



THE 143RD ANNUAL
WESTMINSTER
KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS SUSSEX SPANIEL WINS SPORTING GROUP AT 143RD ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, NY – The Sussex Spaniel “Bean” of Hampden, Massachusetts, handled by Per Ingar Rismyhr for breeder-owners Karen Ann Toner and Amanda Toner, won the Sporting Group under Judge Douglas Johnson at the 143rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11-12, 2019.

Bean, an 8-year-old male officially known as GCHS Kamand’s Full Of Beans @ Erinhill, took top honors in a field of 32 Best of Breed winners entered, comprising the Sporting Group. Westminster reached its conformation entry limit of 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.

“Bean is no stranger to the Westminster Best in Show ring, having won the Sporting Group here in 2018 as well,” said Westminster Kennel Club Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher.

Selected highlights of the Best of Breed competitions were featured live on Nat Geo WILD on Feb. 11-12. For full Sporting Group results and video visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan®.

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