# The National Dog Show Presented by PURINA.



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A Thanksgiving Tradition

November 19 & 20, 2022



Broadcast at Noon Thanksgiving Day, November 24





#### **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 21st 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 million dollars in the past 8 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

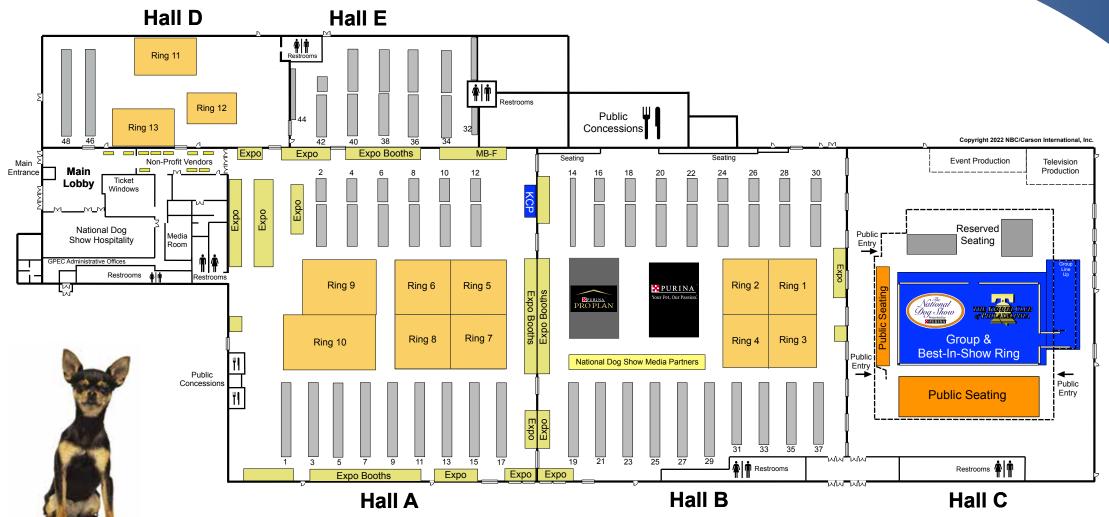


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#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022**

8:00 AM	Breed Judging Begins (Halls A, B, & D)
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)
12:30 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)

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

8:00 AM	Breed Judging Begins (Halls A, B, & D)
9:30 AM	Pro Plan Performance Team (Hall B)
10:30 AM	Pro Plan Performance Team (Hall B)
11:30 AM	Pro Plan Performance Team (Hall B)
12:30 PM	Pro Plan Performance Team (Hall B)
1:30 PM	Pro Plan Performance Team (Hall B)
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 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.



#### **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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#### **THREE NEW BREEDS IN 2022**



#### **Mudi – Herding Group**

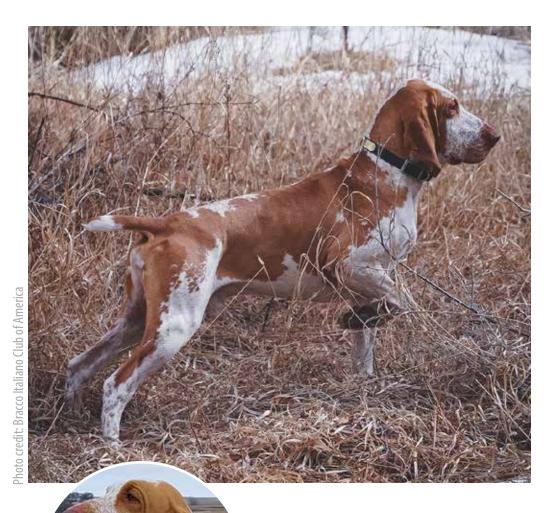
The Mudi, pronounced like moody, is an extremely versatile, intelligent, alert, agile, all-purpose Hungarian farm dog. Its courage is useful for working the most stubborn livestock. The breed is a loyal protector of property and family members without being overly aggressive. It is said the Mudi evolved naturally from crosses of the Puli, Pumi and German Spitz breeds.

