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TORONTO, ONTARIO SAMOYED WINS WORKING GROUP AT THE 146TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

New York, NY — The Samoyed of Toronto, ON, handled by Laura King, owned by Correen R. Pacht, Marc Ralsky, Judi Elford and Blair Elford, and bred by Mengru Wu and Judi Elford, won the Working Group under judge Mrs. Faye Strauss at the 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan held at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, New York on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Striker, a 6-year-old male, officially known as GCHP CH Vanderbilt 'N Printemp's Lucky Strike, took top honors among the 483 dogs entered within the Working Group. Westminster saw over 3,000 entries in conformation, with three days of Best of Breed judging from June 20-22, culminating with the Group and Best in Show competitions.

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The Working Group was televised live on FS1 on Wednesday evening. The Empire State Building illuminated the New York City skyline in Westminster's iconic purple and gold to celebrate the 146th annual event, while the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge cast a purple hue over the Hudson River to signify our presence in Tarrytown, New York at the Lyndhurst Estate. For full results and video, visit westminsterkennelclub.org.

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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. WESTMINSTER. *There's only one.*® Visit: westminsterkennelclub.org and follow us @WKCDogShow.

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