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Best in Show

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C'mon—is that shot of a teacup pug adorned with a tiny hat too easy a swipe at the fatuous rich? *Naaaah*. Besides, the Mondrian-patterned platform sandal worn by the dog's owner transforms this four-foot-wide photo into a striking tableau. Snatched at Southampton cancer benefits and hospital galas, these cropped shots feature sun-spotted cleavage and tanned, never-too-rich-or-too-thin gams (some sporting razor stubble exposed by contemporary photography's remorseless hi-def resolution). Who knows if that heap of pink shards on a burnt roll is edible, but the disembodied, white-gloved hand serving it up just might belong to a bitter mime who's forsaken his dream and become a caterer. Give this vivid exhibition credit that it so easily conjures such tales in your mind. *Greenberg Van Doren, 730 Fifth Avenue, 212-445-0444. Through October 6.*