Cocker Spaniels (3), English Springer Spaniels (5), Flat Coated Retrievers (2), Giant Schnauzers (1), Glen of Imaal Terriers (1), Golden Retrievers (17), Gordon Setters (1), Irish Red & White Setters (1), Italian Greyhounds (1), Labrador Retrievers (14), Lagotti Romagnoli (1), Lowchens (1), Maltese (1), Manchester Terriers (3), Miniature American Shepherds (6), Miniature Schnauzers (3), Mudi (1), Norfolk Terriers (1), Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers (3), Papillons (21), Parson Russell Terriers (1), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (6), Pointers (2), Pomeranians (3), Poodles (11), Poodles (Miniature) (3), Poodles (Standard) (2), Poodles (Toy) (1), Portuguese Water Dogs (5), Pugs (1), Rat Terriers (3), Rhodesian Ridgebacks (1), Rottweilers (3), Schipperkes (3), Scottish Terriers (1), Shetland Sheepdogs (42), Shiba Inu (3), Siberian Huskies (1), Smooth Fox Terriers (1), Toy Fox Terriers (1), Welsh Springer Spaniels (1), West Highland White Terriers (3), Yorkshire Terriers (2).

Agility Entries by Location

States (25): Arkansas (1), California (8), Connecticut (35), Delaware (2), Florida (3), Georgia (1), Illinois (1), Kansas (2), Maine (1), Massachusetts (22), Maryland (7), Michigan (2), Minnesota (4), North Carolina (2), New Hampshire (15), New Jersey (94), New Mexico (2), New York (67), Ohio (7), Pennsylvania (33), Rhode Island (2), Texas (5), Virginia (11), Vermont (1), Washington (2).

2nd Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster Entries

Monday, February 13, 2017 at Pier 94

There are **23 dogs** entered from **14 states** led by **New Jersey (4)** and New York (3). **Golden Retrievers (8)** are the most entered followed by Border Collies (5).

Obedience Entries by Breed

Border Collies (5), German Shepherd Dogs (1), Papillons (2), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (1), Pomeranians (1), Poodles (Standard) (1), Retrievers (Golden) (8), Retrievers (Labrador) (2), Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling) (1), Rottweilers (1).

Obedience Entries by Location

States (14): California (1), Connecticut (2), Georgia (2), Missouri (1), New Hampshire (1), New Jersey (4), New York (3), Ohio (1), Pennsylvania (1), South Carolina (2), Tennessee (2), Texas (1), Virginia (1), Wisconsin (1).

All entry counts are subject to final audit.

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About The Westminster Kennel Club – The Westminster Kennel Club is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of purebred dogs. Established in 1877, Westminster's influence has been felt for more than a century through its famous all-breed, bench dog show held every year at New York City's

Madison Square Garden. Today, America's dog show has expanded into Westminster Week which includes the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster and the Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster, both held at Piers 92/94. More than 3,000 dogs from the US and abroad makes Westminster Week like no other. *Westminster. There's only one.* Visit us at: www.westminsterkennelclub.org or follow [@WKCDOGS](https://twitter.com/WKCDOGS).

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