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WELCOME

to the National Dog Show Presented by Purina® and 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 once again celebrate showing purebred dogs in the Philadelphia area. The show was founded in 1879 and became an annual event in 1933. The Kennel Club of Philadelphia proudly supports a number of canine related organizations, and has donated over $300,000 to these groups just this year alone.

The National Dog Show, airing annually on Thanksgiving Day at noon on NBC, has been thrilling dog lovers ever since it began in 2002, and we estimate that since then, one quarter of a billion people have watched!

A huge thank you goes to our Title Sponsor and partner, Purina®! Their 18-year commitment to the National Dog Show Presented by Purina® has made all of this possible. Purina’s excellent work in pet care and pet products and their innovative programs in canine health and wellness continue to keep our beloved pets happy, healthy, and living longer lives. Be sure to visit www.purina.com to learn more.

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

HERE IS A “DOG’S EYE VIEW” OF HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF TODAY’S SPECIAL EVENT:

• READ THIS PROGRAM to learn more about dog shows, the breeds to watch, and how the dogs are judged.
• CHECK OUT THE MAPS and schedules in the program to see all the activities available at the show.
• GET YOUR SEATS EARLY in Hall C (National Dog Show arena) for the Group Judging at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Best in Show begins at 5:00 p.m. in Hall C, and you won’t want to miss that.
• WATCH THE INCREDIBLE CANINE ATHLETES in Hall B performing their agility skills at various times during the day.
• VISIT WITH THE BEAUTIFUL DOGS AND THEIR HANDLERS in the benching areas and learn more about the breeds, their care and other behind-the-scenes information.
• USE THE PROGRAM insert as your guide to finding your favorite breeds.
• VISIT THE 55 VENDORS in Halls A and B selling everything from chewies to motor homes.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 AM .....................................................Breed Judging Begins (Halls A, B, & D)
9:00 AM ........................................................Pro Plan Performance Team (Hall B)
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11:00 AM ..................................................... Pro Plan Performance Team (Hall B)
12:15 PM ......................................... Freestyle Flying Disc Demonstration (Hall C)
12:40 PM ...................................................... National Anthem Ceremony (Hall C)
12:55 PM ...................Kennel Club of Philadelphia’s Awards Presentation (Hall C)
1:00 PM .......................................The National Dog Show Group Judging (Hall C)
5:00 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 Judging (Hall C)

Visit the NDS Social Media booth in Hall B

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.
ANNUAL DOG SHOW STEEPED IN TRADITION WELCOMES YOU

By Carol Bryant
FidoseofReality.com

There are few things that conjure up holiday traditions as spending time with friends and family, gathering for a celebratory meal, and expressing gratitude for those who mean the most. Thanksgiving is also a time for the yearly Kennel Club of Philadelphia National Dog Show sponsored by Purina. Welcome to this year’s most tail-wagging event to date!

Whether you’re attending this year’s dog show solo or with friends and family, you are encouraged to get up close and personal with the competing dogs. This is a benched show, so visitors are invited to meet the dogs, ask to pet them, and snap some selfies to share on social media.

The official hashtag of this year’s show is #NationalDogShow so be sure to use it and include it with your snaps, videos, and memories in the making.

Once again, David Frei and John O’Hurley are co-hosts to the broadcast that draws millions of viewers on Thanksgiving Day before the football games. Frei, a familiar face and voice to millions, is an American Kennel Club-licensed judge and former host and Director of Communications for the Westminster Kennel Club. O’Hurley is an award-winning actor, author and Broadway star, highly recognizable from his role on Seinfeld as J. Peterman.

The road to the National Dog Show starts with the National Dog Show month in October and the Charity Walk. From the pavement to the red carpet, our annual gala takes place on Friday, November 15th. Monies raised benefit the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House and a host of rescues and canine focused charities in the Delaware Valley.

