

LINES FROM LINDA

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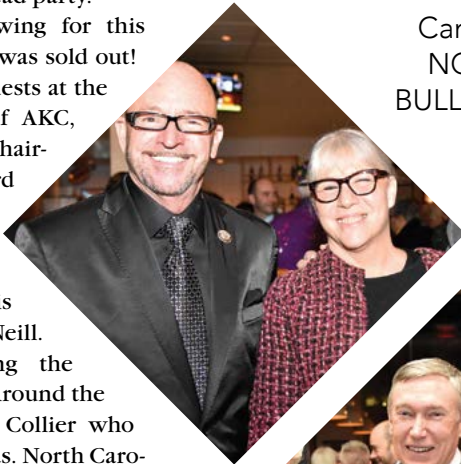
Following the thrilling finals and Best In Show at Westminster, revelers rushed out the back doors of Madison Square Garden. Just across the street it was easy to spot Lugos, the new home for this year's Take the Lead party.

With popularity growing for this worthy cause, the event was sold out! Smiling faces greeting guests at the door were First Lady of AKC, Susan Sprung, TTL Chairman Pam Beale and Board Trustee Terri Hundt.

Once inside I was greeted by Jeff Pepper, Randy Garren, Dennis McCoy and Mari-Beth O'Neill. Musicians were keeping the crowd in a lively mood. Around the corner I spotted Dottie Collier who was surrounded by friends. North Carolina is agreeing with her as she looks amazing! Dottie made us all feel proud as she represented the best of our sport for the world to see as she judged the Sporting Group.

Take the Lead's Westminster After Show Party

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TAKE THE LEAD AT LUGOS



I couldn't wait to see Jean Heatherington to deliver messages of congratulations from the University of Georgia "Bulldog Nation". The minute she entered the ring with "Annabelle", I was receiving texts from UGA fans pulling for our mascot's breed. Isn't it wonderful when we have the opportunity to capture millions of television viewers and expose them to our sport in such a positive light?

Speaking of good looks, Evalyn and Joseph Gregory accompanied their dad to the party. Those Gregorys have good genes!



The Who's Who of the Dog World celebrated the grand 140th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and all for a great cause. Pictures speak louder than words—so see for yourself.

TAKE THE LEAD

Founded in 1993, Take the Lead provides assistance to individuals in our Sport with life threatening or terminal illness. Since its inception, the organization has distributed over 4 million dollars to those whose resources may not have matched their need.

Memberships, events like the Westminster After Show Party and donations from clubs and individuals primarily support Take the Lead. Our sport owes a great deal of thanks to Tom Bradley, Dottie Collier, Ellen Frost, Michael Larizza, Pat Laurens, Jeff Pepper and Eric Steel for their vision in making this all possible!





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Lugos dimmed the lights at 1:00 am.

Your next opportunity to be a part of a spectacular TTL evening is March 19th, in Louisville, Kentucky. Take the Lead on Millionaires Row will be hosted by the Colie Club of America at Churchill Downs. As one of the sponsors, I'll be there to enjoy all of the action which I will share with you in our April issue of *ShowSight Magazine*. Don't miss out. Make your reservation today! ■



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