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WELCOME!



Welcome to the National Dog Show hosted by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia.

On behalf of the members of the Kennel Club of Philadelphia, I thank you for joining us today as we celebrate both the 22nd annual National Dog Show Presented by Purina® and the Kennel Club's annual showing of purebred dogs in the Philadelphia area. The Kennel Club of Philadelphia had its first purebred show in 1879 and it became an annual event in 1933. The Kennel

Club of Philadelphia proudly supports a number of canine-related organizations and has donated over 1.1 million dollars in the past 9 years. We have a lot to celebrate this year!

The National Dog Show Presented by Purina® is broadcast annually on Thanksgiving Day at noon on NBC and has been thrilling dog lovers ever since it began in 2002. We estimate that since then, one quarter of a billion people have watched!

Enjoy the dog show, and let us know about your experience at **www.facebook.com/kennelclubofphiladogshows/.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Wayne Ferguson, President Kennel Club of Philadelphia

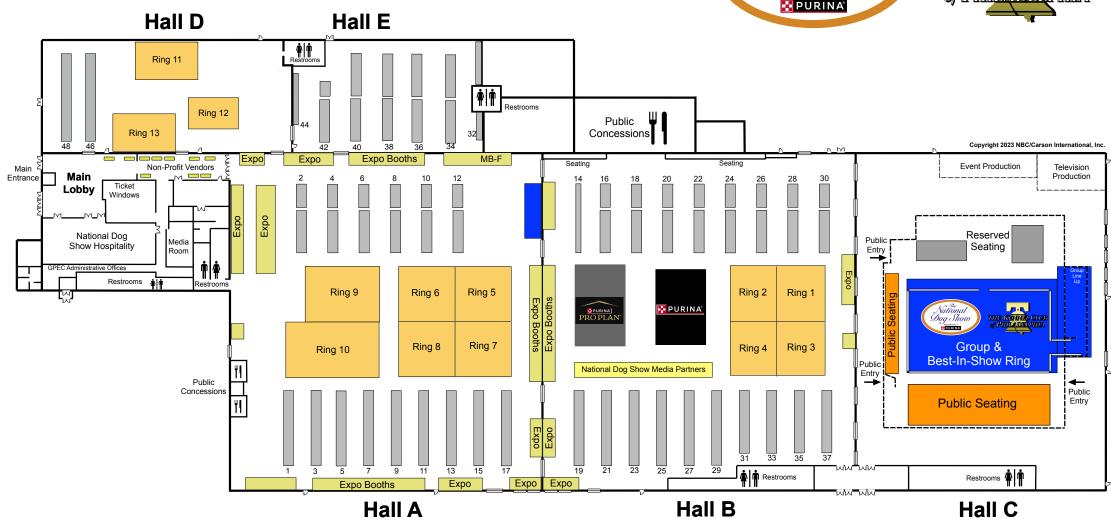


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

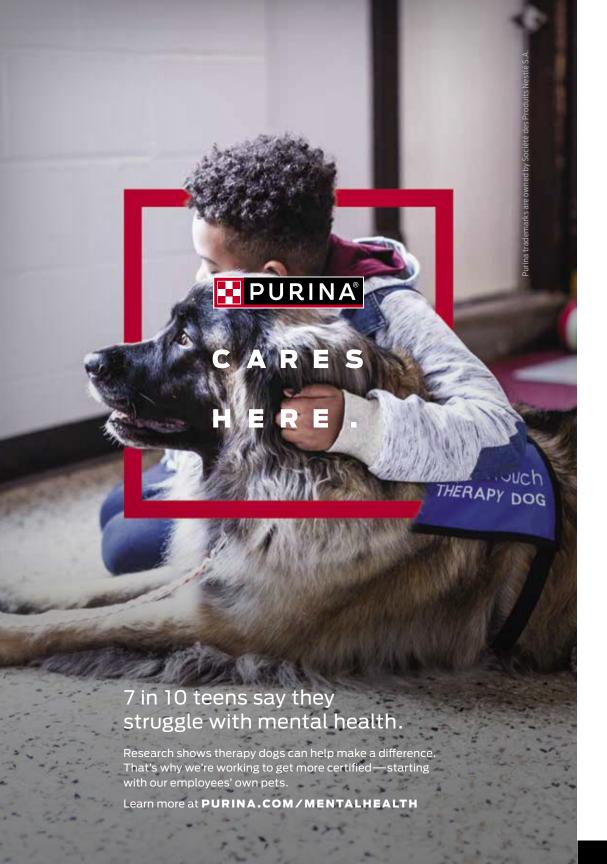
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| 9:00 AM | Pro Plan Performance Team | (Hall B) |
| 10:00 AM | Pro Plan Performance Team | (Hall B) |
| 11:00 AM | Pro Plan Performance Team | (Hall B) |
| 12:40 PM | National Anthem Ceremony | (Hall C) |
| 1:00 PM | The National Dog Show Group Judging | (Hall C) |
| 6:00 PM | The National Dog Show Best In Show Judging | (Hall C) |

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| 2:00 PM | Kennel Club of Philadelphia Group Judging | (Hall C) |
| 5:00 PM | Kennel Club of Philadelphia Best In Show Judg | ing (Hall C) |

Visit the National Dog Show Social Media Booth in Hall B.





SHOW DOGS AND GO DOGS!



Watch these amazing "Go Dogs" offer up their incredible canine athletic skills throughout the weekend at the canine performance area next to the Purina booth in Hall B.

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Go to incredibledogchallenge.com and carsonevents.com to learn more.



