

THE 145TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER Kennel Club dog show



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PEKINGESE WINS BEST IN SHOW AT 145TH ANNUALWESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

Tarrytown, N.Y. – The Pekingese "Wasabi" won Best in Show at the 145th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan[®] under Judge Patricia Craige Trotter at the Lyndhurst Estate, A National Trust for Historic Preservationproperty, in Tarrytown, N.Y. on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Wasabi of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, officially known as GCHG CH Pequest Wasabi Is owned, handled, and bred by David Fitzpatrick, and co-owned by Sandra Middlebrooks, Peggy Steinman, and Iris Love bested a field of2,500 entered dogs to win Best in Show on Sunday night after two days of Best of Breed, Group, and Best in Show competition. The famed New York City dog show was held outdoors this year at the Lyndhurst Estate due to the pandemic restrictions. The iconic dog show will return to Manhattan and Madison Square Garden in January 2022.

The Saturday Group finals were televised live on FS1 and the Sunday night Group finals and Best in Show were televised live on FOX. For full Westminster Kennel ClubDog Show results and video visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. Westminster Weekend events are presented by Purina Pro Plan[®].

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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 thecompanionship 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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