



THE 146<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**WESTMINSTER**  
KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

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***FLEMINGTON, N.J. RESIDENT WINS MASTERS OBEDIENCE  
CHAMPIONSHIP AT WESTMINSTER***

*For the first time in Westminster history, the top dog has taken home both the Masters Obedience Championship and High in Trial Award*

**New York, NY** —The Australian Shepherd of Flemington, New Jersey, handled by Kathleen Keller, won the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster presented by Purina Pro Plan. The event was judged by Mr. Alvin W. Eng at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, New York on Monday, June 20, 2022. This is the first time in Westminster history that the same dog has won both the High in Trial award and Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster.

Willie, a 5-year-old male, officially known as OTCH Blue Skies At Dejavu UDX OM1, bested the field of top Obedience entrants over two rounds of competition under judge Mr. Alvin W. Eng. Willie, owned by Kathleen and Stephen Keller, posted the best combined score of 397.5 out of a possible 400 to become the 2022 Masters Obedience Champion. Willie also achieved the highest score out of a possible 200 in either round of competition to be awarded the High in Trial winner.

The Westminster Kennel Club donates \$5,000 to honor the winner of the Masters Obedience Championship to an AKC training club of the winner's choice or to the AKC Humane Fund.

For streaming of the Masters Obedience Championship and full results visit [westminsterkennelclub.org](http://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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