On Tuesday, November 19th, a ground-breaking conference kicks off at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. Therapy dog practitioners, advocates and aspirants from the Mid-Atlantic Region plus members of the veterinary community will gather to share information and develop best practices. The event is open to the public at a cost of $35 per person. Online registration is open and available at http://go.rowan.edu/therapydgosymposium

If you’ve got a dog or two at home waiting for your return, remember to thank them for their presence in your life. Enjoy your weekend and Happy Thanksgiving!

Award-winning dog blogger, Carol Bryant, is the President of the Dog Writers Association of America and founder of FidoseofReality.com.

AS YOU GLIDE THROUGH THE BUILDINGS WITH THE GRACE OF A SALUKI IN MOTION, WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE NOTE OF THESE FIVE FUN THINGS TO DO AND SEE:

1. Breed Judging: The actual judging of the dogs starts at 8 am sharp on Saturday, November 16th, in Halls A, B, and D. When the dogs aren’t being shown, they remain on assigned benches. Stop by and ask questions. Did you know the Basenji is a barkless dog? And the American Cocker Spaniel comes in three varieties? Find out fun facts and more when you ask the handlers about the show dogs.

2. Watch Canine Athletes Take Flight: From agility dogs to the freestyle flying disc demonstration, be sure to visit Halls B and C to watch canines fly like eagles and soar with beauty, elegance, and accuracy.

3. Shop ‘Til You Drop: Get your holiday shopping done and pay a visit to the many vendors lining the exhibit hall at the National Dog Show. From treats to apparel, jewelry to supplies, there’s something for everyone on your holiday list.

4. So Nice We Do It Twice: There are two separate shows taking place this week. Saturday’s show is taped for nationwide broadcast on Thanksgiving Day on NBC. Sunday’s show offers more athletic dog competitions and canine hands-on fun. You are invited and encouraged to attend both.

5. By The Numbers: More than 205 AKC-registered breeds and varieties are assigned to one of seven groups you will see this weekend. The first in each group will then compete for the coveted title of Best in Show. The seven groups are: Terrier, Toy, Working, Hound, Non-Sporting, Sporting, and Herding.
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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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NEW BREED IN 2019
AZAWAKH
HOUND GROUP

The only breed that is taller than it is long (think of a suitcase set on its short side), the Azawakh is an elegant, particularly leggy West African sighthound that originates from the countries of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. Bred to survive the scorching temperatures of the Sahara, the Azawakh is an extremely “dry” breed with very fine skin, extreme tuck-up and relatively straight angulation — its very vertical profile and sharp lines have been compared to Gothic architecture. The Azawakh is the only Sighthound that was bred to be a guardian as much as a hunter and can have a rather reserved temperament.
ABOUT JUDGING

THE NATIONAL DOG SHOW PRESENTED BY PURINA®
is an open, benched, all-breed show. The dogs are “benched” during the day in order to allow the public to view and visit with 205 AKC recognized breeds and varieties that may be competing. There are only three benched shows held annually in the United States: Westminster Kennel Club, Kennel Club of Philadelphia, and Golden Gate Kennel Club. The judges examine the dogs and place them according to how closely each dog compares with the judge’s mental image of the perfect dog as described in the breed’s official standard. The main consideration is the dog’s conformation or overall appearance, temperament, structure and movement. The judges are looking for characteristics that allow the dog to perform the function for which his or her breed was bred.

EARNING POINTS

A dog will begin his show career by competing to become a “champion.” To earn an AKC Championship title (and to be able to place Ch. in front of his/her 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. For each dog defeated at a dog show, the other dog gets one all-breed point. The top dogs in the country easily have more than 50,000 points in a given year.

BEST IN BREED

In order to win Best In Show a dog must first be judged the best of many 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 205 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 ribbon, and to become winner of National Dog Show Presented by Purina®.
Welcome to the 18th annual edition of The National Dog Show Presented by Purina® and 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 tradition-rich shows are a regional treasure as well as a national phenomenon and a win at Philadelphia is considered one of Dogdom’s greatest achievements. This year’s NDS weekend will again feature a Friday night gala hosted by the Valley Forge Casino and benefiting local canine-related causes including the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House therapy dog program and the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

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 Presented by Purina® 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.

