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The America's Top Dog Model (ATDM) national contest winner is Pearl, a Pomeranian from White Bear Lake, Minn., and Lantana, Fla.

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

This year's ATDM 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. In Pearl's winning contest entry, her owner, Cheryl Bauer, described Pearl's rescue 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 ATDM 2018 calendar. In addition, she will receive:



 Custom-made jewelry from Lola's for Pets

• A USA-themed couture ensemble from Yvette Ruta and Hayleys Hats

A one-year supply of Plato Pet Treats

A tiara from ATDM

ATDM signature accessories
An autographed copy of "How to Become a Top Dog Model"

On Nov. 5, Worth Avenue will host the ATDM Paw-litical Party in Palm Beach, Fla. Just in time to celebrate the election, activities for this event will include a 2017 calendar launch, a people and pet fashion show, and the "in-paw-guration" of Pearl. The event will benefit Share-A-Pet in Fort Lauderdale.

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