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# $145^{\text {th }}$ ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW WELCOMES 2,500 DOGS FROM ALL 50 STATES TO HISTORIC LYNDHURST ESTATE 

Four New Breeds: Barbet, Biewer Terrier, Belgian Laekenois, Dogo Argentino Debut at America's Dog Show

NEW YORK - The Westminster Kennel Club welcomes 206 breeds and varieties among 2,500 entries from 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and 10 additional countries to its $145^{\text {th }}$ Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Presented by Purina Pro Plan ${ }^{\circledR}$ at Lyndhurst, a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, on June 12-13, 2021. All four newly eligible breeds, the Barbet, the Biewer Terrier, the Belgian Laekenois, and the Dogo Argentino, will be in attendance at America's longest continuously held dog show, which will culminate with Best in Show on Sunday evening during the live three-hour broadcast on the FOX Network beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Westminster Weekend kicks off with the $8^{\text {th }}$ Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster Presented by Purina Pro Plan ${ }^{\circledR}$ on Friday, June 11, 2021 with 350 entries followed by the iconic all-breed dog show including the Junior Showmanship competition with 75 entries. The $6^{\text {th }}$ Annual Masters Obedience Championship with 25 entries will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Joining the top Westminster breed entries of Golden Retrievers (44), Labrador Retrievers (41), Vizslas (36), German Shorthaired Pointers (35), and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (33) are the new breeds Barbet (6), Biewer Terrier (10), Belgian Laekenois (6), and the Dogo Argentino (14). On Saturday, daytime breed judging includes Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding breeds, junior showmanship preliminaries as well as evening Groups. On Sunday, daytime breed judging includes Sporting, Working, and Terrier breeds, junior showmanship preliminaries as well as evening Groups, Junior Showmanship Finals, and Best in Show.

## The $145^{\text {th }}$ Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

## Saturday-Sunday, June 12-13, 2021 / Lyndhurst Estate, Tarrytown, NY

The most dogs in the 2,500-dog competition are from New York (219), followed by California (192), Pennsylvania (179), Florida (175), Texas (159), and New Jersey (126). There are 44 international entries from 10 countries, topped by Canada (31), Argentina (3), and Japan (3). The farthest entries are from the Philippines (1) and Thailand (1).

## Dog Show Breed Entries by Group

Sporting (468): Barbets (6), Brittanys (19), Lagotti Romagnoli (4), Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes (8), Pointers (17), Pointers (German Shorthaired) (35), Pointers (German Wirehaired) (7), Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay) (16), Retrievers (Curly-Coated) (8), Retrievers (Flat-Coated) (21), Retrievers (Golden) (44), Retrievers (Labrador) (41), Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling) (19), Setters (English) (21), Setters (Gordon) (11), Setters (Irish) (15), Setters (Irish Red and White) (4), Spaniels (American Water) (4), Spaniels (Boykin) (5), Spaniels (Clumber) (9), Spaniels (Cocker) Black (10), Spaniels (Cocker) A.S.C.O.B. (9), Spaniels (Cocker) Parti-Color (5), Spaniels (English Cocker) (14), Spaniels (English Springer) (18), Spaniels (Field) (10), Spaniels (Irish Water) (4), Spaniels (Sussex) (7), Spaniels (Welsh Springer) (5), Spinoni Italiani (5), Vizslas (36), Weimaraners (18), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons (9), Wirehaired Vizslas (5).

Hound (399): Afghan Hounds (21), American English Coonhounds (4), American Foxhounds (9), Azawakhs (4), Basenjis (17), Basset Hounds (11), Beagles, not exceeding 13 In. (9), Beagles, Over 13 In . but not exceeding 15 In . (21), Black and Tan Coonhounds (8), Bloodhounds (6), Bluetick Coonhounds (7), Borzois (15), Cirnechi dell'Etna (14), Dachshunds (Longhaired) (16), Dachshunds (Smooth) (19), Dachshunds (Wirehaired) (17), English Foxhounds (2), Grand Basset Griffon Vendeens (7), Greyhounds (9), Harriers (3), Ibizan Hounds (12), Irish Wolfhounds (20), Norwegian Elkhounds (6), Otterhounds (8), Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens (14), Pharaoh Hounds (9), Plotts (7), Portuguese Podengo Pequenos (9), Redbone Coonhounds (10), Rhodesian Ridgebacks (30), Salukis (13), Scottish Deerhounds (11), Treeing Walker Coonhounds (9), Whippets (22).