The National Dog Show Presented by Purina® would never have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners at NBC, Carson International, our on-air talent and ambassadors John O’Hurley, David Frei and Mary Carillo, and our perennial title sponsor, Purina®.

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

Sincerely,
Wayne Ferguson, President
Ladies and Gentleman! Please meet our National Dog Show NBC Broadcast host team! On Thanksgiving Day, this talented trio of dog experts and dog lovers will serve as your guide as you watch some of the most beautiful dogs in the country compete for Best in Show at the National Dog Show Presented by Purina. Read on to find out more about them!

DAVID FREI, JOHN O’HURLEY, MARY CARILLO

John O’Hurley (left), Mary Carillo and David Frei (with their canine friends) bring the National Dog Show Presented by Purina alive for a total audience of more than 20 million on Thanksgiving Day.
JOHN O’HURLEY

One of the entertainment industry’s most versatile players, John O’Hurley is an award-winning actor, show host, advertising spokesperson, feature film star and one of People Magazine’s “Sexiest Men Alive.”

Serving as host of “The National Dog Show Presented by Purina®” on NBC since its inception in 2002, O’Hurley is best known as “J. Peterman” on “Seinfeld,” the #1 syndicated television show in the world. With a career that began on a number of soap operas, O’Hurley went on to star on Broadway in “Chicago” and hosted the syndicated game show, “Family Feud.” He is also the host of “The Beverly Hills Dog Show” Presented by Purina, airing on NBC on Easter Sunday since its 2017 debut.

In 2005, he was crowned the ultimate champion of ABC’s hit Dancing with the Stars and has added to his success with other ventures, including authoring 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; It’s Okay To Miss The Bed On The First Jump, and a book for children, The Perfect Dog.

The Perfect Dog inspired a children’s theatrical production, “The Perfect Dog” in which Sam, a twelve-year old perfectionist, searches for a flawless dog to enter in the town dog contest. The musical has become a staple of the Philadelphia-area community theater scene, selling out performances during November each year.

O’Hurley tours the country with his own one-man show, “A Man With Standards,” which includes songs, nostalgic stories, and comedic moments from his time on programs like “Seinfeld” and other poignant musings about life. He is also a spokesperson for The Epilepsy Foundation.

An avid golfer, O’Hurley enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Lisa, and son, Will, playing with his dogs and cheering for his beloved Boston Red Sox.

John O’Hurley and Hudson, an Irish Setter dog.

DAVID FREI

New York Magazine once called David Frei “probably the most famous human in the world of canines,” making him the natural choice to serve as the expert analyst for NBC’s The National Dog Show Presented by Purina®, which he has co-hosted since its inception in 2002. He has now added co-host of The Beverly Hills Dog Show®, which he developed for NBC, to his schedule. The program, which airs on Easter Sunday, debuted in 2017.

An AKC-licensed judge who has officiated dog shows all over the world, Frei hosted USA Network’s coverage of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show from Madison Square Garden for 27 years and has a myriad of other television credits.


In the dog show world, Frei has enjoyed much competitive success as a breeder/handler/owner of Afghan Hounds and Brittany’s but his true passion comes from the work that his dogs have been doing over the past 30 years as therapy dogs at places such as the Ronald McDonald House and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, and at New York’s VA Medical Center.

He is the prime mover in establishing the inaugural National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium set for Tuesday, November 19 at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.

A native of Eugene, Oregon, David has held public relations positions with the Denver Broncos, San Francisco 49ers, ABC Sports, the American Kennel Club and the Westminster Kennel Club. He currently resides in Cannon Beach, Oregon and is a consultant for NBC Sports.

David Frei and Nouiri, an Azawakh dog.
MARY CARILLO

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® as she returns for her ninth year as part of the commentary team.

Best known for her work as a host and correspondent for the Olympic Games on NBC, she also serves as an analyst for major-event tennis coverage on Tennis Channel and as a correspondent for HBO’s Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel. Carillo was the only female inducted into the 2018 Class of the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame that also included Bob Costas, Jim Nantz and Dick Vitale.