Today, the Mudi, though very rare, is seen as an active, intelligent and biddable working breed. It is

estimated there are no more than a few thousand Mudi worldwide, with the greatest numbers being in Hungary, followed by Finland, and then even scarcer throughout Europe, the U.S. and Canada. The Mudi excels at agility, obedience and flyball, as well as other dog sports. He is a true working breed and shines when herding both cattle and sheep, and has found fame as a search and rescue dog in both Finland and the U.S.







**Bracco Italiano - Sporting Group** 

The Bracco Italiano is one of the oldest of the pointing breeds. It was introduced into the United States in the 1990s and has remained true to its heritage as a versatile gun dog. It is gentle in the home and tireless in the field. Tough and adapted to all types of hunting, the Bracco Italiano is reliable, intelligent, docile and easy to train. He has a powerful appearance, with lean limbs, well-developed muscles and a sculpted head. The English translation of Bracco Italiano is Italian Pointing Dog.

Descriptions sourced from AKC.org



**Russian Toy – Toy Group** 

The Russian Toy is a small, elegant, lively dog with long legs, fine bones and lean muscles. They are active and cheerful, possessing keen intelligence and a desire to please. This breed loves to snuggle and be close to their human companions, although sometimes slightly aloof to strangers. They are neither cowardly nor aggressive.

The Russian Toy is a toy breed with a lineage that dates back to the Russian aristocracy. In general, the breed is a good-natured imp that loves to run and play. They will dash through the house or yard chasing toys as long as you can keep up, while many others are willing to do nothing more than lounge in your lap all day long, content in knowing that they are the prize jewel in your home. They thrive on human companionship and will let you know if they are feeling neglected.

Their coat is either semi-long or smooth. The long-haired variety carries a nice ruff on the chest and unique feathering on the extremities, tail and ears. Long-coated Russian Toys will not have an adult coat until it is more than a year old and full fringing not until three years of age. The smooth-coated variety is sleek and smooth to the touch. There is also a slight attitude difference between the two varieties. Smooth Coats tend to be a little more terrier-like than Long Coats. However, both share a larger-than-life personality.



#### **ABOUT JUDGING**





#### **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 OF 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 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 ribbon, and to become winner of The National Dog Show.



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.



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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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#### **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

**Bovkin 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

Grevhound Whippet

Borzoi Scottish Deerhound Irish Wolfhound

American Foxhound **English Foxhound** 

Harrier

Beagle (15 inch) Beagle (13 inch)

Rhodesian Ridgeback Norwegian Elkhound

Basenii

Portuguese Podengo Piqueno 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 (Tov) Pomeranian Smooth Coat Chihuahua Long Coat Chihuahua Tov Fox Terrier

Miniature Pinscher Manchester Terrier (Tov)

**Russian Toy** 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** Puq

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

Bulldog 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



The now famous Scottish Deerhound, Claire, made history last November as the first showdog to win Best in Show two consecutive years at Philadelphia's prestigious National Dog Show.

Now retired, Claire and handler Angela Lloyd won over Best In Show judge Jeff Pepper of Boynton Beach, Florida, who selected her from among seven accomplished showdog finalists out of over 1500 entries encompassing 188 breeds.

A then four-year-old, long-legged, classic gray Scottish Deerhound, Claire's impressive pedigree includes grandmother Hickory, the 2011 Best In Show Champion at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City, and mother Chelsea, the Reserve Best In Show (second place) at the 2015 National Dog Show. Lloyd has served as handler for all three generations.

In 2020, Claire earned top honors at The National Dog Show with only cardboard cutouts to witness her elegance at the spectator-less, pandemiccompromised show.

"She really filled my eye," said Pepper, a 36-year judge and Past President of the Dog Judges Association of America. "She is beautifully

#### **2021 BEST IN SHOW WINNER**



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

balanced and fits the requirements of the Scottish Deerhound breed standard in terms of both type and construction. The handler moved her at exactly the right speed, exhibiting excellent athleticism."

