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CHELSEA

2017 AKC National Agility Champion — 4<sup>th</sup> Place 2019 Team USA Member (AKC European Open) 2021 Agility National Finalist (IDC)

#### LIZ DOLE, DVM

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As a veterinarian and agility trainer, helping dogs live full, active lives has always been a big part of Liz Dole's life. So, when it came time to pick a food to fuel her champion agility dog, Chelsea, the choice was clear. **Pro Plan Sport** is the only nutrition Liz trusts to give her dogs the energy and protein levels they need to be their best, on and off the course.

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THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW COMPETITION STARTS WITH OVER

> SOUC DOGS ACROSS 211 BREEDS

ALL OF THE AKC-RECOGNIZED BREEDS FALL INTO ONE OF 7 GROUPS:

AND VARIETIES



WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

THE 146<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL



## THE WORLD'S GREATEST DOG SHOW

For 146 years, dogs from around the world have ventured to New York City to compete for the coveted title of Best In Show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, presented by Purina Pro Plan. For the second time in history, this year's show will be held at the storied Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown, NY.

Explore this booklet to learn more about the dog show, the 209 breeds that will take the ring, and the advanced nutrition that fuels 92 of the top 100 AKC All Breed Champions.\*

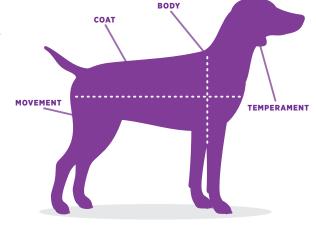
\*Dog News Magazine Top 100 Dogs based on AKC All-Breed Competition and RBIS through 12/31/21. The handlers or owners of these champions may have received Pro Plan dog food as Purina ambassadors.



# DOG SHOW 101 TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

#### THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW IS A "CONFORMATION SHOW."

Dogs are judged and placed according to how closely they compare or "conform" to their official breed standards.



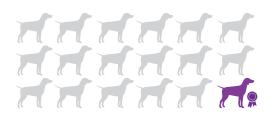
#### WHAT ARE THE BREED STANDARDS?

A written description of the ideal features of that breed. Generally, these standards describe a dog's appearance, movement and temperament.



#### THE BREED COMPETITION

Dogs compete against the other dogs in their **BREED / VARIETY**.



#### THE GROUP COMPETITION

2 Then they compete against dogs in their **GROUP**.



#### THE BEST IN SHOW COMPETITION





Purina® Pro Plan® has fueled 14 of the last 15 Best In Show Winners\*. Who will take the title this year?

\*The handlers or owners of these champions may have received Purina\* Pro Plan\* dog food as Purina ambassadors.

## HOUND GROUP

Most hounds share the common ancestral trait of being used for hunting, which is why they were originally classified as Sporting dogs, but in 1930 the Hound Group was born. Some dogs in the Hound Group use acute scenting powers to follow a trail. Others demonstrate a phenomenal gift of stamina as they relentlessly run down quarry. Some hounds bring down the game themselves or hold it at bay until the hunter arrives, while others locate the game by tracking its scent.

### DID YOU KNOW?



In 2015, Miss P, a Beagle (15 in.), became the 9th Best In Show Champion in a row to be fueled by Purina<sup>®</sup> Pro Plan<sup>®</sup>.\*

The Azawakh, a member

of the Hound Group,

was eligible to compete

at Westminster for the

first time in 2020.



Miss P's victory was fueled by Purina® Pro Plan® SPORT® Performance 30/20.\*

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6 Best In Show

Winners have

come from the

Hound Group.\*\*



the winningest breed in the Hound Group, with 13 Group wins.\*\*

In 2020, a Whippet

named Bourbon won

the Hound Group and the

Reserve Best In Show title.



