



AKC JUNIOR NEWS

Official Newsletter of the AKC Junior Organization

A Message from Mari-Beth O'Neill

Happy New Year!

Congratulations to everyone who was able to participate in AKC Events in 2022. We congratulate all the Juniors who were eligible to compete at the AKC National Championship, and those who received awards for their accomplishments.

The [AKC Junior Scholarship Application](#) is available on the AKC Web Site. Criteria includes documentation of belonging to an AKC Club, as well as an essay including how your participation in AKC Events has impacted your life and what you anticipate your future involvement as a breeder, exhibitor, and participant in purebred dogs and AKC Events to be. Also posted is the [Scholarship Application for Juniors competing in Companion Events](#) and the [Scholarship Application for Juniors competing in Performance Events](#).

[Junior Clinics](#)

[Junior Seminars](#)

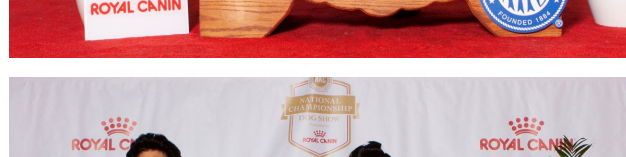
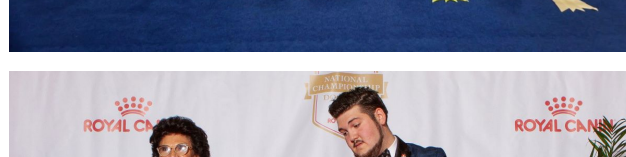
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AKC National Championship

Junior Competition

Congratulations to all the Juniors who competed in the 2022 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin. Best Junior, receiving a \$5,000 scholarship, was Noah Milam, showing a Harrier. Second place, receiving a \$4,000 scholarship, was Taylor Johnson, showing an Old English Sheepdog. Third place, receiving a \$3,000 scholarship, was Parker Lourier, showing a Pointer. Fourth place, receiving a \$2,000, was Octavia Stensen, showing a Norwegian Buhund.

These eight finalists each received a \$500 scholarship: Jade Chase, Lillian Petermann, Ava Hata, Hadley George, Jacob Waters, Natalia Backos, Sydney Wills.



AKC Juniors Agility Competition

Juniors who participated in the AKC Juniors Agility Competition competed in either the Junior Excellent or Superior Classes, depending on their age. Handlers who were under the age of 14 on the day of the show competed in the Junior Superior class division, and handlers who were at least 14 years old on the day of the show competed in the Junior Excellent class division.

Placing first in their height division overall and advancing to represent Juniors at the AKC Agility Invitational competition were:

- 8" - WHF Little Bitty Hazelnut RN AX AXJ NF SWN CGC TKI (Hazel), a Miniature American Shepherd handled by Sarah Ford
- 12" - A Little Dash of Basil OA OAJ AJP NFP BCAT TKP VHMA VSWB (Basil), a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel handled by Charly Teller
- 16" - Epic Chase the Stars MX MXJ OF (Zula), a Border Collie handled by Jada Sawhney
- 20" - FiredUp Smudge AX AXJ (Smudge), a Border Collie handled by Jada Sawhney
- 24" - PACH2 Monark Run for the Roses Tallee CD BN RA MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX2 XFP CGC TKA (Tallee), a Golden Retriever handled by Jada Sawhney

Placing first in their height division (8", 12", 16", 20" and 24" respectively) in the Junior Excellent class were:

- 8" - MACH4 Blessed's Meant To Be Murphy MxB2 MJS2 MFC TQXT2B5 (Murphy), a Poodle handled by Gavin Casey.
- 12" - A Little Dash of Basil OA OAJ AJP NFP BCAT TKP VHMA VSWB (Basil), a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel handled by Charly Teller.
- 16" - Epic Chase the Stars MX MXJ OF (Zula), a Border Collie handled by Jada Sawhney.
- 20" - FiredUp Smudge AX AXJ (Smudge), a Border Collie handled by Jada Sawhney.
- 24" - PACH2 Monark Run for the Roses Tallee CD BN RA MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX2 XFP CGC TKA (Tallee), a Golden Retriever handled by Jada Sawhney.