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VISIT THE BENCHING AREA









Check out the benching area where show dogs and handlers prepare for their big moment.

Please be sure to ask the dog handler/owner before you pet their dog.



ABOUT JUDGING

EARNING POINTS

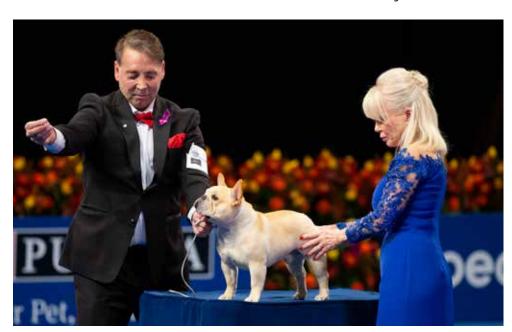
A dog will begin its show career by competing to become a "champion." To earn an AKC Championship title (and to be able to place Ch. in front of its name) the dog needs to win 15 points at AKC shows. Points are earned by defeating other dogs of the same sex and breed in classes held specifically for non-champions. Points used to determine national rankings are recorded by the AKC and based on the number of dogs defeated. A dog gets one all-breed point for each dog defeated at a dog show. The top dogs in the country easily have more than 50,000 points in a given year.

BEST OF BREED

In order to win Best In Show a dog must first be judged the best of dogs of its same breed competing in the show. Some breeds have more than 100 dogs entered. The winner of the breed moves on to the Group judging.

FIRST IN GROUP

Each of the 212 AKC registered breeds and varieties are assigned to one of seven groups (Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding) representing characteristics and functions for which the breeds were originally bred. By winning the Group competition, that dog joins an elite group of winners of the seven group competitions that go on to compete for the ultimate Best In Show award, the coveted gold and blue rosette, and to become winner of The National Dog Show.

















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THE SEVEN GROUPS

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SPORTING GROUP

The invention of the gun led to the development of the sporting, or gun dogs, to aid in hunting upland game birds and waterfowl, performing at the direction of the hunter. While a number of these breeds perform more than one task, it is generally the duty of pointers and setters to point and mark game, for spaniels to flush game, and for retrievers to recover dead and wounded game.

HOUND GROUP

Originally classified as sporting dogs because of their function as hunters, breeds in the Hound Group vary greatly in size,

shape and coat. Most of these breeds were developed to hunt somewhat independently of their humans, who usually followed on foot or on horseback as the hounds chased down the prey. This group informally consists of scent hounds, dogs that hunt by tracking a scent, and sight hounds, who spot their game and run it down.

WORKING GROUP

While the uses and appearances of the dogs in the Working Group vary, most are powerfully built and intelligent, performing various tasks for their handlers. These dogs are working farm and draft animals. They guard homes

and livestock, serve heroically as police and military dogs, security dogs, guide and service dogs, and hunters.

TERRIER GROUP

Almost all of the terriers evolved in the British Isles.
The geography of the specific area (water, rocky terrain and more) helped to determine the exact duties of each breed but it usually involved hunting vermin and varmints ranging from rats to badgers to otters and more. These are dogs of great determination, courage and self-confidence, with a great willingness to go to ground in search of their quarry.

TOY GROUP

Toy dogs have been around for centuries, and are bred for one purpose: to be companions for their humans. Many have been bred down from and still resemble their larger cousins. Their small size and portability make them ideal for city dwellers and those with limited space.

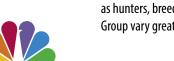
NON-SPORTING GROUP

The AKC originally registered dogs as either Sporting or Non-Sporting. Eventually, hounds and terriers were split from the Sporting Group and the Toys and Working dogs were split off from

Non-Sporting, with the Herding Group eventually splitting from Working. Today, the Non-Sporting Group is literally every breed that is left, resulting in a wide variety of sizes, shapes, coat, function and history.

HERDING GROUP

Herding is a natural instinct in dogs that is seen in the wild.
Humans have used that instinct to their advantage on farms and ranches with herding dogs who have the sole purpose of gathering and moving livestock from one place to another.



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To learn more, visit: www.NationalDogShow.com • www.akc.org



THE BREEDS - Group Order

SPORTING

English Setter Gordon Setter Irish Setter

Irish Red and White Setter

Pointer

German Shorthaired Pointer

Weimaraner Vizsla

Wirehaired Vizsla

Brittany

German Wirehaired Pointer Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

Barbet

Lagotto Romagnolo Spinone Italiano Bracco Italiano Flat-Coated Retriever

Curly-Coated Retriever Golden Retriever

Labrador Retriever

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Nederlandse Kooikerhondje

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Irish Water Spaniel

American Water Spaniel

Boykin Spaniel English Springer Spaniel

Welsh Springer Spaniel Field Spaniel **Clumber Spaniel** Sussex Spaniel **English Cocker Spaniel** Cocker Spaniel (ASCOB) Cocker Spaniel (Parti)

Cocker Spaniel (Black)

HOUND

Afghan Hound Saluki Azawakh Sloughi Ibizan Hound Pharaoh Hound Cirneco dell'Etna Greyhound Whippet

Borzoi Scottish Deerhound Irish Wolfhound American Foxhound **English Foxhound**

Harrier

Beagle (15 inch) Beagle (13 inch) Rhodesian Ridgeback Norwegian Elkhound

Basenji

Portuguese Podengo Pequeno American English Coonhound Black and Tan Coonhound Bluetick Coonhound Redbone Coonhound

Treeing Walker Coonhound Plott Bloodhound Otterhound

Pettit Basset Griffon Vendeen **Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen**