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## **TOY GROUP**

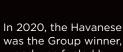
The diminutive size and winsome expressions of the dogs in the Toy Group illustrate the main function of this Group: to embody sheer delight. Don't let their tiny stature fool you, though - many Toys are tough as nails. They make ideal apartment dogs and terrific lap warmers on nippy nights. These dogs are loyal and intelligent companions, provided you give them plenty of attention.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

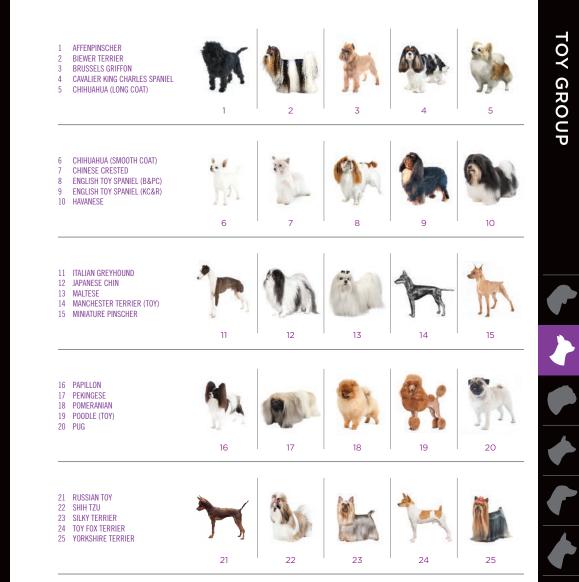


The Pekingese is the winningest breed in the Toy Group, with 26 Group wins.

2021 was the first year the Biewer Terrier was eligible to compete at Westminster.



was the Group winner, and was fueled by Purina<sup>®</sup> Pro Plan<sup>®</sup>.\*





Purina® Pro Plan® offers Small Breed formulas that feature bite-size, nutrient-dense kibble that's great for dogs under 20 lbs.



12 Best In Show Winners have come from the Toy Group.



Small breeds can actually be found in every group, not just the Toy Group.

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## **NON-SPORTING GROUP**

The Non-Sporting Group is a very diverse group. Originally the AKC registered dogs as Sporting or Non-Sporting. Then the Hounds and Terriers split off from the Sporting Group and the Toys and Working dogs from the Non-Sporting Group. The Herding Group then split from the Working Group to make up the 7 Groups. The remaining dogs that have traits that don't fit into any of the other categories are judged in the Non-Sporting Group. These dogs differ in personality, appearance, size, coat and temperament.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**





The Standard Poodle is the winningest breed in the Non-Sporting Group, with 31 Group wins.

The 2020 Best In Show



Winner was Siba\* a Standard Poodle from the Non-Sporting Group fueled by Purina® Pro Plan®.

12 Best In Show Winners have come from the Non-Sporting Group.





The 2018 Best In Show Winner, Flynn, was a Bichon Frise from the Non-Sporting Group and was fueled by Purina® Pro Plan®.



The Non-Sporting Group is a very diverse group, containing a varied collection of breeds in terms of size, coat, personality and overall appearance.

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## HERDING GROUP

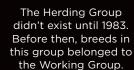
The Herding Group was created in 1983 and is the newest AKC classification. Before that, the dogs in this group belonged in the Working Group. All breeds in the Herding Group share the fabulous ability to control the movement of other animals. However, the vast majority of herding dogs, as household pets, never cross paths with a farm animal. In general, these intelligent dogs make excellent companions and respond beautifully to training exercises.

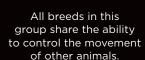
#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

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The Pembroke Welsh Corgi has the most consecutive wins with 3.









The German Shepherd Dog is the winningest breed in the Herding Group, with 17 Group wins.\*



Since 1983, only 2 Best In Show Winners have come from the Herding Group.



2021 was the first year the Belgian Laekenois was eligible to compete at Westminster.

\*7 wins in the Working Group, before the Herding Group's inception in 1983. 10 wins in the Herding Group after 1983.

IN 2021, WASABI WAS AWARDED BEST IN SHOW. WHO WILL TAKE THE TITLE **THIS YEAR?** 



We're proud to have helped fuel Wasabi's victory with the advanced nutrition of Purina® Pro Plan® Complete Essentials Shredded Blend Chicken & Rice Formula\*. Good luck to the outstanding dogs and handlers competing in the 2022 WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW. We can't wait to cheer you on at Lyndhurst.

