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# Stevens County dog wins best of breed at Westminster dog show

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Mr. Jones, a shiba inu, relaxes with his breeder, owner and trainer, Sandi Smith, on Friday at their home in Valley, Wash. Mr. Jones is competing today against 12 other shiba inus for best of breed at the Westminster Dog Show in New York City.

(Full-size photo)

#### Watch the show

What: 138th annual Westminster Dog Show

When: Today and Tuesday On TV: Today, 5-8 p.m., CNBC; Tuesday, 5-8 p.m., USA

Mr. Jones, a 6-year-old shiba inu from Stevens County, won best of breed this morning at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City.

His kennel mate, Sexy Sadie, won best of opposite sex.

Another shiba inu, Invictus, bred and formerly owned by Sandi Smith, received an award of merit from the judge. Invictus lives in Finland.

"The competition couldn't keep up with the Joneses," Smith texted this morning after the breed classes.

Mr. Jones, who also won the best of breed in 2010, will compete tonight against the other best of breed winners in the non-sporting category.

The winner of the non-sporting category will compete Tuesday for the prestigious best of show. A shiba inu has never won the award.

Watch Mr. Jones being named "Best of Breed" at about minute 28 of this video.

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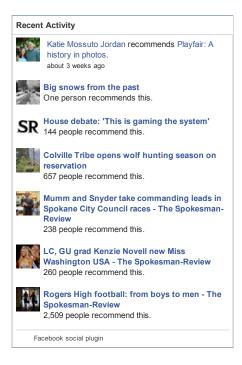
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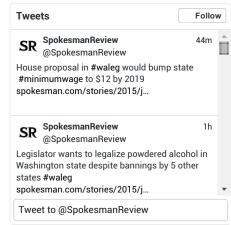
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