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UPDATES TO THE JUNE 2022 WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW BREED JUDGING PANEL

New York — The Westminster Kennel Club announces the following revised judging panel for the 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Presented by Purina Pro Plan[®] at Lyndhurst, a National Trust for Historic Preservation property in Tarrytown, New York, on June 18, 20-22, 2022.

Westminster Week returns to Tarrytown, NY, starting with the Masters Agility Championship on Saturday, June 18, the Masters Obedience Championship on Monday, June 20, and the breed competitions on Monday (Hound and Herding), Tuesday (Toy, Non-Sporting, and Terrier) and Wednesday (Sporting and Working), June 20-22.

Dr. Niksa R. Lemo and Mr. Shawn J. Nichols have been added to the panel to judge the breeds originally assigned to Ms. Ann Ingram of Rochestown, Cork, Ireland. Mr. Edd E. Bivin, Ms. Theresa L. Hundt, Ms. Janina K. Laurin, and Mrs. Cindy Vogels, presently on the panel, will judge additional breeds.

The seven **Group Judges** will remain as slated. On Tuesday, June 21, the following judges will select four group winners to advance to the Best in Show competition. Mr. Eugene Blake of Tulsa, Oklahoma for the **Hound** Group; Mrs. Rosalind Kramer of High Point, North Carolina for the **Toy** Group; Ms. Evalyn Gregory of Louisville, Kentucky for the **Non-Sporting** Group; and Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer of Whitmore Lake, Michigan for the **Herding** Group.

On Wednesday, June 22, the following judges will select the remaining three group winners, Dr. Elliot L. More of Deerfield, New Hampshire for the **Sporting** Group; Mrs. Faye Strauss of Kent, Washington for the **Working** Group; and Mr. Richard W. Powell of Palmyra, Pennsylvania for the **Terrier** Group. The seven Group winners advance to Best in Show on the evening of June 22, where Dr. Don Sturz of Brooklyn, New York, will select the **Best in Show** winner. Find out more about the 2022 judging panel on westminsterkennelclub.org.

The **Best Junior Handler** will also be awarded on Wednesday, June 22, by Junior Showmanship Finals Judge Mrs. Karen Mammano of Webster, New York. The eight junior showmanship finalists will be determined in preliminary rounds by judges Mrs. Amy Booth of Mims, Florida, and Ms. Lisa Gallizzo of Branchburg, New Jersey.

The 9th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster on Saturday, June 18, will be judged by Ms. Ronda Bermke of Greenleaf, Wisconsin, and Mr. Ben Gibbs of Kingsport, Tennessee. Mr. Christopher Cornell of Sequim, Washington, will officiate the 7th Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, June 20.

Pending American Kennel Club approval, the judging panel for the **Best of Breed or Variety** competitions, includes the following assignments (breeds and judges in **bold** represent changes to the original January panel):

SPORTING BREEDS AND VARIETIES (34)

Mr. Gregory A. Anderson of Middleton, Maryland: American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels (all Varieties), English Cocker Spaniels, English Springer Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, Welsh Springer Spaniels.

Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Fort Worth, Texas: Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, Lagotti Romagnoli, Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes, Vizslas, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, Wirehaired Vizslas.

Mr. Juan Miranda of Mexico City, Mexico: German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, English Setters, Gordon Setters, Irish Setters, Irish Red and White Setters, Pointers.

Ms. Elizabeth "Beth" Sweigart of Bowmansville, Pennsylvania: Barbets, Brittanys, Irish Water Spaniels, Labrador Retrievers, Spinoni Italiani.

Ms. Nancy E. Talbott of Quartz Hill, California: Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Curly-Coated Retrievers, Flat-Coated Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Weimaraners.

HOUND BREEDS AND VARIETIES (35)

Mr. Edmund Dziuk of Columbia, Missouri: American English Coonhounds, American Foxhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bloodhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, English Foxhounds, Grand Basset Griffon Vendéens, Harriers, Irish Wolfhounds, Norwegian Elkhounds, Otterhounds, Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens, Plotts, Portuguese Podengo Pequenos, Redbone Coonhounds.