Lloyd, of Flint Hill, Virginia, was once an eight-yearold junior handler who now has been a professional for 25 years. Lloyd co-owns Claire along with Cecilia Dove and Dr. Scott Dove, of Flint Hill, Virginia.

"Claire has so many wonderful traits," said Lloyd. "She embodies the same qualities [as Hickory and Chelsea]. She is very similar to her grandmother, especially in the eyes."

#### **PREVIOUS BEST IN SHOW**

- 2020 GCH Foxcliffe Claire Randall Fraser (a.k.a Claire)
- 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

2016





2018

2017







2015



2013





2010









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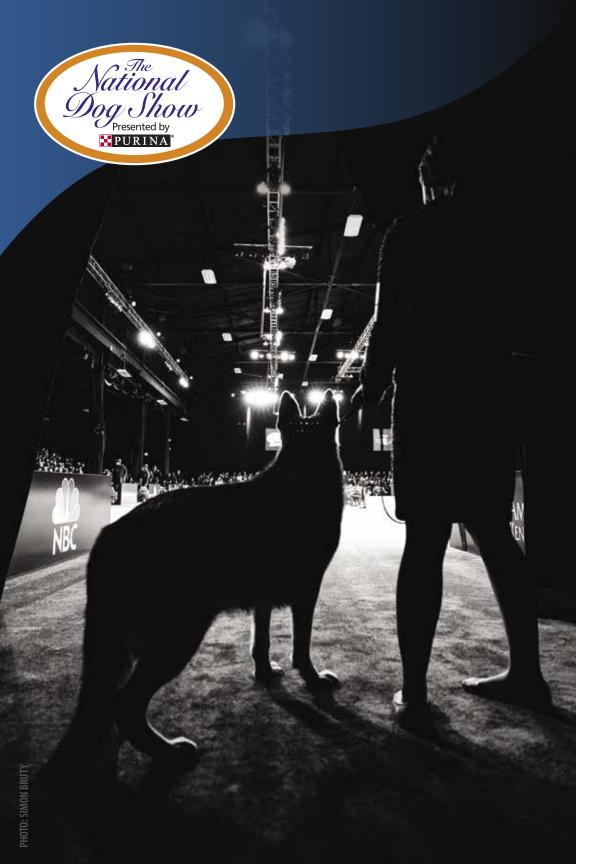


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# IT'S EMOTION AND COMMOTION FOR HUMANS AT THE NATIONAL DOG SHOW

#### We've got this! BY GLENN A. POLYN

Almost 1,500 dogs from among the 209 AKC-sanctioned breeds were entered into last year's edition of The National Dog Show Presented by Purina°. The competition took place in front of a live audience at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center November. What follows is the roller coaster journey of one Philadelphia-area owner-handler family that took the leap.

Shannon Emmert and her husband, Evan, an owner-handler couple residing in nearby Bethlehem, Pa., had entered one of those 1,500 dogs: Remy, a Belgian Tervuren who had just turned 3 years old earlier that month. Describing herself as



"the quintessential dance show mom, but on the dog side," Shannon recalls the best of breed competition and the pressure she felt watching her husband and Remy.

"I'm watching and wondering if Remy is going to be squirrely or super excited, and not in the best way, with all the attention and commotion," she explained, adding how she was fidgeting and holding her breath as Remy was presented to the judge. "It felt like a blur. It's like your wedding day; you spend all this time planning for months and then, in the blink of an eye, it's over."

She was left wondering if Remy had done enough in his two minutes. However, it wasn't long before she got her answer. Remy had won best of breed for the Belgian Tervuren.

"It was like, 'Holy moly, we're going to groups!' It's one of those moments that is a bucket list for anyone in the dog show world," said Shannon, adding she immediately felt the burden of Remy representing the breed.

With the Herding Group competition coming up next, Shannon, her husband and Remy were entering a whole new world. This round of competition was bigger, louder and in an environment that's much more daunting than any best of breed ring.

