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JUDGING PANEL UPDATES FOR THE 145th ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

Fourth New Breed — Biewer Terrier — Becomes Eligible for 2021 Show

New York — The Westminster Kennel Club announces changes to its judging panel for the 145th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan[®] at Lyndhurst Estate, Tarrytown, New York on June 12-13, 2021 as well as for the 8th Annual Masters Agility Championship on June 11, 2021. In addition, the Biewer Terrier, newly recognized in 2021 by the American Kennel Club will join the three other recently AKC-recognized breeds that are now eligible to enter the dog show — the Barbet, the Belgian Laekenois, and the Dogo Argentino.

Due to the dog show date change and related matters, there have been some adjustments to the judging panel: the addition of two new breed judges, Mr. James Mitchell and Dr. Elliot More; assignment changes for Mr. George Milutinovich, Ms. Kimberly Anne Meredith, and Ms. Sharon Ann Redmer; and two new agility judges, Mrs. Abbie A. Hanson and Mr. David Nauer. There are no changes to the Best in Show, Group, Sporting, Hound, Terrier, and Non-Sporting breed assignments, Junior Showmanship, or Obedience judging assignments. Here are the changes to the panel:

WORKING BREEDS

Ms. Kimberly Anne Meredith of Pleasant Hill, CA: Portuguese Water Dogs, Rottweilers, Siberian Huskies.

<u>Dr. Elliot L. More</u> of Deerfield, New Hampshire: Akitas, Alaskan Malamutes, Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Black Russian Terriers, Cane Corsos, Great Pyrenees, Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Tibetan Mastiffs.

Ms. Sharon Ann Redmer of Whitmore Lake, MI: Boerboels, Chinooks, Dogues de Bordeaux, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, St. Bernards.

TOY BREEDS

Mr. George Milutinovich of Fresno, CA: Biewer Terriers.

HERDING BREEDS

Mr. James Mitchell of Wilmington, Delaware: Australian Cattle Dogs, Bouvier des Flanders, Collies (both Varieties), Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, Pulik, Pumik, Pyrenean Shepherds, Shetland Sheepdogs, Spanish Water Dogs, Swedish Vallhunds.

Ms. Sharon Ann Redmer of Whitmore Lake, MI: Belgian Laekenois, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis.

AGILITY

The 8th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster on Friday, June 11, 2021 will be judged by Mrs. Abbie A. Hanson of Estill, South Carolina and Mr. David Nauer of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Pending American Kennel Club approval, the full 2021 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Judging Panel can be found at <u>westminsterkennelclub.org</u>.

NEWEST BREED

The newest breed eligible for the 2021 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is the Biewer Terrier, joining the Barbet, the Belgian Laekenois, and the Dogo Argentino.

The Biewer Terrier (pronounced "beaver") was developed in Germany in the 1980s. This whimsical toy breed is light-hearted, intelligent, and amusing. The Biewer Terrier is an elegant, long-haired dog with a breed signature ponytail. Their fun-loving, childlike attitude makes them a devoted, loyal, and obedient companion, despite being mischievous at times. An easy going dog, they move with confidence and grace. Biewer Terriers are friendly with all animals. Their uniquely colored, flowing, soft, silky coat comes in blue/black and gold/tan, and gold/tan and white colors with its straight hair, parted in the middle, hanging close to the ground.

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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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