Working (431): Akitas (7), Alaskan Malamutes (8), Anatolian Shepherd Dogs (4), Bernese Mountain Dogs (32), Black Russian Terriers (15), Boerboels (6), Boxers (14), Bullmastiffs (21), Cane Corsos (18), Doberman Pinschers (29), Dogo Argentinos (14), Dogues de Bordeaux (13), German Pinschers (3), Giant Schnauzers (11), Great Danes (23), Great Pyrenees (15), Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs (23), Komondorok (4), Kuvaszok (3), Leonbergers (18), Mastiffs (8), Neapolitan Mastiffs (9), Newfoundlands (19), Portuguese Water Dogs (24), Rottweilers (21), Saint Bernards (3), Samoyeds (20), Siberian Huskies (25), Standard Schnauzers (15), Tibetan Mastiffs (7).

Terrier (299): Airedale Terriers (9), American Hairless Terriers (10), American Staffordshire Terriers (10), Australian Terriers (10), Bedlington Terriers (6), Border Terriers (20), Bull Terriers (Colored) (3), Bull Terriers (White) (1), Cairn Terriers (18), Cesky Terriers (8), Dandie Dinmont Terriers (4), Fox Terriers (Smooth) (12), Fox Terriers (Wire) (10), Glen of Imaal Terriers (5), Irish Terriers (4), Kerry Blue Terriers (15), Lakeland Terriers (7), Manchester Terriers (Standard) (7), Miniature Bull Terriers (9), Miniature Schnauzers (18), Norfolk Terriers (7), Norwich Terriers (11), Parson Russell Terriers (8), Rat Terriers (9), Russell Terriers (10), Scottish Terriers (15), Sealyham Terriers (5), Skye Terriers (4), Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (14), Staffordshire Bull Terriers (8), Welsh Terriers (9), West Highland White Terriers (13).

Toy (316): Affenpinschers (7), Biewer Terriers (10), Brussels Griffons (16), Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (33), Chihuahuas (Long Coat) (15), Chihuahuas (Smooth Coat) (14), Chinese Cresteds (20), English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim \& Prince Charles) (2), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles \& Ruby) (8), Havanese (23), Italian Greyhounds (25), Japanese Chin (13), Maltese (4), Manchester Terriers (Toy) (8), Miniature Pinschers (11), Papillons (15), Pekingese (9), Pomeranians (13), Poodles (Toy) (10), Pugs (32), Shih Tzu (8), Silky Terriers (3), Toy Fox Terriers (7), Yorkshire Terriers (10).

Non-Sporting (229): American Eskimo Dogs (10), Bichons Frises (14), Boston Terriers (21), Bulldogs (18), Chinese Shar-Pei (8), Chow Chows (8), Cotons de Tulear (7), Dalmatians (17), Finnish Spitz (3), French Bulldogs (27), Keeshonden (9), Lhasa Apsos (8), Lowchen (4),

Poodles (Miniature) (8), Poodles (Standard) (16), Schipperkes (9), Shiba Inu (8), Tibetan Spaniels (6), Tibetan Terriers (18), Xoloitzcuintli (10).

Herding (356): Australian Cattle Dogs (18), Australian Shepherds (24), Bearded Collies (10), Beaucerons (10), Belgian Laekenois (6), Belgian Malinois (12), Belgian Sheepdogs (11),
Belgian Tervuren (22), Bergamasco Sheepdogs (11), Berger Picards (16), Border Collies (14), Bouviers des Flandres (6), Briards (10), Canaan Dogs (7), Cardigan Welsh Corgis (17), Collies (Rough) (9), Collies (Smooth) (11), Entlebucher Mountain Dogs (2), Finnish Lapphunds (7), German Shepherd Dogs (16), Icelandic Sheepdogs (10), Miniature American Shepherds (20), Norwegian Buhunds (5), Old English Sheepdogs (9), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (22), Polish Lowland Sheepdogs (10), Pulik (8), Pumik (6), Pyrenean Shepherds (10), Shetland Sheepdogs (8), Spanish Water Dogs (6), Swedish Vallhunds (3).

## Dog Show Entries by Location

States (50): Alaska (7), Alabama (15), Arkansas (11), Arizona (37), California (192), Colorado (55), Connecticut (106), Delaware (25), Florida (175), Georgia (56), Hawaii (4), Idaho (5), Illinois (66), Indiana (50), Iowa (5), Kansas (17), Kentucky (28), Louisiana (24), Maine (10), Maryland (70), Massachusetts (117), Michigan (68), Minnesota (30), Mississippi (8), Missouri (43), Montana (4), Nebraska (8), Nevada (11), New Hampshire (23), New Jersey (126), New Mexico (7), New York (219), North Carolina (82), North Dakota (1), Ohio (98), Oklahoma (23), Oregon (18), Pennsylvania (179), Rhode Island (16), South Carolina (37), South Dakota (2), Tennessee (48), Texas (159), Utah (3), Vermont (16), Virginia (100), Washington (69), West Virginia (9), Wisconsin (48), Wyoming (3). Other: District of Columbia (5), Puerto Rico (4).

