

JAPANESE-BRED BORZOI WINS HOUND GROUP AT 142nd ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, NY - The Borzoi "Lucy" of Chiba, Japan handled by Valerie Nunes-Atkinson for owners Michele Molnar, Jamie Danburg, and Minoru Kato, won the Hound Group under judge Jeffrey Pepper at the 142nd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, February 12-13, 2018.

Lucy, a 6-year-old female, officially known as GCHG Belisarius JP My Sassy Girl, bred by Kyoko Ozeki, took top honors in a field of 33 Best of Breed winners comprising the Hound Group.

"Lucy is no stranger to the Best in Show ring. She also won the Hound Group in 2016 and went on to claim Reserve Best in Show that year," 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. 12-13. For full Hound Group results and video visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

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