

Meet the Breeds in New York City: 2017

The Granddaddy of Meet the Breeds took place for the 8th year in New York City on February 11. This event draws a steady stream of dog lovers from near and far that includes families, seniors and everyone in between.

Each year in the history of this event, AKC has continually tweaked the format and layout of the event. While in the early years, the aisles were cramped and very crowded, as the event grew the aisles widened but the space has remained no less crowded. The Clumber Spaniel Booth entertained a steady crowd all day long, often making it hard to see any Clumbers since they were engulfed by loving fans. Upwards of an estimated 30,000 attended. The Clumber 'Pat-o-Meters' were redlining after thousands of pats were dispensed on willing heads.

For anyone who has ever volunteered at an event like this, there is nothing quite like watching someone's eyes grow wide, jaw drop and say "Oh my, I have always wanted to see a Clumber." Our booth volunteers - human and canine - did everyone proud and exceeded all possible expectations.

Eleven stalwart Clumber fanciers staffed the booth, many of whom traveled for many hours to volunteer. The crowds were met by fabulous Clumbers who exhibited their usual easy going - and fun loving selves. Thank you to Lisa Chiado (Desi), Ray Palmer (Dharma), Kirsten Fisher (Becca), Colleen and Logan Kimble (Gryff), Sarah Hewitt (Katie), Bill and Catherine Cleary (Pie) and non-members Kim and Lindsay May (Finn, Birdie) and Lisa Cornacchia (Cannoli).

Mark it on your calendars for 2018. It's hard to describe the energy and how much everyone loves a Clumber.