In addition to the National Dog Show, Carillo hosted USA Network’s presentation of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, for several years alongside longtime host David Frei.

Her distinguished career in broadcast journalism has earned her two Peabody Awards, one of the highest honors in the field. She received her first Peabody for her work on the HBO documentary *Billie Jean King: Portrait of a Pioneer* and her second for co-writing the HBO documentary *Dare to Compete: The Struggle of Women in Sport*, with Frank Deford. In 2010, she became the first female recipient of the Dick Schaap Award for Outstanding Journalism.

Carillo was named “Best Commentator” by Tennis Magazine from 1988-91 and “Broadcaster of the Year” by the Women’s Tennis Association in 1981 and 1985. She has co-written two books: *Tennis My Way* with Martina Navratilova and *Tennis Kinetics* with Rick Elstein.

Carillo played on the WTA tour from 1977-80. Teaming with childhood friend John McEnroe, Carillo won the 1977 French Open mixed doubles title. She was a doubles runner-up at the U.S. Clay Court Championships and a doubles quarterfinalist at the U.S. Open in 1977.

ABOUT THE COVER

The National Dog Show Presented by Purina® 2019 cover photo by Simon Bruty

On August 19th the National Dog Show hosted a photo shoot in Atlanta with photographer Simon Bruty. This year’s cover photo was one of our favorites from that day with our NBC National Dog Show Presented by Purina® talent, Mary Carillo, John O’Hurley and David Frei, hanging out with the dogs! Thank you to all the beautiful dogs and their handlers, and to everyone involved in this fun project!
THE SEVEN GROUPS

Each of the 205 registered breeds and varieties are assigned to one of the seven groups representing characteristics and functions for which the breeds were originally bred. The seven group winners compete for Best In Show.

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
All but two of the terriers evolved in the British Isles. The geography of the specific area (water, rocky terrain) 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.
THE BREEDS

GROUP ORDER

Follow along and keep track of your favorite from each group!

SPORTING

English Setter
Gordon Setter
Irish Setter
Irish Red & White Setter
Pointer
German Shorthaired Pointer
Weimaraner
Vizsla
Wirehaired Vizsla
Brittany
German Wirehaired Pointer
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
Lagotto Romagnolo
Spinone Italiano
Flat-Coated Retriever
Curly-Coated Retriever
Golden Retriever
Labrador Retriever
Chesapeake Bay Retriever
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Nederlandse Kooikerhondje
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-Color)
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
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen
Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen
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
Samoyed
Akita
Boxer
Great Dane
Bullmastiff
Mastiff
Tibetan Mastiff

Neapolitan Mastiff
Cane Corso
Dogue de Bordeaux
Boerboel
Portuguese Water Dog
Newfoundland
Leonberger
Saint Bernard
Great Pyrenees
Kuvasz
Komondor
Anatolian Shepherd Dog

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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 White Terrier
Skye Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Glen of Imaal Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
White Bull Terrier
Colored Bull Terrier

TOY

Italian Greyhound
Chinese Crested
Toy Poodle
Pomeranian
Smooth Coat Chihuahua
Long Coat Chihuahua
Toy Fox Terrier
Miniature Pinscher
Toy Manchester Terrier
Havanese
Maltese
Shih Tzu
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
English Toy Spaniel
(ASCOB)
English Toy Spaniel
(KC&R)
Japanese Chin
Papillon
Silky Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier
Affenpinscher
Brussels Griffon
Pug
Pekingese

HERDING

German Shepherd Dog
Belgian Malinois
Belgian Sheepadog
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
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

NON-SPORTING

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

Schipperke
Lhasa Apso
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier
Boston Terrier
French Bulldog
Bulldog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chow Chow

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The energetic Whippet, “Whiskey,” captivated Best In Show Judge Geir Flyckt-Pedersen and a capacity crowd in Philadelphia to win the Best In Show title for 2018 at The National Dog Show Presented by Purina.