Basset Hound Dachshund (Smooth) Dachshund (Longhaired) Dachshund (Wirehaired)

WORKING

Doberman Pinscher German Pinscher **Black Russian Terrier** Giant Schnauzer Standard Schnauzer

Rottweiler

Bernese Mountain Dog **Greater Swiss Mountain Dog**

Alaskan Malamute Siberian Husky Chinook Samoved Akita Boxer

Great Dane Bullmastiff Mastiff

Tibetan Mastiff Neapolitan Mastiff Dogo Argentino Cane Corso

Dogue de Bordeaux Borboel

Portuguese Water Dog Newfoundland

Leonberger Saint Bernard **Great Pyrenees** Kuvasz

Komondor

Anatolian Shepherd Dog

TERRIER Airedale Terrier Irish Terrier Welsh Terrier Lakeland Terrier Wire Fox Terrier Smooth Fox Terrier Parson Russell Terrier Russell Terrier **Border Terrier Kerry Blue Terrier Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Bedlington Terrier** Manchester Terrier (Standard) Rat Terrier

American Hairless Terrier Miniature Schnauzer **Australian Terrier Cairn Terrier** Scottish Terrier Sealyham Terrier

Cesky Terrier **West Highland Terrier** Skye Terrier

Dandie Dinmont Terrier Glen of Imaal Terrier American Staffordshire Terrier

White Bull Terrier Colored Bull Terrier Staffordshire Bull Terrier Miniature Bull Terrier Norfolk Terrier Norwich Terrier

TOY

Italian Greyhound Chinese Crested Poodle (Toy) Pomeranian Smooth Coat Chihuahua

Long Coat Chihuahua Tov Fox Terrier Miniature Pinscher Manchester Terrier (Tov)

Russian Tov Havanese Maltese Shih Tzu

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel English Toy Spaniel (B&PC) English Toy Spaniel (KC&R)

Japanese Chin Papillon Silky Terrier Yorkshire Terrier **Biewer Terrier** Affenpinscher **Brussels Griffon**

Pug Pekingese

NON-SPORTING

Poodle (Standard) Poodle (Miniature) Bichon Frise Coton de Tulear Lowchen Dalmatian Xoloitzcuintli Finnish Spitz Keeshond American Eskimo Norwegian Lundehund Shiba Inu

Schipperke Lhasa Apso Tibetan Spaniel Tibetan Terrier **Boston Terrier** French Bulldoa

Bulldoa Chinese Shar-Pei Chow Chow

HERDING

German Shepherd Dog Belgian Laekenois Belgian Malinois Belgian Sheepdog Belgian Tervuren

Briard Berger Picard Pyrenean Shepherd Collie (Rough) Collie (Smooth) Shetland Sheepdog

Australian Shepherd Miniature American Shepherd

Border Collie **Bearded Collie** Old English Sheepdog Polish Lowland Sheepdog

Puli Pumi Mudi Canaan Dog Australian Cattle Dog Bouvier des Flandres

Beauceron Bergamasco

Entlebucher Mountain Dog Norwegian Buhund Finnish Lapphund Icelandic Sheepdog Spanish Water Dog Swedish Vallhund Cardigan Welsh Corgi Pembroke Welsh Corgi



2022 BEST IN SHOW WINNER



GCHP Fox Canyon's I Won The War at Goldshield a.k.a. Winston

The bouncy, crowd-pleasing French Bulldog, Winston, captured the fancy of the judges and the hearts of 20 million viewers on NBC last Thanksgiving, winning Best in Show at Philadelphia's prestigious National Dog Show Presented by Purina.

Winston's emergence as America's top dog was especially notable because he was raised and is co-owned by National Football League player Morgan Fox, the Los Angeles Chargers defensive end. Winston's handler for the show was Perry Payson of Bixby, Oklahoma, who is also the breeder and a member of the ownership group.

Winston came to Philadelphia as the #1-ranked all-breed canine in America and #1 in the Non-Sporting Group after

winning Reserve Best in Show (second place) at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York in June, 2022.

"He is a showdog with personality and beauty and a perfect fit for the breed," offered Vicki Seiler-Cushman of Xenia Ohio, the Best in Show judge. "He has a razzle dazzle that says, "I am here to win tonight.' You can just tell that he can also go home and be the perfect pet."

"I get excited every time and so does Winston," Payson gushed about the Best in Show stage in which just seven dogs compete for the ultimate title. "The National Dog Show in Philadelphia with the television exposure on Thanksqiving Day is obviously special. We've had a lot of support and that's what happens with a dog of this quality." Payson had a crowd-pleasing response to the victory, lifting his charge into the air in celebration as the announcement was made. Winston and Payson choose Purina Pro Plan as their nutrition of choice.