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# SPORTING GROUP

## SPORTING GROUP

The Sporting Group is comprised of gun dogs that were developed to assist the hunter. These dogs are remarkable for their instincts in water and woods and are generally naturally active, alert and have stable temperaments.



## **DID YOU KNOW?**



In 2016, CJ, a German Shorthaired Pointer. became the 10th Best In Show Champion in a row to be fueled by Purina<sup>®</sup> Pro Plan<sup>®</sup>.\*



the most popular breed, but has never won Best In Show.



A Golden Retriever named Daniel was the Group winner in 2020, fueling his victory with Purina® Pro Plan®.\*



20 Best In Show Winners have come from the Sporting Group.



The Barbet, a French water dog, was eligible to compete at Westminster in 2021.



7 of the last 8 **AKC National Retriever** Champions\*\* are fueled by Purina® Pro Plan®.\*

\*The handlers or owners of these champions may have received Pro Plan dog food as Purina ambassadors. \*\*Based on the All-Age National Championship for Bird Dogs 2013 – 2022. The handlers or owners of these champions may have received Pro Plan dog food as Purina ambassadors

## WORKING GROUP

Dogs of the Working Group were bred to perform such jobs as guarding property, pulling sleds and performing water rescues. Many of these breeds also serve as draft animals, and as police, military, and service dogs. They have been invaluable assets to man throughout the ages. Quick to learn, these intelligent, capable animals make solid companions.

#### AKITA 1 ALASKAN MALAMUTE ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG Λ 5 BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER BOERBOEL 6 BOXER BULLMASTIFF 8 CANE CORSO q 10 CHINOOK 10 11 DOBERMAN PINSCHER 12 DOGO ARGENTINO 13 DOGUE DE BORDEAUX 14 GERMAN PINSCHER 15 GIANT SCHNAUZER 11 12 13 1/ 15 16 GREAT DANE 17 GREAT PYRENEES 18 GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG 19 KOMONDOR 20 KUVASZ 19 20 16 17 18 21 LEONBERGER 22 MASTIFF 23 NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF 24 NEWFOUNDLAND 25 PORTUGUESE WATER DOG 23 25 21 22 24 26 ROTTWEILER 27 SAINT BERNARD 28 SAMOYED 29 SIBERIAN HUSKY 30 STANDARD SCHNAUZER 26 27 28 29 30 31 TIBETAN MASTIFF

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**





The Boxer is the winningest breed in the group, with 26 Group wins.\*\*

2021 was the first year the Dogo Argentino was eligible to compete at Westminster.



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Working Group.



Dogs of the Working Group were bred to perform jobs like guarding property, pulling sleds or performing water rescues.



Purina® Pro Plan® offers specialized nutrition that can meet the needs of large and giant breeds like those found in the Working Group.



The Purina® Pro Plan<sup>®</sup>-fed Boxer, Wilma, was awarded the winner of the Working Group.\*

\*The handlers or owners of this champion may have received Pro Plan dog food as Purina ambassadors. \*\*Since joining the Working Group in 1936.

## **TERRIER GROUP**

The Terrier Group is filled with feisty, energetic dogs that range greatly in size. Their ancestors were bred to hunt and kill vermin. Most terriers have wiry coats that require special grooming in order to maintain their characteristic appearance. The word "terrier" comes from the Latin word terra (ground), as these determined and courageous dogs must be small enough and agile enough to "go to ground" to pursue their guarry (rats, foxes, and other vermin).

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



In 2019, the Wire Fox Terrier

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47 Best In Show

Champions have

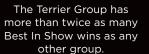
come from the Terrier

Group-the most

of any group.



became the 12th of the last 13 Best In Show Champions in a row to choose the advanced nutrition of Purina<sup>®</sup> Pro Plan<sup>®</sup>.\*



Dogs of the Terrier Group

tend to be feisty, energetic

dogs whose ancestors

were bred to hunt and

kill vermin.



The Wire Fox Terrier is the winningest breed in the group with 24 Group wins.

Terriers make great

pets, but are typically

stubborn and can require

special grooming.



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