A three-year-old male weighing 30 pounds, the athletic canine came in with over 120 Hound Group firsts and 19 Best in Show titles. Whiskey topped six other group-winning canines advancing out of the 1,992-dog competition at the tradition-rich, all-breed show hosted by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia.

Coverage of the show and Whiskey’s triumphant moments were broadcast to a holiday audience totaling some 20 million on NBC Thanksgiving Day following the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

“He is a beautiful breed type,” said Best In Show Judge Geir Flyckt-Pedersen. “You look for star quality. The winning dog has to sell himself, have personality and showmanship. When that is in combination with good movement, you have something.”

“What was special about today? Whiskey was special today and is special every day,” offered breeder and handler Justin Smithey, who has worked with Whippets for decades and is a rarity at the top levels of the sport fulfilling all three roles. “You want your dog to perform in the pressure of the show with the lights and the sounds and the crowd. And that’s what Whiskey gave me today.”

Now retired, Whiskey’s registered name is GCHP Pinnacle Tennessee Whiskey and he is owned by Smithey and Dr. Ken Latimer of Toano, Virginia.

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PREVIOUS BEST IN SHOW

2017 - Ch. Somerset Wynzall Hashtag (a.k.a. Newton)
2016 - GCH GrandCru Giaconda GCC (a.k.a. Gia)
2015 - GCH CH Cragmoor Good Time Charlie (a.k.a. Charlie)
2014 - GCH Flessner’s International Stess, 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 Seaside Hollyberry (a.k.a. Holly)
2007 - Ch. Buff Cap Creslane ArcticMist (a.k.a. Swizzle)
2006 - Ch. Smash JP Win A Victory (a.k.a. Vikki)
2005 - Ch. RockyTop’s Sundance Kid (a.k.a. Rufus)
2004 - Ch. Aimhi Avalon Renaissance
2003 - Ch. Blue Chip Purple Reign
2002 - Ch. Ale Kai Mikkimo on Fifth
MATTHEW SCHULER TO PERFORM THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Pop artist Matthew Schuler has grown to find a voice that has touched millions. In Fall 2013 he auditioned for NBC’s 3-time Emmy winning singing competition show, “The Voice”, making it to the top 6. Upon auditioning Matthew received one of the fastest 4-chair turns in the show’s history and was hailed for his performances such as Leonard Cohen’s ‘Hallelujah’ which hit #1 on the iTunes singles charts as well as #40 on the billboard rock charts. Since The Voice Matthew has performed all over the country working with the likes of Shaggy, Mike Posner, and Diana Ross as well as around the globe in Jamaica, South Africa, Uganda, Croatia, and Germany. He is featured in two films, “I’m not Ashamed” (Fall 2016) and “Because of Gracia” (Spring 2017). He released his debut EP Baby Steps in January 2018 and is slated for new releases in 2019.

NBC will broadcast a two-hour special from this show on Thanksgiving Day at noon, immediately following the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

In Southeastern Pennsylvania, tune in to NBC10 Philadelphia.
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NATIONAL DOG SHOW MONTH FEATURES ALL THINGS CANINE

By Chaza Fares

NATIONAL DOG SHOW CHARITY WALK

This year marked the sixth Annual National Dog Show Charity Walk at Wilson Farm Park in Wayne, PA. Since the inaugural walk, the KCP has raised over $12,000 for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House (PRMH), New Leash on Life-USA, Morris Animal Refuge and National Dog Show Charities, among others. New charities for 2019 were Greater Philadelphia Search & Rescue, TEMPO (Tredyffrin-Easttown Music Parents Organization), Spring-Ford Music Association, Spring-Ford SNAP, Canine Partners for Life, Renee’s Rescue and Lucky Dawg Animal Rescue. The Sunday, Oct. 13, walk was hosted by the 95.7 BEN FM Morning Show Team of Matt Cord and Kristen Herrmann, and the master of ceremonies was David Frei, America’s foremost expert on all things canine.

At the National Dog Show charity, the dogs are the stars.