PREVIOUS BEST IN SHOW

2021 - GCH Foxcliffe Claire Randall Fraser (a.k.a Claire)

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2019 - GCHG Diamond Gold Majesu Pisko Bulls (a.k.a. Thor)

2018 - GCHP Pinnacle Tennessee Whiskey (a.k.a. Whiskey)

2017 - Ch. Somerset Wynzall Hashtag (a.k.a. Newton)

2016 - GCH GrandCru Giaconda CGC (a.k.a. Gia)

2015 - GCH CH Cragsmoor Good Time Charlie (a.k.a. Charlie)

2014 - GCH Flessner's International S'cess, MT (a.k.a. Nathan)

2013 - GCH Kiarry's Pandora's Box (a.k.a. Jewel)

2012 - GCH Afterall Painting the Sky (a.k.a. Sky)

2011 - Ch. Steele Your Heart (a.k.a. Eira)

2010 - GCH Windntide Mr. Sandman (a.k.a. Clooney)

2009 - Ch. Roundtown Mercedes of Maryscot (a.k.a. Sadie)

2008 - Ch. Cookieland Seasyde Hollyberry (a.k.a Holly)

2007 - Ch. Buff Cap Creslane Arctic Mist (a.k.a. Swizzle)

2006 - Ch. Smash JP Win A Victory (a.k.a. Vikki)

2005 - Ch. Rocky Top's Sundance Kid (a.k.a. Rufus)

2004 - Ch. Aimhi Avalon Renaissance (a.k.a. Gracie)

2003 - Ch. Blue Chip Purple Reign (a.k.a. Raisin)

2002 - Ch. Ale Kai Mikimoto on Fifth (a.k.a. Miki)

PREVIOUS BEST IN SHOW WINNERS





2020 and 2021

2019

2018







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THE TALENT

John O'Hurley, versatile host, actor, and television personality, returns for his 22nd consecutive year as host of The National Dog Show Presented by Purina®.

Dubbed one of People magazine's "Sexiest Men Alive," he is best known as "J. Peterman" on Seinfeld, for which he received a Screen Actors Guild Award. He was also the ultimate champion of the first-ever Dancing with the Stars. He has authored three books — Before The Dog Can Eat Your Homework First You Have To Do It: Life Lessons from a Wise Old Dog to a Young Boy (Hudson Street Press, 2007), the New York Times bestseller It's Okay to Miss the Bed on the First Jump (Plume, 2007), and his latest book for children The Perfect Dog (Grosset &

Dunlap, 2013), which since its release has inspired *The Perfect Dog*, a musical designed for children's theatre. The musical production is licensed by Theatrical Rights Worldwide as part of its Theatre For Young Audiences catalogue. He stars in his own one-man show *A Man with Standards*, a humorous and poignant take on his life and experiences in show business, which has been touring since 2017. O'Hurley's latest community service commitment came last December when he took on the role as an ambassador for the Puppy Food Bank, an organization dedicated to providing food to various pet rescue groups in Texas. The O'Hurley family have a pure-bred Havanese named Lucy and two small rescues named Charlotte and Mia.

David Frei, America's foremost authority on all things canine, is a natural choice to serve as the expert analyst for the National Dog Show Presented by Purina®. An American Kennel Club (AKC)-licensed judge who has officiated dog shows all over the world, Frei hosted television coverage of "The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show" for 27 years (1990-2016). He has co-hosted the National Dog Show Presented by Purina® since its inception in 2002, becoming a Thanksgiving Day fixture in American homes. A successful former breeder/ owner/handler, he is proudest of the work his therapy dogs have done at the Ronald McDonald House of New York, the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, among other health-related institutions. His first book, The Angel By My Side (Hay House Publishing, 2002, with Mike Lingenfelter), claimed two Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) awards. His second book, Angel on a Leash (BowTie Press, 2011), also a DWAA award winner, tells of his years of experience and work with therapy dogs. New York Magazine once called David Frei "probably the most famous human in the world of

canines."

Sadly, David's beloved Brittany, Grace, lost a battle to cancer last summer. She was one of the stars of his book, *Angel On A Leash*. The book title was also the name of David's therapy dog charity, and Angel was the name of his first Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, also a significant therapy dog warrior, who has passed. Carrying on for them is True Dat, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel now almost four years old and hard at work in Seattle.



Mary Carillo, longtime NBC Sports analyst, and lifelong lover of man's (and woman's!) best friend, brings a wealth of experience to the National Dog Show Presented by Purina® commentary team. Best known for her work as a host and correspondent for the Olympic Games on NBC, she also serves as a television analyst for majorevent tennis coverage and as a correspondent for HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel. In addition to the National Dog Show, Carillo co-hosted the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show alongside David Frei in 2009, 2013 and 2016. Her distinguished career in broadcast journalism has earned her three Peabody Awards, including one for her work on the HBO documentary Billie Jean King: Portrait of a

Pioneer. She also has three Emmy Awards. In 2010, she became the first female recipient of the Dick Schaap Award for Outstanding Journalism. A former professional tennis player, Carillo was named "Best Commentator" by Tennis Magazine from 1988-91 and "Broadcaster of the Year" by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) in 1981 and 1985. She has coauthored two books: Tennis My Way, with Martina Navratilova (Penguin, 1984) and Tennis Kinetics, with Rick Elstein (Simon & Schuster, 1985).

Mary is the proud owner of three dogs, Zuzu The Wonder Dog, a four-year-old Goldendoodle; Petey Boy, a 14-year-old rescue of indeterminate bloodlines; and Ranger, a Mini Sheepadoodle, still less than one year-old.



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Kennel Club of Philadelphia since 1933. It's been The National Dog Show since 2002, and today it lays claim to being the only benched show in the United States.

A benched show requires that dogs entered in competition stay on their specifically assigned benches unless they are being shown, groomed or exercised. This enables the public to see the dogs up close and personal, and ask questions of the handler, breeder or groomer. Often these meetings provide key contact information to the attendee for more information about the breed and often result in eventual adoption or purchase of a dog of that breed.

