



THE 143RD ANNUAL
WESTMINSTER
KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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MANCHESTER, MISSOURI RESIDENT WINS BEST JUNIOR HANDLER AT 143RD ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, NY – Madeline Buehler with her Pug won Best Junior Handler under Judge Angela Lloyd at the 143rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Madison Square Garden.

Buehler, handling her 2 ½-year-old Pug, officially known as CH Shijo N'Mar-J Rumor Has It @ Boxwood, took top honors in the Junior Showmanship competition besting a field of 102 entrants, narrowed down to eight finalists. Finalists were selected over two days of preliminary competitions held at Piers 92/94 on Monday, Feb. 11 and Tuesday Feb. 12.

As the 2019 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Best Junior Handler, Buehler will receive a \$10,000 Junior Showmanship Scholarship Award. Competitors in Junior Showmanship are from 9 to 18 years of age and are judged on their handling abilities.

“Winning Best Junior Handler at Westminster is a phenomenal achievement and says so much about Buehler’s commitment and hard work,” said Westminster Kennel Club Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher.

Selected highlights of the preliminary rounds were featured on the live broadcast on Nat Geo WILD on Feb. 11-12. For full Junior Showmanship results and video visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan®.

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