Other Countries (10): Argentina (3), Canada (31), Chile (1), Italy (1), Japan (3), Lithuania (1), Guatemala (1), Philippines (1), Thailand (1), and Ukraine (1).

## 8th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster

## Friday, June 11, 2021 / Lyndhurst Estate, Tarrytown, NY

There are 350 dogs entered representing 73 breeds and 30 states, plus the District of Columbia, with the most coming from New Jersey (56), Massachusetts (37), New York (36), Pennsylvania (33), and Ohio (25). The top five entries are Border Collies (59), Shetland Sheepdogs (34), Australian Shepherds (25), Golden Retrievers (25), All-American Dogs (19), and Labrador Retrievers (15).

## Agility Entries by Breed

Breeds (73): Australian Cattle Dogs (3), Australian Shepherds (25), Beagles (1), Bearded Collies (4), Bedlington Terriers (1), Belgian Tervuren (1), Border Collies (59), Boston Terriers (7), Boxers (3), Bracco Italiano (1), Brittanys (5), Bulldogs (1), Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (6), Chesapeake Bay Retrievers (4), Chinese Cresteds (2), Cocker Spaniels (8), Collies (7), Dachshunds (2), Dalmatians (1), Danish Swedish Farmdogs (1), Doberman Pinschers (1), English Cocker Spaniels (2), English Springer Spaniels (2), Finnish Lapphunds (1), German Shepherd Dogs (3), German Shorthaired Pointers (1), Golden Retrievers (25), Gordon Setters (1), Icelandic Sheepdogs (2), Irish Red \& White Setters (1), Irish Setters (1), Kerry Blue Terriers (1), Labrador Retrievers (15), Lagotti Romagnoli (1), Lowchen (1), Manchester Terriers (2), Miniature American Shepherds (10), Miniature Pinschers (1), Miniature Schnauzers (1), Mudi (3), Norfolk Terriers (3), Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers (2), Papillons (10), Parson Russell Terriers (3), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (10), Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (2), Pomeranians (4), Poodles (9), Rottweilers (1), Russell Terriers (1), Shetland Sheepdogs (34), Shiba Inu (2), Shih

Tzu (1), Syke Terriers (1), Smooth Fox Terriers (2), Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers (1), Staffordshire Bull Terrier (1), Swedish Vallhunds (1), Toy Fox Terriers (2), Vizslas (2), Weimaraners (2), Welsh Springer Spaniels (2), West Highland White Terriers (1), Whippets (2), and Yorkshire Terriers (1).

## Agility Entries by Location

States (30): Alabama (5) Arizona (2), California (12), Connecticut (22), Delaware (4), Florida (7), Georgia (3), Illinois (3), Indiana (4), Kentucky (1), Louisiana (1), Maine (3), Maryland (17), Massachusetts (37), Michigan (5), Missouri (5), North Carolina (4), Nebraska (2), New Hampshire (22), New Jersey (56), Nevada (1), New York (36), Ohio (25), Pennsylvania (33), Rhode Island (6), South Carolina (2),Tennessee (2), Virginia (22), Vermont (1), West Virginia (4), as well as the District of Columbia (1) and Canada (1).
${ }^{* * *}$ As of April 30, 2021 we have reached the 350 entry limit. The Agility entry numbers are subject to change until the secondary cancellation date of May 24, 2021.***

## 6th Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster Entries

## Sunday, June 13, 2021 / Lyndhurst Estate, Tarrytown, NY

There are 25 dogs entered from 12 states led by New Jersey (9), Illinois (3), and Pennsylvania (3). The top breeds are Golden Retrievers (10) and Border Collies (6).

## Obedience Entries by Breed

Breeds (10): Belgian Malinois (1), Belgian Tervuren (1), Border Collies (6), German Shepherd Dogs (2), Pembroke Welsh Corgis (1), Retrievers (Golden) (10), Retrievers (Labrador) (1), Shetland Sheepdogs (1), Spaniels (English Springer) (1), and Standard Schnauzers (1).

## Obedience Entries by Location

States (12): Connecticut (1), Florida (1), Illinois (3), Indiana (1), Louisiana (1)
Maine (1), Missouri (1), New Jersey (9), New York (2), Pennsylvania (3), Tennessee (1), and Virginia (1).
*** All entry counts are subject to final AKC audit ***
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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
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