



## Westminster Kennel Club 2013 Dog Show

It is the goal of the Westminster Kennel Club to present the best quality dog show ever, and to accomplish that, a number of changes are being implemented for the 2013 show. These changes are being made for the purpose of accommodating exhibitors and spectators with a return to a fully-benched dog show, something that has been the hallmark of the WKC Dog Show since its inception in 1877. So, back will come the plywood benching and signs on the walls, allowing spectators to find a favorite breed or an individual dog that they want to see. The Westminster legacy of educating the public about purebred dogs and responsible ownership will come front and center once again.

**Venues:** Breed judging and benching will take place at Piers 92/94 located at West 55th Street and the West Side Highway (12th Avenue), [www.piers9294.com](http://www.piers9294.com), Monday and Tuesday, February 11 & 12, 2013. Group and Best In Show judging, as well as the Junior Showmanship Finals, will be held at Madison Square Garden as usual on Monday and Tuesday evenings.



The Piers offer Westminster and Show Superintendent MB-F the ability to create a setting with 12 rings, lots of benching and plenty of space for exhibitors, spectators and vendors. The move to the Piers allows Westminster to increase its entry limit to 3,200 dogs.

**Benching:** All breed benching/judging and Junior Showmanship Preliminaries will take place at Piers 92/94. The Variety Group benching/ judging and Junior Showmanship Finals will be held at Madison Square Garden, both evenings. A layout of the venues will be included with the judging program.

At MSG, the benching space for our Best of Breed Winners will consist of individual 5' x 5' space for each dog along with an appropriately sized grooming table. Benching at MSG is required by 6 p.m. and is located, as usual, in the Expo Center.

In both locations, all dogs MUST be on their benches and must be able to be viewed by the public. Grooming will take place at the dog's bench. There are no separate grooming areas. All dogs must be benched each day by 11:30 a.m..

Dogs entered for Junior Showmanship Only are not required to be benched.

**Entries:** Entries are limited to dogs that meet the following requirements:

1. The Invited Top Five Champions in each breed/variety based on the number of dogs defeated in breed competition only at AKC Licensed or Member shows held from January 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012, inclusive.
2. The Invited Best of Breed winners of AKC Licensed or Member National Breed Club Specialties held from January 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012, inclusive.
3. Non-Invited dogs/bitches eligible for Best of Breed competition that have attained their Championship status prior to the submission of the entry for the dog.
4. Non-Invited dogs/bitches eligible for Bred by Exhibitor, American Bred and Open classes that have won at least one major award prior to the submission of the entry.

Junior Showmanship is not included in the Breed Entry Limit.





**New Award:** Dogs finishing their championships at Westminster in 2013 are eligible to receive a special bronze medallion in commemoration of that win. See details in the premium list on the WKC website for complete rules and procedures regarding entries.

**Transportation:** Westminster will provide bus transportation to and from The Hotel Pennsylvania, Affinia Manhattan and The New Yorker Hotel for exhibitors and spectators. There will be no charge for this service. Buses will start running at 5:30 a.m. from the hotels and will run every half hour to the Piers, for **dogs and exhibitors**. The last hotel bus for dog transportation will depart at 11 a.m. as dogs must be benched each day by 11:30 a.m.

Buses for **spectators** will commence at 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. At 3 p.m., buses for the Best of Breed winners, their people and equipment will leave the Piers and go to MSG **only**. Exhibitors with BOB winners have priority on **ALL** buses. Benching release time for all other dogs and exhibitors at the Piers will be at 6 p.m. Buses will be available to take the remaining dogs back to the three hotels. Dogs and exhibitors have priority but spectators will be allowed to ride if space permits. Buses will continue to make this loop until 8:30 p.m. At 9 p.m., the buses will be available at MSG for dogs and their people to return to the Piers and will continue until 11:30 p.m.

**Parking:** There is parking available for 300 cars at the Piers on a first-come, first-served basis on top of Pier 92. The cost is approximately \$30 with additional parking available at other nearby venues.

**Tickets:** Tickets will go on sale October 17. Please consult our website for complete description of ticketing and prices.

**Vendors:** Due to the increased space we are able to accommodate additional vendors. Please check the website for vendor information.



For more information:

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