

THE 146TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW



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SAINT JOSEPH, ILLINOIS BLOODHOUND WINS HOUND GROUP AT THE 146TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

New York, NY — The Bloodhound of Saint Joseph, IL, handled by Heather Buehner, owned and bred by Chris and Bryan Flessner, Heather Buehner and Tina Kocar won the Hound Group under judge Mr. Eugene Blake at the 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan held at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, New York on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Trumpet, a 4.5-year-old male, officially known as GCHB CH Flessner's Toot My Own Horn took top honors among the 442 dogs entered within the Hound Group. Westminster saw over 3,000 entries in conformation, with three days of Best of Breed judging from June 20-22, culminating with the Group and Best in Show competitions.

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The Hound Group was televised live on FS1 on Tuesday evening. Tune in for the crowning of Best in Show live on FS1 tonight, Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30pm EDT. The Empire State Building will illuminate the New York City skyline in Westminster's iconic purple and gold to celebrate the 146th annual event, while the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge will cast a purple hue over the Hudson River to signify our presence in Tarrytown, New York at the Lyndhurst Estate. 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. WESTMINSTER. *There's only one.*® Visit: westminsterkennelclub.org and follow us @WKCDogShow.

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