

The Secret Lives of Show Dogs

Up close and personal with Westminster contenders.

Nikki Moustaki

Ch. Chesabars Storm Cloud

Call name: Widgeon.

Breed: Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

AKC group: Sporting.

Age: 3.

Owners: Patsy and Rudy Barber; Diane Baldwin; Mitchell Horowitz.

Home: Bridgeton, N.J., with the Barbers.

Handler: Patsy Barber.

Favorite toy: Squeaky plush frog.

Favorite reward: Liver sauted with garlic or Hebrew National hotdogs. (She spits out other brands.)

Best canine buddies: Her two sisters, Layde and Rye.

Canine nemesis: She likes most dogs, except for the roughhousing youngsters.

Favorite contraband treats: Milk-Bones, bread.

Quirks: She knows when she wins a show because she jumps almost 6 feet in the air.

What drives her nuts: When her other Chessie housemates try to get in front of her when they're out running and playing.

Sleeping spot: In the bed during show weekends; other times she sleeps in her crate.

Typical day: Gets up at 5 a.m., goes outside, eats breakfast, then takes a nap or watches the birds and squirrels. Around 10 a.m. it's playtime again. Lunchtime is at 1:30 p.m. and then nap time again. Four p.m. is playtime, then she naps or plays in the kennel, and then around 8:30 p.m. it's time for a treat and she's off to bed.