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PICKERINGTON, OHIO RESIDENT WINS MASTERS AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP AT WESTMINSTER FOR SECOND TIME

New York, NY —The Shetland Sheepdog of Pickerington, Ohio, handled by Jennifer Crank, won the 9th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster presented by Purina Pro Plan. The event was held at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, New York, Saturday, June 18, 2022. This is Crank's second title at the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster winning in 2020 with Border Collie, Pink. This is the first time in Westminster history that a Shetland Sheepdog won the top honor.

Bee, a 3.5-year-old female, officially known as MACH2 Apex Meant to Bee MXS MJS MXF TQX T2B, bested a field of 350 Agility competitors over two rounds of competition under judges Ms. Ronda Bermke and Mr. Ben Gibbs. After advancing to the Championship round of 50 finalists, Bee, and Crank, the winners of the 16-inch height division posted the fastest clean round of 29.81 seconds to become the 2022 Masters Agility Champion.

The Westminster Kennel Club donates \$5,000 to honor the winner of the Masters Agility Championship to the AKC training club of the winners' choice or the AKC Humane Fund. A donation of \$1,000 will also be made in the names of the Highest Scoring All-American Dog and the four remaining first-place dogs in their height classes.

The Masters Agility Championship is part of Westminster Week which includes the 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and 7th Annual Masters Obedience Championship.

The finals of the Masters Agility Championship were televised on FOX Sunday afternoon. For full results and video, visit westminsterkennelclub.org.

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About the Westminster Kennel Club

The Westminster Kennel Club, established in 1877, is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of dogs. It hosts the iconic, all-breed Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, the second-longest, continuously held sporting event in the U.S., and since 1948, the longest nationally televised live dog show. The annual dog show—a conformation competition for purebred dogs—and the Masters Agility Championship and Masters Obedience Championship—where dogs from all backgrounds are eligible to compete—make Westminster Week with its nearly 3,000 dogs from the U.S. and around the world a pinnacle experience for any dog lover. America's Dog Show has captivated canine enthusiasts for more than a century with its educational benched format, where the public can engage with more than 200 breeds of dogs in New York City. The Club's mission, which enhances the lives of all dogs, celebrates the companionship of dogs, promotes responsible dog ownership, and breed preservation.

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