

CHAMPAIGN RESIDENT WINS TOY GROUP AT 141st ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, NY - The Pekingese, "Chuckie" of Champaign, Illinois, handled by owner/breeder David Fitzpatrick and co-owned by Nancy H Shapland, won the Toy Group under Judge Mrs. Charlotte Patterson at the 141st Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Chuckie, a 1-year-old male, officially known as GCHB Pequest Pickwick, took top honors in a field of 23 Best of Breed winners comprising the Toy Group. 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 Toy 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. All events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

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