"There's carpeting for groups, and Remy's never shown on carpet before," Shannon explained. "How is he going to react to the TV camera boom arms? Is he going to be freaked out? Some dogs have had that issue. It's going to be tight; it's going to be loud; it's going to be hot. Is he going to hate it? Is he going to shut down and totally ignore Evan?"

As the dogs and their handlers entered the ring to the song, "Rawhide," Remy was obviously ramped up and pulling, which made the couple wonder if he was going to look like a bucking bronco.

"We had never done this before, so we thought, 'this isn't going to work," Shannon admitted. However, Remy quickly transformed into a seasoned pro. "They got into the lineup, and he's hitting his free stack. He was excited and just engaged with my husband."

It only got better from there. Remy was no longer fazed by the potential distractions of the carpet, hot lights, loud applause or boom arms.

"When it was time for Remy's solo, I was like, 'Wait, what dog is this?' He was confident, his tail was wagging, he was happy and excited."





Although Remy didn't make it past best of group, Shannon and Evan were nonetheless elated.

"He was not part of the cut but, to us, getting there and Remy presenting himself well, we made it," she laughed. "It might as well have been best in show for us."

Fast forward to Thanksgiving Day, and millions of dog lovers who were watching the NBC broadcast were able to witness Remy during one of the highlight segments. Shannon recalls that Remy's "alphabet soup of titles, including being No. 1 in dock diving for Tervs, was mentioned... David [Frei] was proud of his versatility; a show dog that can work and a working dog that can show."

Getting to relive the competition took Remy's accomplishments to a whole new level. Viewers took notice, and Shannon's phone started going off. Breeders and other friends were texting her. She also noticed the flood of posts to online dog groups, where people were proclaiming, "Did you see the Terv?"

In a way, Thanksgiving Day, 2021, was the moment where Shannon and Evan's experience came full circle.

"The National Dog Show is what got my husband and I interested in dogs to begin with," Shannon admitted. "When we were in college, we were home during Thanksgiving break and watching the broadcast. The non-sporting group had come out, and we saw this Schipperke, this little black dog that we had never seen before. We were like, 'That's a cool little thing; what is it?' We started learning about the breed, following it. Ten years later, when we married and had a home, we started reaching out to breeders."

That led to the couple getting Obie, their first purebred dog.

After the compliments that the couple received for Remy being such a good representation of the Belgian Tervuren, Shannon wonders who he might have inspired.

"Who are the 20-year-olds watching The National Dog Show broadcast and, after seeing Remy, were inspired to learn more about the breed or even just the pure-bred world to begin with? Will it change someone's path and get them to this point? We certainly hope so, because it worked for us!"

Glenn A. Polyn is the editor-in-chief and associate publisher for Pet Age. He resides in New Jersey with his wife and two dogs, Vicki and Eeyore.





#### **THE TALENT**

**John O'Hurley**, versatile host, actor and television personality, returns for his 21st 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, the role 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
acclaimed 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. 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 drawing capacity crowds at night clubs and theatres since 2017.

**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

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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/handler/owner, he is proudest of the work his therapy dogs have done for many years at the Ronald McDonald House New York, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the VA Hospital in New York City, among other prominent hospitals and healthcare institutions around the country. Earlier this year, the International Kennel Club of Chicago named him the club's Chief Marketing and Communications Officer. Frei's 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 work with therapy dogs. New York Magazine once called him "probably the most famous human in the world of canines."

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

has 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 two Peabody Awards, one for her work on the HBO documentary Billie Jean King: Portrait of a Pioneer and the other 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. 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).





Mia (left), Lucy (center) and Charlotte (right) spending time together on a lounge chair outside the O'Hurley home.



David Frei in one of his favorite pictures with Grace (left) and Angel before the National Dog Show Charity Walk at Wilson Farm Park. Renowned certified therapy dogs, they've left us but their memory lives on.

