

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA PUG WINS TOY GROUP AT 142nd ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, NY - The Pug "Biggie" of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, handled by Esteban Farias for owner Carolyn Koch, won the Toy Group under Judge David Kirkland at the 142nd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, February 12-13, 2018.

"Biggie," a 3-year-old male, officially known as GCHS Hill Country's Puttin' On The Ritz, bred by Kristy and Kevin Ratliff, took top honors in a field of 23 Best of Breed winners comprising the Toy Group.

"Winning a Westminster Group is the culmination of years of hard work, training, showing, and breeding. Congratulations to the owners, breeders, and handler," 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 Toy Group results and video visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan.

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