Placing first in their height division (8", 12", 16", 20" and 24" respectively) in the Junior Superior class were:

- 8" - WHF Little Bitty Hazelnut RN AX AXJ NF SWN CGC TKI (Hazel), a Miniature American Shepherd handled by Sarah Ford.
- 12" - Aksel RN AX OAJ (Aksel), a Miniature Schnauzer handled by Ava Rawlings.
- 16" - MACH3 Pyc G2 Squid MXC MJB2 MXP MJP2 MFG TQX T2B5 (Squid), a Border Collie handled by Colbie Foster-Chapman.
- 20" - AGCH MACH6 Zonkers In A Galaxy Far Far Away CDX BN RE MXG2 PDS MJC2 PJD MXP2 MJP2 MFC TQX MFP T2B5 T2BP CA BCAT CGC TKN (Vader), a Golden Retriever handled by Kaylin Smith.
- 24" - Martinez's Bruno TKI (Bruno), an All-American Dog handled by Belinda Martinez.



Junior Agility Overall Winners

[See Also: Junior Open Agility World Championship](#)



AKC Junior Versatility Scholarship Recipients

Presentations were made to the AKC Junior Versatility Scholarship Recipients at the annual Junior Reception following judging on Saturday afternoon in Orlando. Many thanks to the parents, families and friends who have provided support to the Juniors competing in different events this year.

The First Place scholarship was awarded to David Frasca of Weldon Spring, Missouri, who competed with his Border Collies, French Bulldog and Standard Schnauzer in Agility, Rally and Obedience. This scholarship was donated by Carolyn and Gary Koch in memory of GHP Hill Country's Let's Get Ready to Rumble.

[See all recipients here](#)

Junior Spotlight: Makenna Ramsay

My name is Makenna Ramsay and I was a junior handler. I grew up training dogs in 4H, which I really enjoyed. I was fifteen years old when I showed in AKC for the first time. I know this is rather late to start as a junior, but I did not really know much about showing until I was fourteen years old. I showed in juniors from 2015 to 2018 when I aged out. The Juniors program shaped me in many ways, and I do not know where I would be today without it.

As I mentioned, I grew up in a dog training 4H from the age of ten to eighteen. This club piqued my interest in dog training and exposed me to showing. Some of my friends in this club convinced me to try AKC juniors and when the opportunity arose for me to get a purebred dog, I jumped on it. Zoe, my yellow lab, started my showing passion and helped me become a better handler, and I tried on different events. When I got into Open Senior, I realized I needed a show quality dog to do well, so I became the co-owner to a Rough Collie puppy out of Cove Run Kennels. This opportunity to co-own Freya opened up more doors within the showing world. I was able to travel with and be mentored by a better handler, as well as feel a real sense of a dog show family through Collies. Showing in juniors made me a better person; it exposed me to hard work, dedication, friendship, patience and the ability to be more flexible. I would never have wanted it any other way. I built some strong friendships with people I would have never met otherwise. I was able to set goals and achieve them through hard work and dedication to the sport. Showing is a part of who I am and who I will continue to be. Showing has never only been about winning to me, it has been about the friendships, the bond with my dog, and having fun.

Competing in multiple events keeps it fun and different. Zoe and I were able to get up through Rally Excellent and I plan to continue training with her. Although I am no longer a junior, I do enjoy showing when my schedule allows. I am currently in college for animal science and plan to become a veterinarian. I hope to use my future vet degree to bridge the gap between vets and the dog show world. I would like vets to be able to be educated on purebred dogs and the preservation on historic breeds. This is my goal, but I also wish to stay involved with Collies and get my own as soon as feasible. I wish to have this wonderful breed as a pet first and show them too. Maybe I could even try some new events once I get my own collie. Dog breeds remain in my heart forever and always. I am a current member of my local kennel club, and I think I would enjoy becoming a junior's judge sometime in the future. I hope to remain active in this vibrant and loving community through the various stages of my life.

