



RULES FOR THE 2021 AKC TRICK DOG COMPETITION

Attention Juniors! We are pleased to announce the new Juniors Division for the 2021 Virtual AKC Trick Dog National Competition.

The Juniors competition is for handlers 17 years old and younger.

How it works: Submit a video of your dog performing the tricks for the highest level of Tricks title the dog has earned from AKC (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Performer or Elite Performer).

- The dog must already have a Trick Dog title (in your hands by October 1, 2021) to enter the competition. For the Junior division only, the title required for entering may be Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Performer or Elite Performer. (The regular Tricks competition is for Elite Performer only and there are separate rules).
- The new Juniors division is for handlers 17 years old and under.
 - Age divisions for Juniors are: 1) 9 years and under, 2) 10 to 13 years old, and 3) 14 to 17 years old.
- Juniors do not have to perform a routine, unless the dog is at the Elite Performer level. This means that in all classes but Elite Performer, Juniors may submit a video of the dog demonstrating one trick after the other with no story.

How it works: Submit a video to AKC of your dog performing at least 10, and not more than 15, tricks. The tricks may include props and music.

Juniors may use a new video, or the video previously submitted to AKC for review to earn your title. The video for Juniors may be one continuous video, or short videos of each trick may be edited together.

Juniors may submit only one video (per dog) to the competition. Juniors may enter up to two dogs with one video each.

- Handlers may wear costumes; dogs may wear a decorative collar or neck ruffle but may not wear costumes.
- Dogs may not wear prong/pinch collars, e-collars, or head collars in the routine.
- You may use a new video, a video previously submitted to AKC for review to earn the title, or a video of a past trick dog performance.
- Your tricks will be judged based on:
 - fluency (accuracy of tricks, difficulty)
 - handling skills
 - entertainment value
 - creativity
 - overall impression
- **When:** To enter, submit your video between July 1 and October 1, 2021. Judges will judge the submissions and the winner will be announced in January 2022.
 - The entry form must include:
 1. the Application
 2. List of tricks
 3. Photo release completed and signed by your parent or guardian

- Winners in each age group of the 2021 Juniors AKC Trick Dog Competition will receive a trophy. The winners will be featured in AKC media, and their videos will be on the AKC Trick Dog web page.
- **The application including the video link must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on October 1, 2021. (submit to trickdog@akc.org)**