

COLUMBIA RESIDENT WINS MASTERS OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AT 141st ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, NY - The Labrador Retriever "Heart" of Columbia, New Jersey, owned and handled by Linda Brennan, won the 2nd Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster under Judge Lynn F. Eggers on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 at the 141st Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City at Pier 94.

Heart, a 4-year-old female, officially known as OTCH Rhumbline's Once In A Blue Moon UDX3 OM5 BN GN RE, bred by Susan Carpenter, bested a field of 23 Obedience competitors over two rounds of competition. During the final round, narrowed down to 10 finalists, Heart and Linda posted the best score of 167/267 to become the 2017 Masters Obedience Champion. This is a repeat win for Heart and Linda, who were the 2016 Masters Obedience Champion at the inaugural event.

"Winning the Masters Obedience Championship is an accomplishment of a lifetime, but to win it back-to-back is an amazing dream come true," said Westminster's Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher.

The championship final round was featured on the live broadcast on Nat Geo Wild on Feb. 13. For full Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster results and video visit *www.westminsterkennelclub.org*. All events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

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