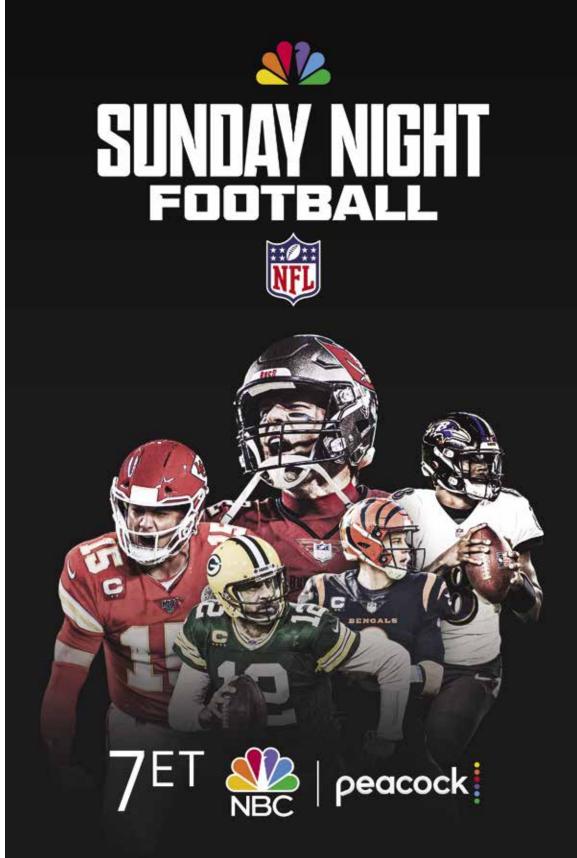


Mary thinking about the National Dog Show while her bed gets taken over by Zuzu The Wonder Dog (far) and Petey Boy (front).

John O'Hurley has one pure-bred Havanese named Lucy and two small rescues named Charlotte and Mia. Lucy can be found perched on top of the family room sofa and only comes down to enjoy a morning yoga session with John's wife, Lisa. Charlotte, a humane society rescue, prefers to participate in something a little more exciting. She enjoys sitting on his wife's shoulder during a round of cards to watch them hold'em and fold'em. Whereas Mia, a one year old rescue from the streets of Santa Monica, prefers to play fetch all by herself by flinging her fabric ball and chasing after it.

**David Frei** was able to touch the lives of many through his therapy dog, Grace, who lost a battle to cancer earlier this year. On Facebook, Frei shared his favorite photo of her at the VA hospital in NYC in honor of her passing. Grace is pictured laying in bed with a veteran, who is battling Alzheimer's. The post generated thousands of likes and comments, a testimony to her lifetime of therapy dog adventures and as one of the stars of Frei's second book. Carrying on for Grace is True Dat, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who he calls his "pandemic pup." She is just 2 and a half years old and her eventual commitment to the world of therapy dogs is getting a slow start because of the pandemic. But, she shows all the right signs of being ready to carry on the same commitment in Grace's memory.

Mary Carillo has two dogs. One of them is Zuzu The Wonder Dog, a three-year-old Goldendoodle whom she believes is the largest land mammal in North America. She had no idea she was going to grow so large. Zuzu politely demands the foam from a cup of latte every morning. The other is Petey Boy, a 13-year-old rescue of indeterminate bloodlines. She suspects that there is quite a bit of terrier in him, perhaps some chihuahua, with a hint of meerkat. Petey is an unusual little beast, but there has never been a more loyal little man.







True Dat, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel pandemic puppy.

### **PANDEMIC PUPPY** Are the dogs okay?

By David Frei, NBC Sports

We have a new phrase in the dog lexicon after the events of the past couple of years. Pandemic puppy.

The phrase has nothing to do with physical health. It is more about the accidental timing that brought these dogs into our world. We hear about the benefits of pet ownership for the health of their people, and we found ourselves with more time on our hands to enjoy those benefits. Now it is time to reverse the plan. It's time for us to take care of our dogs.

I have a pandemic puppy. Her name is True Dat. She is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who came to us in early 2020 to carry on for our first Cavalier, Angel, who had passed a year earlier. True was just a few months old, and like many puppies, she was not particularly worldly, everything was a new experience. At that point, our basic approach had always been quite simple: get them out to experience people, other dogs, children, sights and sounds.