NATIONAL DOG SHOW ART EXHIBIT

National Dog Show sponsor Willow Street Pictures hosted the second Annual National Dog Show Artwork Exhibit Saturday, Nov. 9, at its studios in West Lawn, PA, just outside Reading. The free reception in early November displayed photographic art from myriad National Dog Show and Willow Street projects. Willow Street pictures shows both pet owners and pets having a strong emotional attachment to each other, either being alone together, with significant others or even with families on their website.

PURINA PRO PLAN PERFORMANCE TEAM VISITS LA SALLE

This year, the production returned to Footlighters Theater in Berwyn for an unprecedented seven-show run. “The Perfect Dog” is a children’s musical adapted from National Dog Show co-host John O’Hurley’s book by the same name. The show warms the audience’s hearts as “Sam,” a 12-year-old perfectionist, searches for a flawless dog to enter in the town’s dog contest. Unable to find a canine that measures up, “Sam” must resort to training the family dog, “Max,” who is less than eager to obey commands. In the end, “Sam” and “Max” learn that there is no such thing as being perfect, but there is such a thing as being perfect for each other. O’Hurley made an appearance and did a talk back with the audience on opening night, Thursday, Nov. 14.

The Purina Pro Plan Performance Team Exhibition is an annual attraction for the La Salle University community featuring education and action as some of the most talented and athletic canines in America demonstrate their skills for students. The Thursday, Nov. 14, event included a drawing for 25 tickets to The National Dog Show donated by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia...
The sixth annual National Dog Show Gala launched the big weekend Friday night at the Valley Forge Casino with comedian Buzz Sutherland as the featured entertainer. A red carpet and cocktail reception was followed by dinner and laughs galore. John O’Hurley, David Frei and Mary Carillo graced the red carpet with on-air talent from NBC 10 and 95.7 BEN FM. The event raised money for Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, Philadoptables and National Dog Show Charities.

The National Dog Show Gala wowed attendees with a fundraising “Balloon Pop,” plus a celebrity red carpet featuring Major League Baseball’s Tony La Russa, John O’Hurley, David Frei and Mary Carillo. Philadoptables joined the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald house as a charity beneficiary and the big National Dog Show weekend got off to a flying start!

The National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador Team joins Mary Carillo on the red carpet. From left, Alice Hoersch with Laddie, Carillo, Michele, Pich with Vivian, Emily Martin with Xena, David Frei with Willow, Emily Buckwalter with Soda Pop, Sherry Hanley with Jury and Mary Grace Buckwalter with Maxwell enjoyed the evening.

John O’Hurley’s turn on the red carpet included photos with scores of attendees.

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Tony La Russa (third from left) was a special guest of Purina. His Animal Rescue Foundation (ARFM) received a $25,000 donation from the National Dog Show presenting sponsor and he addressed the gathering as a featured part of the program. He was joined by, from left, Bill Etling, David Frei, Jim Allen, Daniel Henke-Cimenti, Gary Quinn and Jason Dolan.

Kennel Club of Philadelphia President Wayne Ferguson (left) and Beverly Hills Kennel Club President Ted Crawford (right) flank David Frei and John O’Hurley in a memorable red carpet moment.

Lisa and Will O’Hurley joined John for a family photo.

Mary Carillo and Michele Pich got Vivian to spend a minute.

It was all things National Dog Show as attendees chatted the night away.
Whope, a purebred Bergamasco showdog, is a favorite at suburban Philadelphia schools. Whope is newly-certified as a therapy dog.

THE NATIONAL DOG SHOW THERAPY DOG SYMPOSIUM

The Kennel Club of Philadelphia’s Therapy Dog Ambassador Team will add four new members in 2019, with Teddy, Whope, Eastwood and Josey joining the hard-working, smile-delivering contingent of celebrity canines.

This ten-year tradition now boasts a dynamic team of fifteen dogs, who make regular visits to hospitals and healthcare facilities, including the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, where they help to comfort patients and their families.

