



AKC JUNIOR NEWS

Official Newsletter of the AKC Junior Organization

A Message from Mari-Beth O'Neill

Congratulations to the AKC Junior Scholarship Recipients. The applications are always impressive and AKC is pleased to be able to award the Juniors who have participated in a variety of AKC Events scholarships to assist with their educational endeavors. For consideration, the AKC Junior Scholarships require Junior membership and or documentation from a club of how you have assisted and volunteered for the club. Juniors have participated in many different ways, including participating at the Breed Booth at Meet The Breeds, participating in local community events with their dogs, providing educational experiences with their dogs in schools or in the community in addition to all that can be done to assist in putting on an event. Juniors have also assisted with social media for their clubs.

The Stewarding Webinar is available in Canine College. You are encouraged to take the webinar and volunteer as stewards in the future.

Congratulations Recipients:

[Junior Showman Recipients.](#)

[Companion Events Recipients.](#)

[Performance Event Recipients.](#)

Reminders now that the school year has ended for many, get your transcripts to submit for ANC.

[Junior Clinics](#)

[Junior Seminars](#)

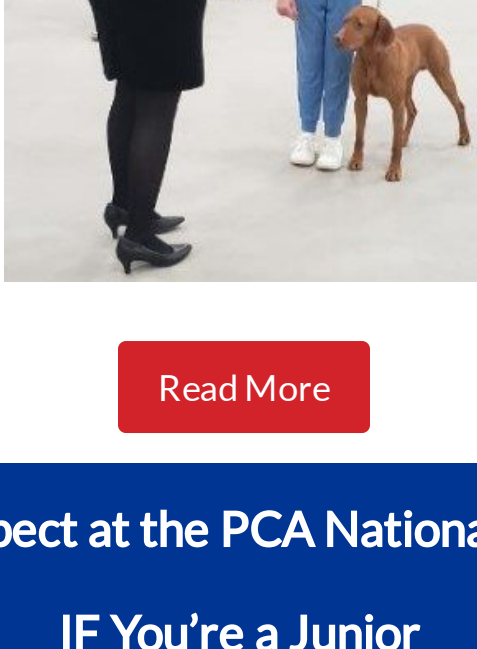
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Columbia Missouri Kennel Club's 2023 Junior Showcase Event

The Columbia Missouri Kennel Club (CMKC) has long supported juniors in both performance and conformation events as evidenced by our own Junior Coordinator, Dr. Grace Freeman.

Dr. Freeman began showing and training dogs at the age of nine in 4-H. She quickly joined the CMKC and switched to exhibiting in AKC Jr. Showmanship at ten with her family's Golden Retriever puppy. Grace was a dedicated junior and learned to present a wide variety of breeds spending most of her career showing Standard Schnauzers and English Setters.

Grace achieved many successes in the junior showmanship ring. Just a few of her notable accomplishments were:



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What to Expect at the PCA National Specialty...

IF You're a Junior

Want to know what to expect if you're a Junior participating at the Poodle Club of America's National Specialty? Walk through the week with me. They'll be soooo much more you'll experience, but we can at least hit the highs.

The Poodle Club of America (PCA) Junior Education Program was established in 2013 by Dennis McCoy, MaryEllen Fischler, Gina Wieser and Tabatha Waters. It's goal is:

Foster and reward youth participation, teach ethics in animal care, handling, and training practices, encourage young people to become actively involved in the sport, instill good sportsmanship, generate pride in accomplishments earned competing with Poodles.

It's a pretty awesome program. I think you'll enjoy it.

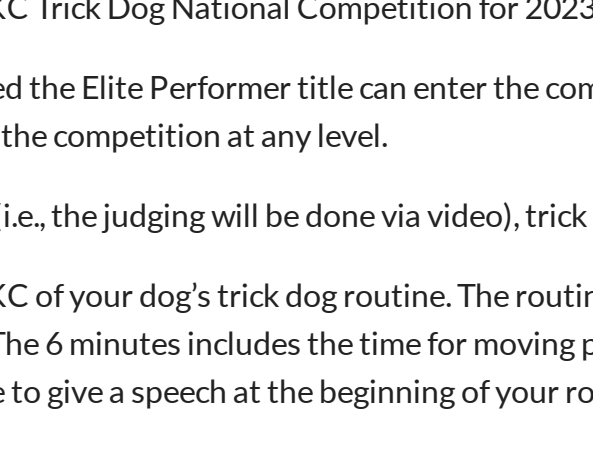


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It's That Time Again to Get Ready for the 2023 AKC Trick Dog National Competition!