This special show's influence extends far beyond the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center while embodying plenty of giving, the trait we will be celebrating in just a few days. Consider it a community event for dog owners beginning with the PAWS for People's Wag & Walkathon from September 21-October 21 aimed at raising \$55,000 for the Delaware-based program's PAWS for People Pet Therapy, which provides elders, children and individuals with disabilities therapeutic visits with a gentle and affectionate pet at facilities in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The month-long cumulative marathon allows

participants to log their 26.2 miles anytime at their own pace and concluded with the Cross the Finish Line Celebration at Glasgow Park, Delaware, October 21.

From the streets to the conference rooms, the National Dog Show's influence extends to its fifth annual **National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium** at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey, December 8, where experts nationwide will congregate to share information and develop best practices for the use of Therapy Dogs in an assortment of arenas.

But it doesn't stop there. The club donates to a wide mix of other dog-related national and international organizations, too. Here are just a few of the recipients in recent years: Ronald McDonald House, Angel on a Leash, American Kennel Club Disaster Relief Fund, American Kennel Club Dog Museum, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine Working Dog Center, Happy Paws (Ukraine), two Ukraine rescue groups and numerous others.

Add to that its annual **Dogs' Best Friend Award**, which celebrates publicly and awards \$5,000 to deserving public servants focused on animal welfare. This year's winner is the Women's Animal Center of



Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a 154-year-old non-profit dedicated to rehoming surrendered and abandoned dogs, cats and small pets. It has found forever homes for more than 10,000 animals the past decade.

The National Dog Show Presented by Purina® is the most widely viewed dog show in America with average ratings of 20.9 million viewers annually, and has become a staple in households nationwide during the holiday for 21 years. Based on data by The Nielsen Company and NBC Research, the show has attracted audiences of 20 million plus in 11 of those 21 years

TV co-hosts John O'Hurley and David Frei have worked all 22 shows (including this year's), delivering a combination of folksy humor, expertise and audience familiarity. Add to that the colorful interviews by sideline reporter Mary Carillo and you have a savory full-course meal even before you're ready to sit down to the Thanksgiving Day table.

If you're here today, chances are you will be viewing again on NBC Thursday, checking out the fun-filled, tight and frisky comaraderie between O'Hurley and Frei while getting colorfully fluid backstories on each of the Breed and Group winners, along with the coveted Best in Show titlist.

In the process, you most likely will be sitting alongside your dog when its breed representative makes a cameo appearance during the two-hour presentation, hopefully rooting it on to a Group and possibly Best in Show win. Frei labels this the "alma mater factor" and adds, the "real Best in Show Dog is the one sitting beside you on the couch."

This weekend you will see virtually all of the American Kennel Club's 200-plus breeds and varieties with the bulk of those winners featured in the seven Group competitions and Best in Show at home with the family on Thanksgiving Day.

Ranny Green is a retired Seattle Times columnist, copy editor and newsfeatures writer. He wrote a pets column for The Times for more than 25 years and is a member of the Dog Writers Association of America Hall of

Fame. He is presently a features writer for AKC. org and lives in Tacoma, Washington with his 5-year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Derbi.





DOGS' BEST FRIEND AWARD

Annual Kennel Club of Philadelphia Recognition heralds those who contribute to animal welfare causes in America.

Women's Animal Center Honored with Dogs' Best Friend Award

Women's Animal Center of Bensalem, PA, the 154-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to saving the lives of animals, will receive the Kennel Club of Philadelphia's "Dogs' Best Friend Award" for 2023. The organization will be recognized on Saturday, Nov. 18, during National Dog

Show ceremonies at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA.

Founded in 1869 by thirty trailblazing women led by Caroline Earle White, Women's Animal Center is America's first animal shelter. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to rehoming surrendered and abandoned dogs, cats and small pets. They have found forever homes for more than 10,000 animals over the past decade. They are also the only open-admission animal shelter in lower Bucks County, PA. Their mission is to "save the lives of animals and improve the health of pets through sheltering and adoptions, veterinary services, community programs, educational resources and advocacy."

The organization works to prevent pet surrenders to



animal shelters by providing high quality veterinary services through its American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)-accredited Veterinary Hospital at low and affordable fees for owners. It maintains a community pet food pantry for pet owners in need and helps pet owners financially to keep

animals out of shelters and in their homes.

"Women's Animal Center assists thousands of animals and people in need throughout Bucks County and the Greater Philadelphia region each and every year, but receives no federal, state, or local funding to do so," stated Cathy Malkemes, Chief Executive Officer of the Center. "We rely upon the generosity of our community to support our work, so to have the wonderful recognition and financial support of The Kennel Club of Philadelphia is truly invaluable to us, and to our animals."

The Kennel Club of Philadelphia's Dogs' Best Friend Award includes a \$5,000 donation and Women's Animal Center will direct those funds to support the



Women's Animal Center of Bensalem, PA

delivery of their lifesaving mission.

Women's Animal Center is also a participant in "Clear the Shelters," NBC10's annual campaign promoting pet adoption and animal welfare in the region. "Clear the Shelters" is a national program in which NBCUniversal affiliates partner with animal shelters and rescues to

help raise funds and save animals by finding them permanent homes. Last year, the initiative raised over \$540,000 and facilitated more than 161,000 adoptions. The National Dog Show supports its media partner, NBC10, and Women's Animal Center in their work with the "Clear the Shelters" program.

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THERAPY DOGS

The National Dog Show Therapy Dog
Symposium at Rowan University will bring
together some of the therapy dog movement's
most prominent influencers for the fifth
straight year in just three weeks —
Friday, Dec. 8, at the college campus in
Glassboro, New Jersey.

Focused on sharing information and the development of best practices for therapy dog practitioners, advocates and aspirants from America and around the world, the event is set for 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with registration available for both onsite attendees and for virtual consumption via livestream.