THE NATIONAL DOG SHOW THERAPY DOG AMBASSADOR TEAM

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DOGS’ BEST FRIEND AWARD
GERALD B. SHREIBER, ANIMAL PHILANTHROPIST, TO RECEIVE 2019 “DOGS’ BEST FRIEND AWARD”

Gerry B. Shreiber, President and CEO of J&J Snack Foods Corp., will receive the 2019 Kennel Club of Philadelphia “Dogs’ Best Friend Award” here at the National Dog Show this weekend.

The Kennel Club of Philadelphia (KCP) created “The Dogs’ Best Friend Award” to inspire and motivate others to contribute to animal welfare in their community, and protect our region’s dogs whose service and companionship are a critical and enriching part of American life. The award will be presented before group judging begins at The National Dog Show on Saturday, November 16, in the stadium ring.

Born in Bridgeton, New Jersey and raised in the inlet section of Atlantic City, Shreiber resides on a 113-acre farm in Mullica Hill, N.J., which he shares with numerous animals, including four dogs, three horses, four burros, three pygmy goats and one cat. All of his pets are treated as an “extension of his family” and were rescued from shelters and/or humane societies.

Active in the world of therapy dogs, Shreiber created his own foundation, Shreiber Animal Foundation Enterprise (SAFE) and made a transformational gift to Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia in helping to create a Pet Therapy Program and a similar gift to Virtua Hospital in New Jersey for their Pet Therapy Program. He recently committed a generous $3 million donation gift to establish The Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program at Rowan University’s Wellness Center to boost students’ well-being.

Shreiber is among the featured speakers at the inaugural National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J. His donation to establish The Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program was a force in launching the symposium in conjunction with National Dog Show Charities.

Past winners of the award are: John DeBella, Philadelphia radio icon at WMGK and host of the renowned DeBella Dog Walk; Dr. Cindy Otto, founder of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center; former Philadelphia Phillies’ second baseman Chase Utley and his wife, Jen, for their establishment of the Utley Foundation; former CBS3 meteorologist, animal enthusiast and TV personality Carol Erickson; Marian Marchese, founder of the New Leash on Life – USA prison dog program; Morris Animal Rescue of Philadelphia, America’s oldest such facility; the Martin & Toni Sosnoff Foundation, which paid the medical bills of search and rescue dogs who worked at 9/11; and Canine Partners for Life (CPL), a suburban Philadelphia-based non-profit provider of canine service dogs.
Come along with us and answer the Beverly Hills Dog Show question: Who are the real stars here?

NBC is set to air the fourth annual “Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina” on Sunday, April 5, 2020 (12:30pm-2pm ET / 9:30am-11:30am PT).

The answer to the question is that the dogs are the stars for this one, but they happily share the excitement with a number of dog-loving Hollywood stars, who also don’t mind sharing the red carpet and the glamor of this great family event.

When it comes to star power and impact, if previous results are any indication, the Beverly Hills Dog Show winner will go on to be a superstar in the other top dog shows in the country.

Best In Show winners at Beverly Hills don’t stop there. King, a Wire Fox Terrier, won Best In Show in 2018 and went on to duplicate that win at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club in 2019. The 2019 BIS winner at Beverly Hills, Bono, a Havanese, also won Reserve Best in Show at that same 2019 Westminster show to give Beverly Hills Dog Show winners a 1-2 finish in New York. In 2017, the Bichon Frise, Flynn, won the Non-Sporting Group at Beverly Hills and then captured Best In Show at Westminster in 2018.

In celebration of man’s best friend and in a setting only Beverly Hills can provide, the star-studded competition will be co-hosted by award-winning TV personality, author and Broadway actor John O’Hurley with expert analyst and longtime AKC judge-breeder-handler David Frei. NBC Sports correspondent Mary Carillo reports from backstage.

Last year’s dog-loving celebrity guests included Mario Lopez, Akbar Gbajabiamila, Ashley Tisdale, Shaun White, Bo Derek, Parveen Kaur, Michaela McManus, J.R. Ramirez, Melissa Roxburgh and Triple Crown-winning jockeys Victor Espinoza and Mike Smith. Many of them will return this year - depending on their celebrity schedules of course - and they will be joined by more two-legged Hollywood stars this year to enjoy the day with the four-legged stars of the dog show world.

