



Barking with the Stars!

**The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills Dog Show
will celebrate dogs in the Chinese Year of the Dog;
with an appearance by “Flynn”, the Westminster Best In Show winner;
two new breeds; dock diving dogs; and it’s free!**

It’s time once again to go “Barking with the Stars,” in an exciting celebration of the dogs in our lives, brought to you by the historic Kennel Club of Beverly Hills in its longtime annual dog show on Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4.

The dogs are the stars as for the second year, the show takes place at the famed Fairplex in Pomona. Nearly 1,300 dogs in 175 breeds and varieties will perform in hopes of taking home ribbons, trophies, and the Best In Show title, and having a weekend of canine competition and fun.

And this year, it’s free, making it a real bargain for family entertainment. The club will not be charging admission, although there will still be a parking charge of \$12 for the Fairplex.

Saturday’s show will be taped for a television entertainment special to be broadcast on Easter Sunday, April 1, as the “Beverly Hills Dog Show presented by Purina.”

In addition to the American Kennel Club dog show competition, there will be plenty of highlights with the four-legged stars.

- Six Chinese breeds helping celebrate the Chinese lunar new year in the Year of the Dog: the Pug, Shih Tzu, Chinese Crested, Chow Chow, Chinese Shar Pei and Pekingese. “It’s always the Year of the Dog for us,” says show chair Patty Kanan.
- Two breeds newly-recognized for dog show competition will be seen for the first time at

Beverly Hills: the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje and the Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen. The Kooiker is a duck toller, a Dutch sporting dog, while the GBGV is a French rabbit hunting hound.

- America's dog of the moment: GCH Belle Creek's All I Care About Is Love ("Flynn"), a Bichon Frise that won Best In Show at the famed Westminster Kennel Club earlier this month, will be at the Beverly Hills Show on Saturday for a celebrity turn for dog show fans, in the ring with his handler, Bill McFadden. "Flynn" won the Non-Sporting Group at this show last year and was entered again this year. But as most dogs do, he retired from competition as soon as he won Westminster.
- Exciting Diving Dog competition on Saturday, where canine athletes run and take off from a dock, jumping high and far in hopes of qualifying for national competition. Biggest splashes delight the spectators, but do not count in the scoring.
- *"Hey, that's me!"* And if you attend on Saturday, there is a chance you could see yourself on television. The Saturday show will once again be taped as the "Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina" and will premiere on USA Network at 6 p.m. ET/PT on Easter Sunday, April 1.

The two-hour television presentation will be hosted by John O'Hurley and David Frei, longtime co-hosts of the "National Dog Show Presented by Purina" on Thanksgiving Day on NBC, a show seen by nearly 30 million viewers in 2017. Mary Carillo will provide backstage looks and stories, and famed media star / journalist / actress Maria Menounos will host and conduct the red carpet interviews. In addition to the Easter debut, NBC will air a daytime encore on Sunday, April 8, at 10am PT (1pm ET).

Fittingly, the seven Best In Show finalists on Saturday will once again walk a glitzy fashion show-esque, red carpet runway in the finals of the competition. Best In Show will be the culmination of a delightful television presentation featuring personalities from the world of entertainment helping with a celebration of dogs.

Established in 1965, the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills is one of the world's most recognizable and prestigious kennel clubs. KCBH touches on and influences many audiences through its community activities that promote interest in dogs, responsible dog ownership, and canine health.

A portion of the entry fees will go to support the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles Dog Therapy Program.

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