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## **MRS. DOROTHY COLLIER JOINS THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**New York, N.Y.** – The Westminster Kennel Club announces that Mrs. Dorothy Collier of Sapphire, North Carolina will be joining the club's Board of Governors. The Board of Governors manages the iconic Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show held annually in New York City. Additionally, the board, comprised of club members, oversees and hosts all events that make up Westminster Week including the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster and the Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster.

"We welcome Dorothy with open arms. Her experience in the sport of dogs makes her an ideal member of the board who will greatly contribute to our efforts," said Westminster Kennel Club President Seán W. McCarthy.

Mrs. Collier has been involved in the sport of dogs since 1968 as a breeder and exhibitor of Old English Sheepdogs, Doberman Pinschers and Komondorok. Her Summithill kennels is known for producing many champions and best in show winning Komondorok. She became a licensed judge in the early 1980's and now judges the Working and Herding groups in the U.S. and abroad. Mrs. Collier has a long history with the Westminster Kennel Club as a judge officiating 14 times including the best in show competition in 1997. Her late husband Mr. Chet Collier was the club president from 1989 - 2001 and was instrumental in creating the popular television show of the group and best in show competitions live from Madison Square Garden.

In addition to her judging, Mrs. Collier is also a founding member of the non-profit, Take the Lead organization. This organization, established in 1993, provides direct services, support and care for people in the sport of purebred dogs who suffer the devastation of life-threatening or terminal illness.

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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 U.S. and abroad make Westminster Week like no other. *Westminster. There's only one.* Visit us at: [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org) or follow [@WKCDOGS](https://twitter.com/WKCDOGS).