Hosted by the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills and produced by NBC Sports, “The Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina®” expects an entry of some 2,000 dogs representing 205 eligible breeds and varieties.

We’re so glad you’re home, National Dog Show!

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NEW LEASH ON LIFE - USA: A DUAL PURPOSE LIFELINE

by David Frei

One of the most dynamic non-profits in the Philadelphia area uniquely serves multiple populations with very difficult problems, and the wonderful thing is that it is working.

New Leash on Life USA is a non-profit organization that rescues at-risk shelter dogs, and assigns them to inmates at The Philadelphia Department of Prisons. These inmates then care for and train the dogs, making the animals more desirable for adoption, while building skills and confidence in the inmates as they approach their return to society.

The Philadelphia Department of Prisons lists its recidivism rate for inmates as 34% within one year of release, and 65% within three years — on par with national rates. Through the implementation of New Leash’s programs, the city has seen astounding declines in those numbers. Graduates of the New Leash program have a 7.14% recidivism rate after one year of release, and 33% after three years. The ultimate goal of this program is for inmates to acquire a sense of responsibility, build skills and confidence. The program also pays all successful graduates for 60 days of internship, then helps them find permanent employment.

These rates are simply testaments to what a program like New Leash can accomplish. The mission of this non-profit is aimed specifically towards what they call “at-risk” dogs. Marian Marchese, CEO and Founder of New Leash on Life USA, started the organization after she volunteered for some time at a Philadelphia animal shelter and felt compelled to spark change in the fate of some of the animals. One of the biggest reasons for dog shelter overpopulation is returned adoptions.

Because funding is tight in most shelters, and staff is limited in many shelters, it becomes tough to evaluate what issues a dog might have post-adoption, thus making it difficult to determine why the dogs were returned. The people at New Leash have developed a specific selection process, based on the behavior, need, and reactions of the dogs that they encounter. They are dedicated to saving the lives of dogs that might not otherwise have a shot in a traditional shelter situation.

One of the New Leash on Life-USA new initiatives is its relationship with Roc Nation, the world’s pre-eminent entertainment company and its annual Philadelphia concert happening, Made In America. At this year’s Philadelphia concert featuring Cardi B on Labor Day Weekend, New Leash was represented in the Made In America Cause Village among a select group of accomplished regional non-profits having a decided impact on the City of Philadelphia.

One of its fundraising initiatives is the annual National Dog Show Charity Walk, which takes place every October at Wilson Farm Park in Wayne, PA.

For engaging photos, videos, blogs and information about adopting, volunteering and more, visit www.NewLeashOnLife-USA.org.

David Frei is America’s foremost authority on all things canine and the co-host of the National Dog Show Presented by Purina® (Thanksgiving Day on NBC) since its inception in 2002. A member of the Kennel Club of Philadelphia, he developed and is also co-host of the Beverly Hills Dog Show on NBC.
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10% Although pets can help people heal from trauma, they can be a barrier to escaping abuse and getting help, because only 10 percent of domestic violence shelters in the U.S. accept both people and pets.

48% As a result, nearly half of victims delay leaving their abuser because they don’t want to leave their pet behind.

DID YOU KNOW?

Not only is there a critically low number of pet-friendly domestic violence shelters across the country, but several states don’t even have one pet-friendly shelter.

Our first of many goals is to ensure there’s at least one pet-friendly domestic violence shelter in every state.

We’ve provided more than $500,000 to fund grants so domestic violence shelters can become pet friendly, thus increasing accessibility to victims escaping abuse with their pets.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

01 CREATE AWARENESS
Help us raise awareness about the issue by sharing it on social media using #PurpleLeashProject.

02 STAY INFORMED
Visit PurpleLeashProject.com to sign up for our newsletter. You’ll learn more about ways to get involved, resources to help domestic abuse victims with pets and more.

03 DONATE
While you’re there, consider making a donation to the Purple Leash Project. Your donation will help transform existing domestic violence shelters into pet-friendly spaces so people and pets can escape abuse and heal together.

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