A Message from Mari-Beth O'Neill

Happy New Year! Congratulations to all that competed at the AKC National Championship! The Junior Showmanship Competition was the largest entry in the show- of which we are very proud. The competition in the AKC Juniors Classic, holding classes in Obedience and Rally as well as the Junior Agility Competition, were very popular!

We thank everyone for attending the annual Junior Reception where the Junior Versatility Scholarships and the top Juniors in Each of the seven groups were presented with certificates.

New this year we have a Juniors decal available for purchase. It is a cling of the AKC Juniors logo for your car window. The cost is $3. For more information contact juniors@akc.org.

Congratulations to the AKC Junior Versatility Scholarship Recipients for 2019. The Junior Versatility Scholarships are awarded to the top 5 Juniors competing in a minimum of 3 different AKC Events. The time frame is consistent with the Companion Events qualifying year for events held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship in Orlando.

First place is David Frasca, winning a $3,000 Scholarship. David is from Weldon Spring, Missouri, he competes in Agility, Obedience and Rally with his Golden Retriever, Border Collie, Standard Schnauzer and French Bulldog. The First Place Scholarship is offered in memory of Pug, -GCHP Hill Country's Let's Get Ready
To Rumble through the AKC Humane Fund by Carolyn and Gary Koch.

Second Place is Jada Sawhney, from Punta Gorda, Florida, who competes in Agility, Junior Showmanship, Obedience and Rally with her Golden Retrievers. The Second Place Scholarship, $2,000 is offered in memory of -Pug, GCHP Hill Country's Let's Get Ready To Rumble, through the AKC Humane Fund by Carolyn and Gary Koch.

Third Place is Emily Walker from Sanger, Texas. Emily competed in Agility, Obedience and Rally with her Standard Poodles. The Scholarship is $1,000 offered through the AKC Humane Fund by the Triangle Judges Education Group.

Fourth Place is Avery Adams, from Belleville, Illinois, who competes in Agility, Obedience and Rally with her Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever and Border Collie. The Scholarship is $500 offered through the AKC Humane Fund by the Triangle Judges Education Group.

Fifth Place is Emma Gallaway, from Moses Lake, Washington, who competes in Junior Showmanship, Obedience and Rally with her Maltese and her Canine Partner. The $500 Scholarship is offered through the AKC Humane Fund by the Triangle Judges Education Group.

We congratulate all Juniors competing in Multiple Events and wish to thank all the Parents who support their children’s participation in AKC Events.

Jackets are being awarded to the Top Juniors in Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking based on results from July 1- June 30. The Top Juniors in Conformation by Group based upon the qualifying year for the AKC National Championship

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New Junior Scholarships

We have some exciting news this year. The Performance and Companion Events will be awarding Scholarships for Juniors who compete only in Performance or Companion events. More information can be found on the links above.

The deadline for the AKC Junior Scholarship is approaching.

Find Scholarship Application Here

Additionally, the Scholarship awards at the AKC National Championship have been increased as follows:

First place $5,000; Second Place $4,000; Third Place $3,000; Fourth Place $2,000.

Each remaining finalist will receive a $500 Scholarship.

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Junior Earns Champion Tracker Title

Spencer Pardee and his Poodle, Teddy, earned the Champion Tracker title over a weekend of competition at the Marshbanks Golden Retriever Club, by passing their Tracking Dog Excellent Test and Variable Surface Tracking Test. At 14, Spencer is the youngest junior to earn a Champion Tracker title. Congratulations, Spencer and Teddy!
Junior Spotlight: Hannah Marlowe & Czar

The Black Russian Terrier is not for the soft-natured, easy-going owner. This is a strong, independent, fierce working protection breed. The Black Russian Terrier must be of excellent temperament with a rich abundance of obedience in its foundation.

Hannah Marlowe has grown up with 4 Black Russian Terriers watching over her and her brother, Kelson. Hannah comes full circle now exhibiting the beauty and powerfulness of this breed in the AKC Junior Handling Ring.

At one time Hannah was the protector of Czar, cradling him in her arms as she guided him through the world to watch him earn two Best in
Show’s and eight titles in Obedience.

At Hannah’s very first show, May 27, 2016 she earned her first Novice Jr. Handling win with Judge: Ms. Betty Regina Leininger.

At Hannah's second show, May 28, 2016 she earned her second Novice Junior Handling win with Judge John P. Wade.

On the third and fourth days of the Mission Circuit Show Hannah went on to gain greater knowledge and expertise in the mastery of dog handling. Her trainer and mentor Jody Davidson can always be found near with a watchful eye over all her junior handlers in the background photos.

Junior Spotlight: Elizabeth Schmoldt

My name is Elizabeth Schmoldt, and I am from Wisconsin. I am 13 and have always loved animals. Nearly three years ago, I got my own dog. Her name is Ruby. She is a 6-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. I
adopted her from a rescue.

I have a wonderful aunt who does dog shows. She is the reason Ruby and I are able to train. She takes us to shows and helps us complete our titles. We show in rally and get other titles, such as canine good citizen.

About twice a week we train at a nearby training center. For us, it is all fun. There are lots of treats and cuddles. I use positive reinforcement methods for training and only do little bits at a time. If she is looking tired or not paying attention I have her do one thing she is good at, and then it is treats, praise, and a nap. Whenever we do training her tail is always wagging. Ruby now has her CGC, TKN, and RN. We hope to continue showing for a long time.
ANC Junior Finals: 1st Place - Johnathon Wehry (Cocker Spaniel); 2nd Place - Caroline Clegg (Golden Retriever); 3rd Place - Emma Rogers (Great Dane); 4th Place - Jacob Waters (Miniature Pinscher)

AKC Junior Agility Competition
Overall Winners: 8" - Danielle Wagner & Fern (Papillon); 12" - Kaylee Cundiff & Zuzu (Shetland Sheepdog); 16" - Kaylee Cundiff & Zander (Shetland Sheepdog); 20" - McKenzie Minto & Ec’s Safari (Border Collie); 24" - Jada Sawhney & Bentlee (Golden Retriever).

AKC Juniors Classic

Avery Adams and Spark (Border Collie) and Jada Sawhney and Bentlee (Golden Retriever) earned top honors at the AKC Juniors Obedience & Rally Classics. See full results here.

Sunmaid Kennel Club of Fresno Scholarships
Best Junior Handler, Lilly Angeline Bennet with a Cirnechi dell'Etna - $1,250 Scholarship.

Finalist Molly Anne Forsyth with a Saluki - $750 Scholarship.

Finalist Nivedita Mohan with an Australian Shepherd - $750 Scholarship.

Finalist Breena Koons with a Pembroke Welsh Corgi - $750 Scholarship.

Around the Ring

Tayra Kido

Kaitlyn Johnson