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Dear Ms. Hammer,

The American Rottweiler Club, Inc, AKC Rottweiler Parent Club, with more than 1000 members, representatives of the Rottweiler Breed and tens' of thousands of Rottweiler owners in the United States, declares support to the USA Network as you continue to air the Westminster Kennel Club show, the premier dog show in the United States.

What is at stake is not just the most prestigious dog show in the U.S., but the right to own and live with the individual pure bred dog that fits each individual/family life style. PETA dwells on the genetic defects of the purebred canine and some members of the general public are brainwashed into accepting PETA's undocumented and blatantly untrue statements.

Members of Kennel Clubs adhere to codes of ethics or mandatory practices which entail the health clearances that document physically and mentally sound dogs. These health clearances (hips, elbows, eyes, hearts, thyroid, as well as DNA studies) are required before breeding and after the dogs reach 24 months in age.

The dogs that compete in Westminster, the Eukanuba National Championship show, as well as hundreds of regional and cluster shows are companions to their owners as well as being the culmination of breeding programs. Just as in the Olympics, the Kentucky Derby, etc., there can only be one winner that day. That does not mean that the remainder of the competitors are in any way inferior.

The world deserves to see the "cream of the crop" at Westminster Kennel Club and we support USA Network for its continuing service to the dog fancier, pure bred dogs, and the general public.

Sincerely,

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