The conference is hosted by the Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, for a national and international audience that is growing again after global pandemic-related constraints.

Launched in 2019, the conference persevered through two years of COVID and shifted to a virtual platform, attracting attendees from other countries. It has established itself as the most prominent conference for the therapy dog, healthcare and veterinary communities focused on the subject.

Registration is open to the public by going to go.rowan.edu/TherapyDogSymposium. The price for the in-person option at Rowan University and for the livestream option are listed on the registration site. A livestream link will be sent to all online registrants the day before the event. Information is available at the Therapy Dog Meet & Greet venue here at the Expo Center.



David Frei (left) and Michele Pich are cofounders and co-hosts of the symposium.

The keynote speaker is Ann Howie of Olympia, Washington, an author ("Teaming with Your Therapy Dog") and expert on animal-assisted intervention and animal-assisted therapy. Other speakers will be announced and listed at go.rowan.edu/ TherapyDogSymposium.

The conference is hosted and chaired by David Frei and Michele Pich. Frei is one of the best-known names in the canine world and a leader of the modern therapy dog movement. He is the expert analyst for NBC's National Dog Show Presented by Purina®, broadcast every year on Thanksgiving Day. He is also a founder of the Angel on a Leash therapy dog program.

Pich is the founding Assistant Director of the Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program and Adjunct Professor of Law and Justice Studies at Rowan University. She has been involved in canine rescue and therapy work for several decades. Her work includes being a charter member of the National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador Team with her own rescued therapy dog, Vivian Peyton, a Staffordshire Terrier mix.



PAWS FOR PEOPLE

A Conversation with Clarice Ritchie



Clarice Ritchie, Executive Director of PAWS For People, cuddles Sheba, one of the array of PAWS-certified canines certified to do therapy visitation work in four states in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Q: PAWS for People and The National Dog Show have become fast friends with the partnership around the annual dog walk and other initiatives. Why has it worked so well?

A: The love of dogs is a good foundation for any friendship. Our organizations have different audiences and constituencies — both of whom are devoted animal lovers — and are a natural fit for cross promotion. The timing of the WAG & Walkathon and The National Dog Show allows us to boost the audience for each and introduce the organizations to new fans and volunteers.

Q: How has the WAG & Walkathon grown over the years?

A: The WAG & Walkathon, now in its fifteenth year, has evolved from a scrappy, local 5k to a monthlong, health & wellness focused, virtual marathon. The WAG & Walkathon is PAWS premier fundraising event and the money helps sustain PAWS programs throughout our service area. The beauty of the virtual marathon is that it allows people to participate from anywhere and complete the 26.2 miles at their own pace. Whatever your fitness level, you can join in and walk with your pets, friends or family — wherever you live — and make progress toward your wellness goals while supporting the life-changing work of PAWS for

People. You can learn more about PAWS For People at www.PAWSforPeople.org.

Q: Does the PAWS involvement at the National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador Team Meet and Greet expo area on dog show weekend at Oaks help promote the organization?

A: Absolutely, Yes! PAWS' involvement in the meet & greet has generated volunteer interest and we are always looking for new volunteer pet therapy teams. Anytime PAWS can raise awareness about pet therapy and educate the public on its benefits, we create opportunities for future volunteers and site partners.

Q: How is PAWS for People involved with the National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium at Rowan University?

A: PAWS founding Executive Director, Lynne Robinson, was a featured presenter at the Symposium and PAWS has promoted the Symposium each year since our partnership with the National Dog Show began in 2020. We always send a group of members to the Rowan University campus, since it is less than two hours away from our Delaware headquarters. PAWS looks forward to continuing our relationship and sharing our nearly two decades of pet therapy experience with the Symposium attendees any way we can.



DOG WRITERS AWARDCelebrates Therapy Dog Movement

The National Dog Show and The Kennel Club of Philadelphia is sponsoring a new award to be given out by the Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) on the subject of the human-animal bond and therapy dogs. The award is being sponsored in conjunction with the National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium at Rowan University.



The award consists of a \$500 cash grant to the individual to be used as an incentive to further pursue the topic going forward.

The Dog Writers Association of America encompasses all aspects of the world of dogs — showing, performance, behavior, training, health, and the human-animal bond. The organization encourages excellence in writing about dogs in all aspects of communication.

The judging consists of a panel of three professional writers/editors who score every entry. The winners of the special categories will win cash awards and the winners of the regular categories will receive the DWAA Maxwell Medallion, named in honor of the late Maxwell Riddle. Nominees in all categories will

receive certificates. Winners will be celebrated at the Annual DWAA Award dinner planned for the spring of 2023.

The National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium is an annual, day-long gathering for practitioners, advocates and aspirants, who can attend the event either in person at Rowan's Glassboro, New Jersey campus or online via livestream. As the event enters its fifth year, it continues an all-day series of informational sessions featuring an array of prominent experts in the field, offering a platform for the therapy dog and veterinary community to share information and develop best practices in the field.

The National Dog Show Salutes Military with PACT for Animals donation and support

PACT is the only organization that provides and completely manages free, long-term foster care for the pets of our deployed military families and Veterans seeking extended medical care, by finding and funding loving foster homes for their pets to live until they can be safely reunited with them.

PACT for Animals stands for "People + Animals = Companions Together." It is a growing non-profit that protects the bond between humans and animals with its support of our military and by also aiding people who need their pets cared for while away from home for medical reasons.