So this was the plan for True -- training and socialization and enrichment activities, like all of our dogs before her. We wanted her to grow up in a fun, embracing world. But the pandemic changed things. We would walk her down the street in anticipation of meeting someone, someone who would almost always say something like, "Oh, what a darling puppy!" And there was our opening: "Would you like to pet her?"

Only this time, the answer too often would be, "Oh, no, sorry, social distancing," and they were off. I think that was aimed more at the humans, but True didn't know that. She just watched them walk away without any interaction. "Wait!" her look would say.

So there were challenges for the dogs who found themselves in new homes, often with people who were inexperienced as pet owners. It requires attention and awareness on the part of the owners about things like etiquette for our dogs and concerns about separation anxiety.

We all knew — hoped, anyway — that we would be going back to work soon and eventually the dogs will find themselves alone at home, and destroying pillows and carpets just can't happen.

True is better and becomes more worldly every day, but it doesn't just happen. It takes your time and dedication to this member of your family. Read this phrase and practice it over and over with your pandemic puppy: *training and socialization and enrichment activities*.

Jen Reeder, past president of the Dog Writers Association of America, recently wrote a wonderful pets piece for the **NBC Today Show** website about the challenges these newly-homed dogs (and their humans) were undergoing. It's a great source of information as we bring our dogs back into our crowded, active world.

This was the first place that I saw "pandemic puppy" referenced and I immediately thought of True. I wanted to ask Jen: Are our dogs okay?

## Here are some excerpts from Jen's Today Show piece.

https://www.today.com/pets/untrained-pandemic-pups-present-dilemma-americans-t223603

Americans added millions of dogs to their families over the past couple of years, enough so that shelters were running out of dogs, which is a good thing. But is that the whole story? There were dire predictions that many of them would end up back in shelters when people went back to the office.

"Roughly 23 million American households acquired dogs and cats during the pandemic, according to a recent survey from the ASPCA — and the vast majority of them are still in those homes.

"Innovative efforts by animal welfare groups across the country helped some people keep their pets as the pandemic took a financial toll. However, stories of untrained pandemic puppies . . . have raised concerns with some rescue advocates."

#### What kind of concerns?

The goal is to prevent an influx of untrained dogs being returned to shelters, Jen writes.

"'A lot of shelters were almost running out of dogs to be adopted, which was incredible to see," Marissa Sunny, a certified professional dog trainer told TODAY. "But a lot of those dogs now are getting used to people going back to work, being alone for the first time, interacting with new people and new dogs for the first time. And it can just be really overwhelming for dogs that haven't had that experience up until now."

"Sunny recommends investing in training classes (utilizing positive reinforcement), such as group sessions that also offer dogs a chance to spend time with other dogs and people."

#### Tell us about "enrichment activities.

"Still, training is just one piece of the puzzle. Enrichment activities are important to engage dogs' minds, according to Sunny. This might include puzzle feeders, snuffle mats, freezing wet food in Kong toys, or scattering kibble in grass and saying, 'Go find it.' Hiding kibble in towels and rolling it up is another super easy way to add some enrichment," she said. "Anything to keep their mind engaged while you're gone."

#### And how about real world moments?

"Society reopening presents new opportunities for socialization, from inviting friends over to walking around outdoor malls or entering pet-friendly businesses. The key is to take it slow and not overwhelm the dog, she noted."

"As the saying goes, a tired dog is a good dog. Exercise is a basic need, from walks, hikes and runs to playing fetch or racing around a dog park...

"Ultimately, Sunny hopes pet owners will repay the companionship puppies provided during lockdown with some training now, even if they decide they cannot keep their pets."



## 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 21st 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 the 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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## THE NATIONAL DOG SHOW THERAPY DOG SYMPOSIUM

The National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium at Rowan University, has successfully navigated the pandemic and is looking forward to a fourth consecutive year of growth in 2022.

The annual conference is an all-day affair set for Wednesday, December 7, emanating from the Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ for a national and international audience via in-person and livestream options.

It is focused on sharing information and the development of best practices by bringing together therapy dog practitioners, advocates and aspirants from America and around the world. Now in its fourth year, the conference has established itself as the most prominent platform 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.

