

*Counting Down to Westminster Kennel Club*

# **The Ultimate Westminster Kennel Club Packing Checklist**



**LEADING EDGE  
DOG SHOW  
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Have everything you need to show your dog at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show!

Once you get to New York City, you will most likely leave your car with a valet and not see it again until you leave. Your hotel room will be your headquarters, and you may be using it to prepare to go to multiple shows if you are showing at an associated Specialty or multiple days of WKC. This is a list I have compiled of things I ALWAYS bring with me to Westminster to make sure that I am prepared, no matter what obstacles come my way. I always say that Murphy's Law is alive and well in NYC, so come prepared! Print this checklist and check it off as you go. Happy packing!

– Allison

## GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Pin brush(es), slicker brush, bristle brush (for smoother coats)
- Teasing/parting combs
- Rake for double coated breeds
- Clippers/blades/charger
- Sharp scissors/thinning shears
- Combs: one for grooming and one to take in the ring
- An anti-static spray or brushing spray that will help with static
- Shine spray
- Specialty grooming items for your breed (bands, bows, chalk, sprays)
- Self-rinsing shampoo or diluted shampoo in a spray bottle<sup>1</sup>
- Baby wipes<sup>2</sup>
- Extra batteries (for ringside fan or other appliances)
- Towels (plus a designated wet towel)
- Wash bin and sponge
- Poop bags
- Walking leash
- Paper towel
- Grooming apron
- An energy boost for your dog<sup>3</sup>
- Eye medication/lubricant
- Vaseline baby oil (for dry noses)
- Squeaky toys (even if you don't usually need one!)
- Show leash/collar (and back up!)
- Upset stomach/antidiarrheal medications
- Bait
- Non-perishable back-up bait (in case your dog decides they no longer like their favourite!)
- A ringside bag (see below!)

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## WESTMINSTER/ NYC SPECIFICS

*Keeping in mind your hotel room is 'headquarters'*

- Shower adaptor and tools for hook up
- Shampoo/Conditioner and mixing bottles<sup>1</sup>
- Extra towels (do not rely on hotel towels to dry your dog)
- Knee pads/cushion (for kneeling on floor to bath your dog)
- Piece of plastic to cover the floor beneath your grooming table
- Electric cooler for fresh/frozen dog food
- "Booties" to keep feet safe and clean on street salt and wood shavings
- Extra poop bags (scoops not always provided in exing areas)
- Force dryer and hot dryer
- Small broom or some other cleaning tool (to clean hair, wood shavings from the carpet).
- Short and long extension cords
- Smaller version of a tack box/bag to bring to the show. *Bring this bag so that you do not need to bring extra supplies to The Javits/The Garden with you. However, make sure it is well organized to avoid stress!*

## RINGSIDE BAG

- Pin brush (or bristle brush)
- Comb (plus one to take in the ring)
- Squeaky toys
- Bait (and extra!)
- Paper towel and baby wipes (a few)
- Back up lead
- Spray
- Scissors (one pair for last minute touch up)
- Wet towel (not in the bag)
- Water (for you)
- Water and bucket/dish (for your dog)
- Ringside fan/other cooling supplies

[youtube.com/leadingedgedogshowacademy](https://www.youtube.com/leadingedgedogshowacademy)

<sup>1</sup> Using Shampoo and Conditioner Properly

<sup>2</sup> My Secret Dollar Store Tool for Dog Show Success

<sup>3</sup> Giving Your Dog a Boost at The Show