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Westminster Kennel Club 2008 Best in Show Beagle "Uno" Meets "Snoopy" at Unveiling of 2009 Westminster Poster

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On Monday, November 24, the Westminster Kennel Club 2008 Best in Show Beagle, "Uno," and "Snoopy" met patients at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital to celebrate the unveiling of the 2009 Westminster Poster created by artist Trish Biddle. Proceeds from the sale of the poster will benefit Angel On a Leash, a therapy dog program for patients at the Hospital. Uno and Snoopy, an honorary member of the Angel On a Leash program, met with patients and their families in the Hospital's Wintergarden.

Angel On a Leash is sponsored by The Westminster Kennel Club. While being in the hospital can be a frightening experience for a child, the main goal of the Angel On a Leash program is to integrate therapy dogs into patient care and to enhance the healing process for pediatric patients. The use of therapy dogs has been shown to help reduce stress in pediatric patients who are hospitalized and separated from home and family.



The Westminster Kennel Club is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of purebred dogs. Established in 1877, Westminster's influence has been felt for more than a century through its famous all breed, benched dog show held every year at New York's Madison Square Garden. The show is America's second longest continuously held sporting event, behind only the Kentucky Derby. Westminster will stage its 133rd consecutive show on February 9-10, 2009.

The event was co-sponsored by New York Life Foundation.

