



THE 141<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
**WESTMINSTER**  
KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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**CARMEL RESIDENT WINS HOUND GROUP AT  
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IN NEW YORK CITY**

**New York, NY** - The Norwegian Elkhound, “Duffy” of Carmel, California, handled by her owner Patricia Trotter won the Hound Group under Judge Mrs. Robert D. (Polly) Smith at the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, February 13-14, 2017.

Duffy, a 4-year-old female, officially known as GCH Vin-Melca's Daggarwood Delight, bred by Nicole Casavechia and Kevin Richard, took top honors in a field of 33 Best of Breed winners comprising the Hound Group. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> Hound Group win for Trotter. The dog show featured nearly 2,800 dogs, with two days of Best of Breed competition held at Piers 92/94 and Group and Best in Show competitions held at Madison Square Garden.

“Winning a Westminster group is the culmination of years of hard work, training, showing, and breeding,” said Westminster’s Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher. “Congratulations to the owners, handler and breeders of the Hound Group winner and advancing to the Best in Show competition.”

The evening group finals, including Best in Show, were televised live on FS1. For full Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show results and video visit [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org). All events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

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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](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org) or follow us @WKCDOGS.

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