

The Wintry Westminster Dog Show of 2006

Dog lovers climb snow banks to get to the show.

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Toy Group Winner: Ch. Kendoric's Riversong Mulronev.

Photo © Mary Bloom Toy Group

Judge Dr. Harry Smith lent an air of style to the show by wearing a top hat, tails, and white gloves for his Toy Group assignment. Group First went to the Pug Ch. Kendoric's Riversong Mulronev, the No. 2 top-winning dog of all breeds for 2005. With Judge Smith having been a Pug breeder himself, this was a great compliment to the dog. Jeffrey (Ch. Yakee If Only), a Pekingese and the No. 1 dog all breeds for 2005, placed second in this stellar group. The Long Coat Chihuahua Ch. Wissfire Chahachi charged into third place. Rounding out the lineup was the Toy Manchester Terrier Ch. Fwaggles Tap Man at Burmack, famous for his enthusiastic leaps into the air.

Non-Sporting Group

The last group of the evening saw Judge Roger Hartinger award First

Non-Sporting Group Winner: Ch. Merry Go Round Mach Ten.

Photo © Mary Bloom to the dashing Dalmatian Ch. Merry Go Round Mach Ten, amid boisterous audience applause. Demonstrating the sheer diversity of this group, a Chinese Shar-Pei, Ch. Preshar Jodao Baywalker, claimed Group Second. In third place was Bichon Frise Ch. High Ridge Is Judge's Choice, a son of J.R., the Westminster Best in Show winner in 2001. Scott Sommer had the pleasure of handling both father and son. A white Standard Poodle, Ch. Litalann's Picture This, paraded into fourth place, bringing the night's judging to a close.

Westminster continues on Valentines Day with the judging of the remaining three groups Sporting, Hound, and Herding culminating with Best in Show.

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