PACT's Military Pet Foster Program and Medical Pet Foster Program have helped find and fund 3,000 different pet homes and 1,400 foster homes across all 50 states. The 12-year-old organization has been featured on CBS Philly, Action News 6 ABC, Fox News, WHYY, the Hallmark Channel, the Discovery Channel, and Oprah Magazine, among others.

"We've had a relationship with the National Dog Show and the Kennel Club of Philadelphia for years, and we appreciate their extra support in 2023," said Buzz Miller, Founder and President of PACT for Animals. "Their donation will go directly to support our military initiatives and ensure that those pets are in loving and safe homes."

The Kennel Club of Philadelphia donates to scores of organizations, including the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, Boy Scouts of America, Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite and dozens more.





In its ongoing quest to support great organizations working to enhance animal welfare, this year the National Dog Show and the Kennel Club of Philadelphia (KCP) have aligned with PACT for Animals, a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Montgomery County, PA.



Do you have a "Pup Nup" in place for your dog(s)? How about an MAAP Plan?

Debra Hamilton tells us: "Why Do Pets Matter?"

By DAVID FREI - NBC Sports

If you want the best outcome for your pets when you are going through a life transition, then you need both. Each document helps you create a plan that carries out your wishes if something were to happen to you, short or long term. And we know just the person to help set you them up.

Debra Vey Voda Hamilton is an attorney/mediator/conflict coach who is one of us - a breeder-owner-handler in the world of Irish Setters and Longhaired Dachshunds. Her law, mediation and coaching practice is based upon her dedication to her life's work, which is the title of her internationally acclaimed podcast, "Why Do Pets Matter?"

Debra specializes in mediation and conflict coaching for people with highly emotional conflicts that arise over pets in every area of life — marriage, divorce, neighbors, malpractice (veterinary), breeder-owners, trusts and estates, and civil, criminal and contract law.

"We want the best outcome for the animal while all this emotional discussion is going on around them," says Debra, "and sometimes people's egos get the better of them and their pet's well-being suffers. I help people find a workable solution to their disagreements."

Debra has championed mediation as the answer to these conflicts for the last 13 years. "I ask parties to take a breath, decompress, try to be less defensive and reactive, and that helps them foster collaborative discussions, which focus on the best interests of the animal without adversarial dialogue. We want our pets properly cared for during their human's life transitions.

"Pet Nups and the MAAP Plan enable you to navigate the journey your pet takes when you can't care for them," she says. "There are a lot of things that can complicate your ability to care for your pet — a stroke, injury, job loss, dementia," says Debra. "If you are carried out on a stretcher, you don't want Animal Care and Control making the decisions for your pet."

How do you get to the best outcome for your pet? Debra starts with her Pup Nup and MAAP plan approach:

The Pup Nup helps you — not a person with a black robe - decide how the sharing of a beloved pet might continue.

The MAAP Plan helps you:

- Make a plan
- Appoint care givers
- Address the needs of your pet
- Publish your plan and be sure that everyone in your circle has a copy.

Details and instructions about the MAAP Plan and "Pup Nup" are free on Debra's MAAP Community Call, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, and on her podcast, website and free online webinars. For details, see her website (below).

"We are all passionate about our pets," Debra says.

"I help people get it right, over being right."

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The Kennel Club of Philadelphia

WAYNE FERGUSON, today's show announcer, is President of the Kennel Club of Philadelphia. Wayne has been immersed in the dog world for over 50 years and has bred and shown top Saint Bernards. Through the years he has served as President of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and Director of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine and is President and Show Chairman of the time honored Morris & Essex Kennel Club.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 22nd annual edition of The National Dog Show
Presented by Purina® hosted by The Kennel Club of Philadelphia.

We continue to build upon our efforts to make our show
experience entertaining and educational for all. Our traditionrich shows are a regional treasure as well as a national
phenomenon and a win at Philadelphia is considered one of
Dogdom's greatest achievements.

The Kennel Club of Philadelphia is no newcomer to the dog
show world. Since hosting a major dog event in 1876 at the
Centennial Exposition, we've been at the forefront of the purebred
dog world. The KCP and its predecessors have been presenting
shows since 1879. Our club predates the American Kennel
Club (AKC), which was organized at a meeting of the
then Philadelphia Dog Club on September 17th

1884.

We are not only one of America's oldest continuing sporting events but our annual National Dog Show TV special is the most widely watched canine event in the world, capturing 20 million plus viewers a year with its broadcast on NBC at noon on Thanksgiving Day and an NBC prime time encore presentation the following Saturday.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our shows and return many years to come.

Sincerely,

Wayne Ferguson, President

FRANK DEPAULO

SHOW CHAIRMAN



Frank DePaulo, Show Chair

Frank is a long time KCP member and has been Show Chairman since the 2014 KCP shows. As such, he acts as overall coordinator of the various aspects of the physical staging of the dog shows, including

venue and judging ring setup arrangements, the competition schedule and the smooth running of the judging process. Frank is a lifelong dog lover who founded Tahari Kennels in 1979. Since that time, he has bred many Best in Show champions in the Ridgeback, Pointer and Whippet breeds that have carried the Tahari prefix. Frank continues to show and campaign dogs and is an AKC licensed judge. In addition to his role with the KCP, he is a lifetime member of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club and a long time member of both the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of The United States and The American Pointer Club in which he has held various positions, including Show Chairman, Board of Directors, Vice President and President. Frank lives in Pennsylvania with his wife Judy and his two daughters.

