

## COLUMBIA, NEW JERSEY RESIDENT WINS MASTERS OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AT 142<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

**New York, NY -** The Labrador Retriever "Heart" of Columbia, New Jersey, owned and handled by Linda Brennan, won the 3rd Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City at Pier 94.

Heart, a 5-year-old female, officially known as OTCH Rhumbline's Once In A Blue Moon UDX6 OGM BN GN VER RE JH ACT1, bred by Susan Carpenter, bested a field of 24 Obedience competitors over two rounds of competition. Heart and Linda posted the best combined score of 294 1/2 out of a possible 300 to become the 2018 Masters Obedience Champion. This is an amazing three-peat win for Heart and Linda, who triumphed at the inaugural event in 2016, as well as in 2017.

"Winning the Masters Obedience Championship is the accomplishment of a lifetime. To win it three consecutive years is an amazing feat," said Westminster Kennel Club Director of Communications Gail Miller Bisher.

The championship final round was featured on the live broadcast on Nat Geo WILD on Feb. 12. For full Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster results and video visit *www.westminsterkennelclub.org*. All Westminster Week 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, benched 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: <a href="https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org">www.westminsterkennelclub.org</a> or follow us @WKCDOGS.

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