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America's Top Dog Model national contest winner is Pearl, a Pomeranian from White Bear Lake, Minn., and Lantana, Fla. Pearl's brother Kirby was an America's Top Dog Model 2015 finalist and appears as Mr. April in the organization's 2017 calendar coming out this fall.

Pearl was discovered at the Palm Beach annual Worth Avenue Pet Parade in March, and she was invited to participate in America's Top Dog Model's casting call at the South Florida Pet Expo in March.

To celebrate this election year, the America's Top Dog Model 2016 contest theme was "Meet the Paw-litician." Contestants were selected for their leadership qualities and best portrayal of their favorite politician, including presidents, first ladies and prominent political figures, past and present, as well as develop their very own paw-litician.

In Pearl's winning contest entry, her owner, Cheryl Bauer, described Pearl's rescue from a puppy mill and that "Pearl feels a kinship to Abe in his belief of freedom and his love of animals," she wrote.

Pearl will be featured on the cover and represent the month of July in the America's Top Dog Model 2018 calendar. In addition, she will receive the following prizes:

- Custom-made jewelry from Lola's for Pets
- A USA-theme couture ensemble from Yvette Ruta and Hayleys Hats
- A one-year supply of Plato Pet Treats
- A tiara or crown from America's Top Dog Model
- America's Top Dog Model signature accessories
- An autographed copy of "How to Become a Top Dog Model"