The American Kennel Club: The Kennel Club of Philadelphia's National Dog Shows are sanctioned by the AKC, the principal registry for purebred dogs in the United States and the largest registry in the world. Every year, owners register approximately one million dogs with the AKC. The AKC's Canine Health Foundation is the world's largest funder of exclusively canine research, with a mission to develop significant resources for basic and applied health programs with emphasis on canine genetics to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners. The AKC and its affiliate, AKC Companion Animal Recovery, have been crucial in providing long-term care to displaced animals.



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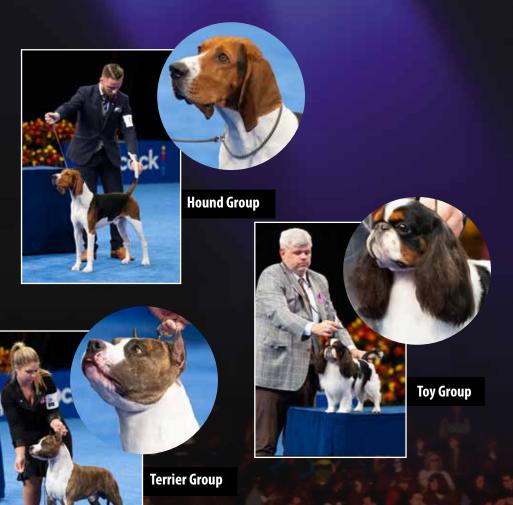
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2022 - A Year in Review

A look back at the seven Best in Group winners from last year.

See pages 14 and 15 to choose your favorite breed within each of the seven groups this year!







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ABOUT THE COVER

This year's National Dog Show Presented by Purina® program cover was photographed on September 12, 2023 at the Go Studios in NYC.

Our reigning Best in Show Champion "Winston" shows off his cuteness and class along with the top 5 Breeds in the U.S. and Philadelphia.

Thank you to our amazing photographer, Simon Bruty, for creating the magic! And thank you to all the people and the dogs that made this year's photo shoot happen!







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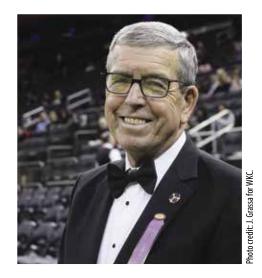












DAVE HELMING

July 8, 1942 - August 30, 2023

Dave Helming of Flemington, New Jersey, was one of the most accomplished figures in the showdog world.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Kennel Club of Philadelphia, he was instrumental in the growth of the National Dog Show, now one of the most prominent dog show events in the world, attracting a total audience of some 20 million viewers each Thanksgiving Day.

He was the Show Chairman of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, playing a major role in transitioning the prestigious event from Madison Square Garden to the National Tennis Center in Flushing, Queens. He was also an American Kennel Club (AKC) Judge and Delegate and a prominent Newfoundland breeder.

Dave was an engineer who served in senior managerial positions for 38 years in the business world and was a member of the Army Corps of Engineers for three years. He also was part of the Public Service Enterprise Group during that time.

He would go on to become the Grounds Chairman for the Westminster Kennel Club in 2013, followed by his taking on the responsibilities of Show Chairman

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beginning in 2017.

Dave and his wife, Peggy, have bred nearly 400 champion Newfoundlands over the years in the Pouch Cove prefix, and received the AKC Breeder of the Year Award in 2005. Eighteen of their Pouch Cove Newfoundlands achieved the Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) Versatile Newfoundland Title, being winners of an AKC Championship and Obedience Title, and NCA Water Rescue Dog and Draft Dog Titles.

One of Dave and Peggy's greatest achievements was their Newfoundland, Josh, alongside handler Michelle Scott, winning Best in Show at the 128th Westminster Dog Show in 2004. He and his wife bred many outstanding Portuguese Water Dogs as well.

Dave was on the board of the NCA for 18 years where he served as President, Vice President and AKC Delegate. In addition, he was a member of the Board of Morris & Essex Kennel Club and was a former President of the Somerset Hills Kennel Club.

He is remembered as a kind, generous and humorous individual, and of course, a dog lover.



RONNIE L. SCOTT April 9, 1943 - January 16, 2023

Ronnie L. Scott of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, was an accomplished and respected Director of the Kennel Club of Philadelphia (KCP). His passions were dogs, golf and travel.

A graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, he owned and operated Forklifts Inc. of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Under his stewardship the company was a leader in its industry.

He was a key member of the Board of Directors that developed the KCP's nationally televised National Dog Show Presented by Purina®. The show is a Thanksgiving tradition in homes across America and now stands as one of the most prominent shows in the United States.

Ronnie campaigned many successful show dogs. They include four Best In Breed winners at the Westminster Kennel Club with "CH Scylla's Small

Kraft Re-Lit" a Maltese; "CH Surrey Sugar Baby" a Miniature Poodle; Miniature Poodle "Smash Jp Wings of Victory" (Vikki), that won 108 Best In Shows and was the number one dog all systems in 2007; and the Miniature Poodle "CH Surrey Spice Girl.""Spice Girl" went on to win Best In Show at Westminster in 2002. He also co-owned the English Sheep Dog "Swagger" that won 113 Best In Shows.

He served as a Vice President of the Harrisburg Kennel Club and as its Show Chairman for 20 years.

In addition, he was a member and major supporter of the Morris & Essex Kennel Club.

Ronnie enjoyed traveling the world with his wife Debbie, a fellow dog lover and member of the Kennel Club of Philadelphia. They attended many dog shows. Debbie was always at his side.

Above: Ronnie L. Scott with Vikki, winner of Best In Show at the National Dog Show Presented by Purina® in 2006.



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