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## EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA PEKINGESE WINS BEST IN SHOWAND TOY GROUP AT 145<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

*Tarrytown, N.Y.* – The Pekingese "Wasabi" of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, owned, handled, and bred by David Fitzpatrick, and co-owned by Sandra Middlebrooks, PeggySteinman, and Iris Love won Best in Show under Judge Patricia Craige Trotter and the Toy Group under Judge June Penta at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club DogShow presented by Purina Pro Plan<sup>®</sup> at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, N.Y. on Saturday and Sunday, June 12-13, 2021.

Wasabi, a 3-year-old male, officially known as GCHG CH Pequest Wasabi took top honors besting 2,500 entered dogs. Westminster reached its conformation entry limit of 2,500 dogs, with two days of Best of Breed, Group, and Best in Show competition on June 12- 13. The famed New York City dog show was held outdoors this year at the Lyndhurst Estate due to the pandemic restrictions.

The Toy Group was televised live on FS1 on Saturday evening. Selected highlights of the Best of Breed competitors were featured live 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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