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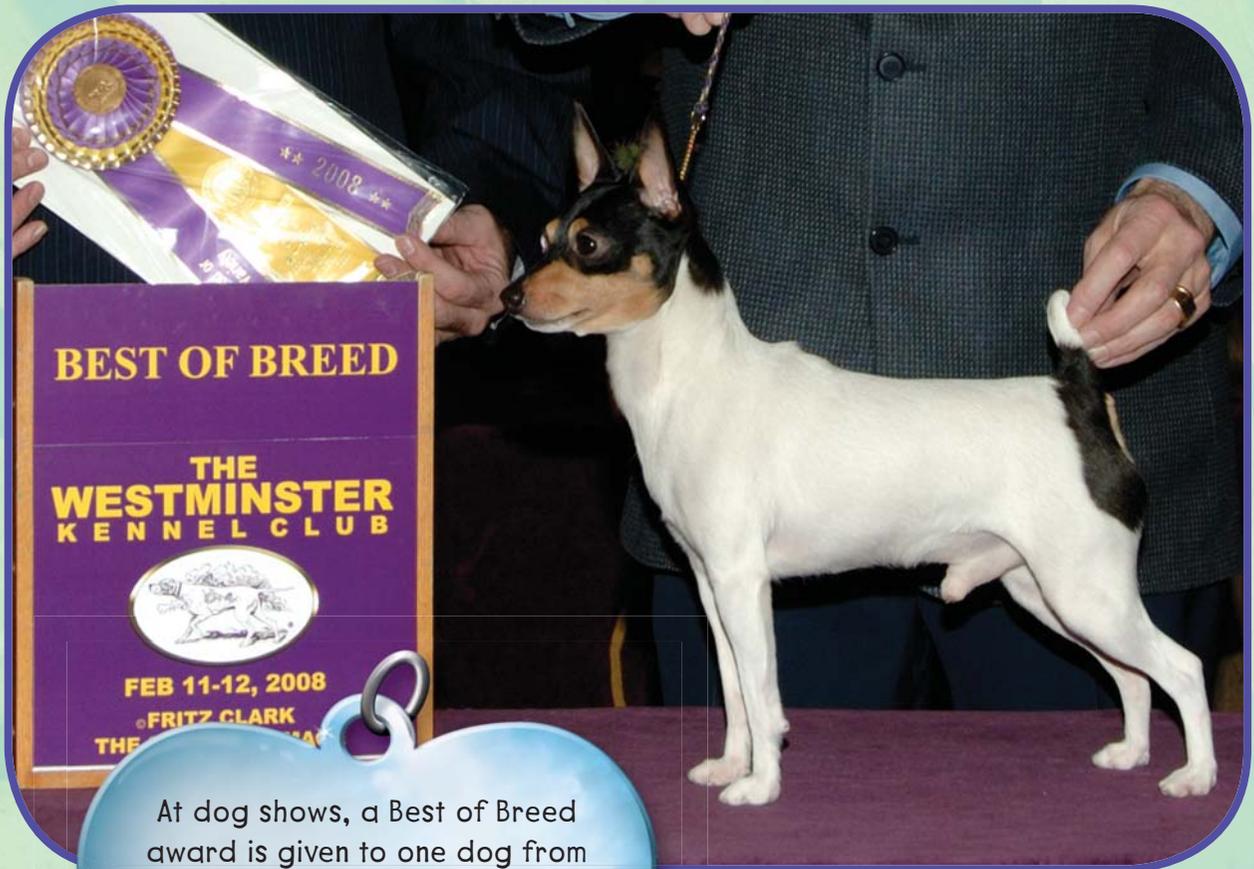
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# Picture Perfect

Dana Plonkey always knew his toy fox terrier would make a fine **show dog**. The little **canine**, named Valcopy Kasey Kahne, looked great and walked with style. So it was no surprise to Dana when, in 2008, his three-year-old toy won the Best of **Breed** award at the Westminster Dog Show in New York City.



At dog shows, a Best of Breed award is given to one dog from each breed that is judged to be the best of its kind. Dogs that compete for the award receive points based on their looks and behavior.

▲ This is Kasey at the Westminster Dog Show—one of the most important contests in the United States for show dogs. It's like the Super Bowl for canines.



Dana was proud of Kasey's victory. Yet he never imagined what would happen next. Kasey was chosen to be pictured on cans of a new brand of dog food. The food company loved how the tiny terrier looked. Now Kasey was more than just a winning show dog. He was a star model, too!



▲ Dana Plonkey with Valcopy Kasey Kahne

# All in the Family

The Best of Breed prize was a big honor for Kasey. Yet he wasn't the first member of his family to win the award. His father, Valcopy Butch Cassidy, had taken the same prize at Westminster four years earlier, in 2004. That's a family of champions!



▲ Valcopy Butch Cassidy

When Kasey won, however, he received an extra reward that his father did not. He got to meet superstar race car driver Kasey Kahne—the person for whom the toy fox terrier was named. It was a special moment for both the dog and the driver!



When Kasey won the Best of Breed prize in 2008, one of the dogs he beat out was his own sister, Penelope Pit Stop. She placed second in the toy fox terrier group.

▲ Kasey met the champion NASCAR racing driver for whom he was named.

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Look inside to learn more about Kasey and other amazing toy fox terriers—as well as surprising facts about the little dog's history, its physical appearance, and its personality. You'll also discover what every toy fox terrier owner knows—that even though these dogs look small, in their own minds they're large and in charge!

**Cairn Terrier**  
Hero of Oz

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The Frenchie

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