It's Virtual!

You could win Best Trick Dog for Your Breed!



We are excited to announce the AKC Trick Dog National Competition for 2023.

All AKC Trick Dogs who have earned the Elite Performer title can enter the competition. As long as their dogs have a Trick Dog title, Juniors may enter the competition at any level.

Because the competition is virtual (i.e., the judging will be done via video), trick dogs everywhere can participate.

How it works: Submit a video to AKC of your dog's trick dog routine. The routine must be no longer than 6 minutes and may include props and music. The 6 minutes includes the time for moving props during the routine and performing the tricks. If you choose to give a speech at the beginning of your routine, this is counted in the 6 minutes.

You may use a new video, or a video previously submitted to AKC for review to earn your title. Videos that were entered in previous Virtual Tricks competitions may not be submitted again.

As is the case with all Elite Performer routines, there must be a theme or story. For this virtual competition, an audience is not required.

If you have more than one great routine, you may submit up to two videos (per dog) to the competition.

When: To enter, submit your video between Tuesday, August 1 and Monday, October 2, 2023. Three judges will judge the submissions and the winner will be announced by November 1, 2023.

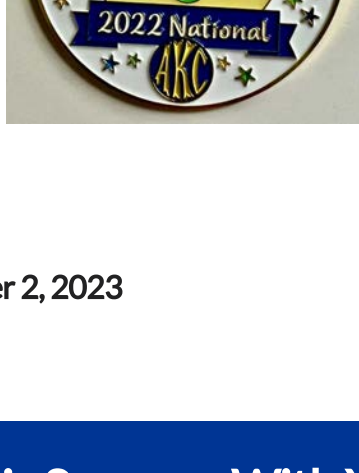
The winner and two semi-finalists of the 2023 AKC Trick Dog Competition will receive trophies. The winners will be featured in AKC media, and their videos will be on the AKC Trick Dog web page.

There will also be breed prizes, qualifying rosettes, and a beautiful 2023 AKC National Trick Dog competition medal for every qualifying entry.

[Competition rules and details will be posted by June 1 here.](#)

[Entry forms will be posted by August 1, 2023 here.](#)

For questions, email: trickdog@akc.org



ENTRIES OPEN: Tuesday, August 1, 2023

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Monday, October 2, 2023

Here is the 2022 Competition medal:

Get FIT This Summer With Your Dog!

This summer is the perfect time to start working towards an [AKC FIT DOG Title](#)! With over 50% of dogs in the US being classified as overweight or obese, creating a structured fitness plan is not only an important step in responsible dog ownership, but also a great first step towards your title and your dog! Start achieving points towards your title with fun outdoor activities such as hiking, walking, and swimming.



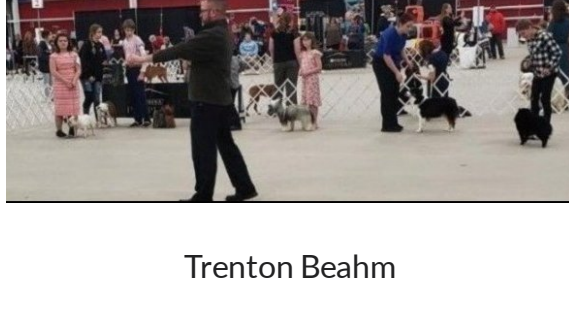
[Create a Fitness Plan Today!](#)

Aiden Park

Aiden Park and his dog, Thor (24K Retrievers Marvel Comics) enjoyed training together during COVID. They earned the virtual AKC trick dog title together. They also enjoy playing fetch on the beach in Florida and competing in dock diving and FASTCat!



Photo Gallery



Trenton Beahm