Featured speakers will be announced and listed at go.rowan.edu/TherapyDogSymposium. Virtual attendees will have an in-person experience via the livestream presentation and emailed PDFs.

Last year's symposium was a dynamic experience for participants. The lineup of speakers included: Dr. Temple Grandin, a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and a pioneer in improving the handling and welfare of farm animals; **Dr. Carlo Siracusa**, an Associate Professor of Clinical Animal Behavior and Welfare and Director of the Animal Behavior Science at the University of Pennsylvania; Phillip Tedeschi, the Director Emeritus and Founder of the Institute of Human-Animal Connection and clinical professor at the Graduate School of Social Work; **Dr. Georgitta** Valiyamattam, an Assistant Professor of Psychology and the recipient of the Best Dissertation Award from the National Academy of Psychology, India, 2019; Norberto Rosa, the Vice President of Programs for New Leash on Life-USA; **Michael Muldrow**, the Police Commissioner of York City Police Department; Lynne Robinson, the Executive Director and Founder of PAWS for People of Newark,

Delaware; **Andrea Hering**, the Co-Founder and President of Crisis Response Canines; Alliance of Therapy Dog Tester/Observer, AKC CGC Evaluator, and Agility Trainer and Competitor; and **Michael Bober**, the President and CEO of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) and Certified Association Executive.

The conference is hosted and chaired by **David Frei** and **Michele Pich**. David Frei is one of the best-known names in the canine world and a leader of the modern therapy dog movement. Frei 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. Michele Pich, founding Assistant Director of the Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program and Adjunct Professor of Law and Justice Studies



David Frei (left) and Michele Pich with Pich's therapy dog, Vivian, at The National Dog Show Gala. Frei and Pich are co-founders of the National Dog Show Therapy Dog Symposium.

at Rowan University. Pich has been involved in canine rescue and therapy work for several decades, including as a charter member of the National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador Team with her own rescued therapy dog, Vivian Peyton, a Staffordshire Terrier.

The symposium debuted in November 2019 with over 200 on-site attendees representing nine states and 18 different therapy groups at Rowan University.



Watch The National Dog Show Presented by Purina® Thanksgiving Day at Noon, November 24, on NBC.



## THERAPY DOG TEAM EXPANDS AGAIN



Representative Melissa Shusterman smiling with the PAWS For People table at the Savvy Senior Expo.

Philadelphia, PA— Of all the service providers sidelined in recent years by the global pandemic, none were more saddened than The National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador Team.

Now with the coronavirus fading into the background, this dynamic team of 21 canines and 22 owners/ handlers have been out and about with an array of activities that has made 2022 a memorable year.

Representing six states stretching from Oregon to Miami to Philadelphia, many of the team members spent the past two years doing virtual visits over zoom while waiting for COVID-19 to subside.

"For two years, we've been holding them back," said David Frei the author of two books on the therapy dog phenomenon and expert analyst for The National Dog Show on NBC Thanksgiving Day. "The virtual visits they performed during the pandemic were fun and fulfilling but it's in person with the ill children, aged and infirm that our registered therapy dogs really make a difference." Frei is the owner of a therapy dog, Grace, who visits around the states of Oregon and Washington.

One example of the therapy dog team making a difference was their presence at the Savvy Senior Expo on May 12 here at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center. The event, hosted by 157th Legislative District Representative Melissa Shusterman, enriches the local community with healthy living and recreational opportunities from over 70 different resources and representatives. The National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador team members came from PAWS for People in Newark, Delaware and they had an informational table at the event. The table enriched the purpose of the event by allowing people to pet and hug the certified therapy dogs and ask questions about therapy dogs, which brought joy to all attendees.

