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ORANGEVALE, CALIFORNIA RESIDENT WINS BEST JUNIOR HANDLER AT 145TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

Tarrytown, N.Y. – Lily Angeline Bennett with her Wirehaired Pointing Griffon won Best Junior Handler under Judge Dylan Kipp Keith at the 145th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan® at the Lyndhurst estate in Tarrytown, N.Y. on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Bennett handling her 7-year-old male, officially known as GCHG Whiskeytown Stonehenge Riding Shotgun JH, took top honors in the Junior Showmanship competition besting a field of 75 entrants, narrowed down to eight finalists. Finalists were selected over two days of preliminary competitions held at the Lyndhurst estate in Tarrytown, N.Y. The famed New York City dog show was held outdoors this year at the Lyndhurst estate due to the pandemic restrictions.

As the 2021 Westminster Kennel Club Best Junior Handler, Bennett will receive a \$10,000 Junior Showmanship Finalists Scholarship Award. Competitors in Junior Showmanship are from 9 to 18 years of age and are judged on their handling abilities.

Selected highlights of the preliminary rounds were featured on the live broadcast on FS2 on June 12-13. For full Westminster Kennel Club Dog 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 the companionship of dogs, promotes responsible dog ownership, and breed preservation.

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