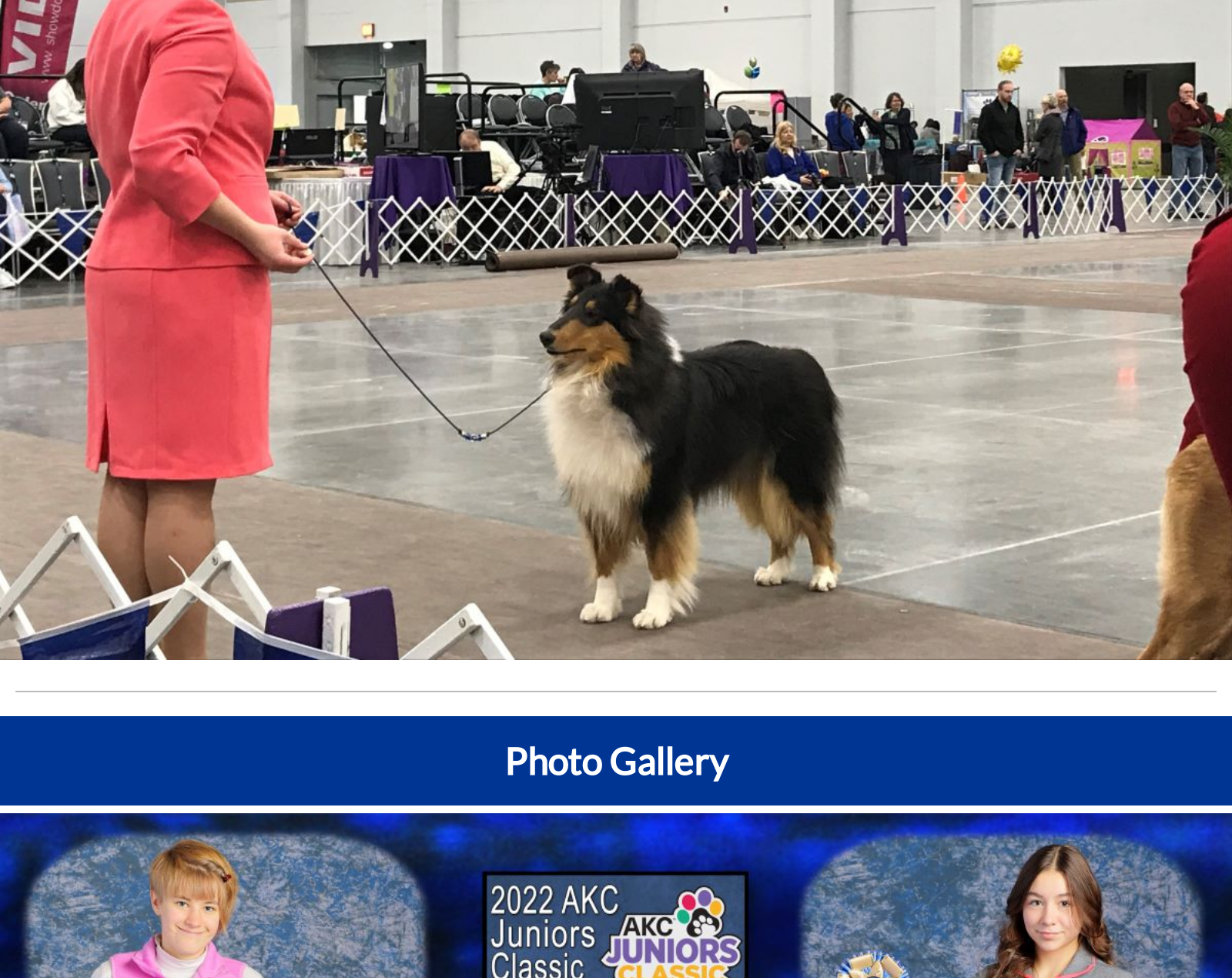


Photo Gallery



2022 AKC Juniors Classic

