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## **The two-legged stars of the Beverly Hills Dog Show**

Inarguably, the dogs are the stars for the Beverly Hills Dog Show, with some Hollywood red carpet television and movie stars sprinkled in. But the folks hosting the national telecast on NBC also have come to have considerable star power amongst millions of dog show fans all over the country.

This is the fourth year of the Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina and hosted by the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, and once again this year, John O’Hurley and David Frei, the co-hosts, and Mary Carillo, the features reporter, have come to California this spring to be a part of this show, just as they have been with the hugely successfully and widely-watched National Dog Show Presented by Purina, and televised in Philadelphia on Thanksgiving Day for the past 18 years.

When they are done with their work, the 2020 Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina will premiere on Sunday, May 17, from 8:00-10:00PM ET/PT. The broadcast will re-air on NBCSN throughout the year in 2020.

All three of them manage to stay busy between their Beverly Hills appearances and their National Dog Show work.

### **John O’Hurley**

John O’Hurley, while he continues to make an indelible role with the National Dog Show and the Beverly Hills Dog Show, will probably always be best known as J. Peterman on “Seinfeld,” now the #1 syndicated show in the world. John won a Screen Actors Guild Award for his work on the show, now the #1 syndicated show in the world. His unique portrayal of the wry and witty J. Peterman has led to dozens of industry awards and advertising campaigns.

He had a full schedule on Dancing with the Stars (where he won the first year’s competition); he stars in multiple long-running engagements on Broadway as Billy Flynn in the musical, “Chicago,” and continues to perform his hit one-man show, “A Man with Standards,” all over the country.

John has shown his versatility as an actor and television personality, as a Broadway star and advertising hero, and as one of *People* magazine’s “Sexiest Men Alive.” His storytelling and musical talent as well as his status as a *New York Times* best-selling author (three books) and Billboard chart-topping composer (composer/pianist of two albums) reflect his diverse talents and achievements.

And most recently, John won “Best Actor” by the 2019 NY Television Festival for his role in “The Tramp.”

John was also host of the long-time popular game shows “Family Feud” and “To Tell The Truth” and stays busy these days as the host of “The Pet Shoppe” on ShopHQ. His very recognizable voice can be heard as King Neptune on “SpongeBob Square Pants” and the Mayor on Disney’s hit “Phineas and Ferb.”

His tireless fundraising work for the Epilepsy Foundation is done year-round in the memory of the sister that he lost to the disease at a young age. In 2012, he was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in recognition for his accomplishments in the Arts and Philanthropy.

But John calls the dog show, “the happiest day of the year.” Further, he backs up his enthusiastic embrace of the dog world with his other related projects - three books about life lessons learned from dogs, including the most recent, “The Perfect Dog,” now on stage as a children’s musical.

## **David Frei**

New York Magazine once called David Frei “*probably the most famous human in the world of canines*” and WOR radio star Cooper Lawrence always introduces him as “*the guy who invented dogs.*”

To earn that, he was the television voice of the Westminster Kennel Club for 27 years and has co-hosted The National Dog Show Presented by Purina with O’Hurley since its first show in 2002.

In 2018, David was named to the prestigious Dog Writers Association of America’s Hall of Fame. He has been recognized with awards from the DWAA (AKC Distinguished Service Award), the World Dog Press Association, the Association of Purebred Dog Writers and Purina (Better with Pets Award). Petside.com named him as Pet Person of the Year and *Dog Fancy Magazine* included him in a retrospective, “45 People Who Changed the Dog World.”

David’s two award-winning books focus on his years of work and experience with therapy dogs. “Dogs change the energy in the room,” he says. “They get children and adults to smile, to talk, to think about something other than any challenges they may be having, and that helps them heal.”

Being “America’s dog guy” has brought David to many appearances on network television news and magazine shows. Dogs have taken him to the White House for a visit with the President, for a ride on a float in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, to ring the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange, to throw out the first pitch at two Major League Baseball games, to a role on HBO’s “Sex And The City,” and even to an

appearance as a pastry judge on the Food Network's "Best In Show" cake-baking competition.

## **Mary Carillo**

A longtime on-air personality for the National Dog Show Presented by Purina, Westminster and the Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina, Mary Carillo comes from the elite levels of world class professional tennis, like Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, but has also made her considerable mark as a star in the sports media world.

To that, Mary was inducted into the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2018. In select company, Carillo was joined by other legends who have significantly impacted the industry within their respective fields: Gary Bettman, Bob Costas, Bill Fitts, Bud Greenspan, Peter Larsson, David Mazza, Gene Mikell, Jim Nantz, Neal Pilson, and Dick Vitale.

She is perhaps best known for her coverage of the Summer and Winter Olympic Games on NBC, with the 2020 Tokyo Winter Games being her 15<sup>th</sup> Olympics. She is also a popular and knowledgeable presence at all major tennis events for NBC and Tennis Channel and is the longest-tenured contributor to the acclaimed HBO series *Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel*.

A lifelong dog lover and owner, Mary co-hosted the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show with David Frei on USA Network for six years and has been on the NBC team for the National Dog Show Presented by Purina for most of its 17-year run.

At the 2015 National Dog Show Gala, Mary made reference to her work on the Olympics, Westminster and The National Dog Show, telling a large audience with a twinkle in her eye, *"Of all these major events I've covered in recent years, I have to say - the dog shows get the gold medal."*