Mrs. Lesley E. Hiltz of Brush Prairie, Washington: Beagles (both Varieties), Dachshunds (all Varieties).

Mr. Juan Miranda of Mexico City, Mexico: Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Borzois, Greyhounds, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Sloughis, Treeing Walker Coonhounds, Whippets.

Mr. Elliott B. Weiss of Novelty, OH: Basenjis, Basset Hounds, Cirnechi dell'Etna, Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

WORKING BREEDS (31)

Mr. Rick Gschwender of Nampa, Idaho: Alaskan Malamutes, Boerboels, Cane Corsos, Dogues de Bordeaux, Dogo Argentinos, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Kuvaszok, Portuguese Water Dogs, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Tibetan Mastiffs.

Mrs. Lesley E. Hiltz of Brush Prairie, Washington: Bernese Mountain Dogs.

Ms. Theresa L. Hundt of Sandy Hook, Connecticut: Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Black Russian Terriers, Bullmastiffs, Chinooks, German Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers Komondorok, Leonbergers, Mastiffs, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Saint Bernards, Standard Schnauzers.

<u>Dr. Niksa Lemo</u> of Zagreb, Croatia: Akitas, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Rottweilers.

TERRIER BREEDS AND VARIETIES (32)

Mrs. Bergit Coady-Kabel of Indio, California: Australian Terriers, Border Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers.

<u>Dr. Ian Howell Gabriel</u> of London, United Kingdom: Bedlington Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Smooth Fox Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers.

Mrs. Mareth K. Kipp of North Prairie, Wisconsin: Airedale Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Parson Russell Terriers, Russell Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

<u>Mrs. Cindy Vogels</u> of Greenwood Village, Colorado: American Hairless Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Bull Terriers (both Varieties), Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Rat Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Standard Manchester Terriers, Welsh Terriers, **West Highland White Terriers**.

TOY BREEDS AND VARIETIES (25)

Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Fort Worth, Texas: Chinese Cresteds, Havanese, Maltese, Russian Toys.

Mr. Albert Easdon of Moffat, United Kingdom: Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Pekingese, Pomeranians, Pugs.

Mr. James J. Mitchell of Wilmington, Delaware: Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffons, English Toy Spaniels (both Varieties), Italian Greyhounds, Miniature Pinschers, Shih Tzu, Toy Fox Terriers, Toy Manchester Terriers.

Mr. Shawn J. Nichols of Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Toy Poodles.

Mrs. Angela Pickett of Chuluota, Florida: Chihuahuas (both Varieties), Japanese Chin, Papillons, Silky Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers.

Mrs. Cindy Vogels of Greenwood Village, Colorado: Biewer Terriers.

NON-SPORTING BREEDS (21)

Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Fort Worth, Texas: Finnish Spitz, Lhasa Apsos, Shiba Inu.

Mr. Albert Easdon of Moffat, United Kingdom: Boston Terriers.

Mr. Bill Lee of Aurora, Colorado: American Eskimo Dogs, Bichon Frises, Cotons de Tulear, Keeshonden, Lowchen, Norwegian Lundehunds, Schipperkes, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintlis.

Mr. Shawn J. Nichols of Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Bulldogs, Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chows, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Miniature Poodles, Standard Poodles.

HERDING BREEDS AND VARIETIES (33)

Mrs. Nioma Stoner Coen of Great Barrington, Massachusetts: Collies (both Varieties), Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Shetland Sheepdogs.

Mr. Thomas W. Coen of Great Barrington, Massachusetts: Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Belgian Laekenois, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Old English Sheepdogs.

Ms. Janina K. Laurin of Ashford, Connecticut: Bearded Collies, Beaucerons, Bergamasco Sheepdogs, Berger Picards, Bouvier des Flanders, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Mudik, Pulik, Pumik, Pyrenean Shepherds, Spanish Water Dogs, Swedish Vallhunds.

Mr. James J. Mitchell of Wilmington, Delaware: Border Collies, Briards, Canaan Dogs, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Miniature American Shepherds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs.

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