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## THE 146TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW TO SIMULCAST FOR THE FIRST TIME ON FOX DEPORTES

FOX Sports to expand coverage of the iconic dog show with the longest-running Spanish sports network

New York, NY – The 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Presented by Purina Pro Plan will expand television coverage in 2022 with an 8-hour live simulcast of the Group and Best in Show competitions on FOX Deportes. This is the first time that the premier competition held at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, NY, will appear on FOX Deportes, the longest-running Spanish sports network in the United States. Renowned Spanish-language journalist and host Jorge Viera will serve as host alongside dog show expert and analyst Johan Becerra-Hernandez to bring the sport of dogs to nearly 20 million new homes Tuesday and Wednesday evening, June 21-22.

Tuesday's four-hour broadcast kicks off at 7:00 PM ET on FOX Deportes while the next night will premiere live in Spanish on the FOX Sports App. FOX Deportes airs the final day of competition on Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 PM ET.

FOX Deportes' simulcast is in addition to the 17 hours of live coverage on FS1 and FS2 during Westminster Week. Viewers can tune in to FOX for the Masters Agility Finals airing on, Sunday, June 19, and the Highlight Show Presented by Purina Pro Plan airing on July 9, 2022. Daytime judging of over 200 breeds, the Masters Obedience Championship, plus agility and junior showmanship preliminaries will be streamed live at westminsterkennelclub.org.

Originally from Venezuela, Johan Becerra-Hernandez has been in the dog show world for over four decades, beginning with his Great Dane in 1980. He is a veterinarian and a dog handler, breeder, and judge. As a handler and breeder of Basset Hounds, his success is proven with more than 80 Best in Show awards and international champion titles. Becerra-Hernandez is approved to judge all breeds in North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania. Becerra-Hernandez's prestigious judging assignments are two previous assignments at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.



Born in Puerto Rico, Jorge Viera is an experienced broadcaster with over two decades of experience. He has served as a national and local news anchor for Univision as well as working as a news correspondent in places such as Latin America and Russia. He is currently the founder and CEO of TV broadcasting company "La Calle TV."

As the second-longest continuously held sporting event in the U.S., the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will return to the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, NY, for the second year. History was made in 2021 as the events were held outside of New York City for the first time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Westminster Week attracts nearly 3,500 dogs in three different competitions. The week kicks off with the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster presented by Purina Pro Plan on Saturday, June 18, 2022, followed by the iconic all-breed dog show, including the Junior Showmanship competition from June 20-22, 2022. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters Obedience Championship will also be held on Monday, June 20, 2022. For all television and streaming coverage, click here.

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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 over 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. The Club's mission, which enhances the lives of all dogs, celebrates the companionship of dogs, promotes responsible dog ownership, and breed preservation. WESTMINSTER. *There's only one*.® Visit: westminsterkennelclub.org and follow us @WKCDogShow.

## **About Purina Pro Plan**

Purina Pro Plan is a leader in the advanced nutrition category, with more than 70 formulas in dry and wet pet food to help meet a variety of needs. Its science is backed by 500 Purina scientists globally, including nutritionists, veterinarians and behaviorists, who continuously rethink what nutrition can do. It is also the food of choice for 14 of the past 15 Westminster Best in Show winners\*. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.proplan.com">www.proplan.com</a> or follow @ProPlan on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook. The brand is manufactured by Nestlé Purina PetCare, which promotes responsible pet care, community involvement, and the positive bond between people and their pets. A premiere global manufacturer of pet products, Nestlé Purina PetCare is part of Swiss-based Nestlé S.A., a global leader in nutrition, health, and wellness.

\*The handler or owners of these champions may have received Purina Pro Plan dog food as Purina ambassadors.

## **About FOX Deportes**

Launched in 1996, FOX Deportes, a division of FOX Sports, is the first and longest-running Spanish-language sports network in the United States. Now in nearly 20 million cable and satellite households, nearly six million of which are Hispanic, FOX Deportes has been the nation's leading supplier of Spanish-language sports programming for over 25 years. FOX Deportes features a diversified portfolio of properties, and boasts more than 2,100 hours of exclusive, live programming including Liga MX, MLS, Liga Nacional de Honduras, Liga Primera Division de Costa Rica, South America World Cup Qualifiers,

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