The National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador Team's most recent additions are 13 new members from the prominent PAWS for People Organization of Delaware. They are: "Robbie" a Pembroke Welsh Corgi; "Gracie" a Boxer/Pitbull mix; "Sienna" a Goldendoodle; "Bella" a Golden Retriever; "Darien" a Golden Retriever; "Tory" a Golden Retriever; "Alfie" a Golden Retriever; "Mr. Gibbs" a Puggle; "Lucy" a mini-Labradoodle; "Piper" a Malti-poo; "Frangelica" a Terrier mix; "Guinness" a Puli; and "Charlotte" a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

All 21 dogs play a vital role in helping to make a difference in people's lives. In addition to their weekly work at hospitals, nursing homes and institutions, the Therapy Dog Ambassadors make therapy visits and media appearances in conjunction with National Dog Show activities in Philadelphia and New York City.

You can meet the Therapy Dog Ambassador Team this weekend at the designated booth here at the Expo Center.



#### **ABOUT THE COVER**

This year's National Dog Show Presented by Purina® program cover was photographed on September 13th 2022 in NYC at the beautiful Go Studios Penthouse.

Our reigning, two time, consecutive winner, Best In Show Champion "Claire" shows off her gold medals with her pals, Mary Carillo, John O'hurley and David Frei, on the blue carpet!

#### The Dream Team!

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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## Renowned sculptor Susan Bahary honored with Dogs' Best Friend Award



Annual Kennel Club of Philadelphia Recognition Heralds Those Who Contribute to Animal Welfare Causes in America

Susan Bahary, renowned sculptor of memorials honoring service animals, has been named recipient of The Kennel Club of

Philadelphia's "Dogs' Best Friend Award" for 2022. Bahary, who specializes in dog art out of her Bay Area studio in California, will be recognized on Saturday during National Dog Show ceremonies at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center.

Bahary is internationally acclaimed for her inspiring sculptures honoring the animal/human bond and service animals. She is also the visionary and selected sculptor for the National Service Animals Monument, Inc., whose mission is to build a National Service Animals Memorial (NSAM) in Washington, DC or its environs. The National Memorial will honor the contributions of service animals and their handlers in service for the safety, security and independence of Americans throughout our nation's history. The award includes a \$5,000 Kennel Club of Philadelphia donation and Bahary



Susan Bahary

will direct those funds to the NSAM initiative.

Bahary created our America's first official war dog memorial, "Always Faithful" that was unveiled at the Pentagon and dedicated at the US Marine Corps War Dog Cemetery on Guam in 1994. She has since been a leader in raising awareness of and support for their deeds and sacrifices.

#### Among the recent winners of the award are:

- Rosalyn "Rose" Fennell, Superintendent of Valley Forge National Historical Park (2021);
- Gerry Shreiber, President and CEO of J&J Snack Foods Corp, whose donation established The Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program at Rowan University (2019);
- Canine Partners for Life (CPL), the suburban Philadelphia-based non-profit provider of canine service dogs (2018).
- John DeBella, the popular Philadelphia morning radio personality for nearly four decades. (2017)
- Dr. Cindy Otto, founder of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center (2016);
- Former CBS3 meteorologist, animal enthusiast and TV personality Carol Erickson (2015);



#### The National Dog Show Charity Walk Finds a New Home in Delaware

Amidst the constraints of the global pandemic these past many months, the National Dog Show Charity Walk has found a vibrant new home with a dynamic new partner, PAWS for People of Newark, Delaware.

One of the most accomplished therapy dog organizations in America, PAWS for People touches the entire Delaware Valley, including an annual, month-long Wag & Walkathon fundraising initiative in the fall. After 6 wonderful years at Wilson Farm Park in Wayne, PA, the National Dog Show Charity Walk is now a part of PAWS for People's Wag & Walkathon at Glasgow Park in Newark.

The event on October 15 was the second in partnership with PAWS for People. It was a monthlong, cumulative marathon that let participants log their 26.2 miles anytime and at their own pace from September 15 until October 15. The culminating Cross the Finish Line gathering was attended by hundreds, raising some \$50,000 for the wide-ranging PAWS for People Pet Therapy programming in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The National Dog Show Charity Walk is proud to be a partner with PAWS for People, whose mission is to provide therapeutic visits with gentle and affectionate pets to elders, children and persons with disabilities.











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