



## JUST FOR JUNIORS: FAST FACTS

- ❖ Nearly 300 Juniors Handlers will compete in Junior Showmanship, Obedience and Agility at the [AKC/Eukanuba National Championship](#), [AKC National Obedience Juniors Competition](#) and the [AKC Juniors Agility Competition](#).
- ❖ Junior Showmanship competition has been part of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship since the first event in Orlando in 2001. Junior handlers between 9 and 18 years of age are invited to demonstrate their expertise for an opportunity to receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Junior Showmanship preliminaries will take place during the day on December 15th, with the Finals that evening.
- ❖ To participate in Junior Showmanship, junior handlers must have five first place wins in an Open Class, with competition present, and a grade point average of at least 3.0 or equivalent for the two semesters completed immediately prior to the closing of entries.
- ❖ The second [AKC National Obedience Juniors Competition](#) will feature 46 juniors competing in three age divisions (Junior: Under 12 on the day of the event; Intermediate: 12 and under 15; and Senior: 15 to 18 years of age) in Beginner Novice and/or Novice classes twice, based on their AKC obedience accomplishments. This competition will run Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ❖ The second [AKC Juniors Agility Competition](#) will feature 73 juniors competing both Standard and Jumpers with Weaves courses in either the Junior Excellent or Superior Classes, depending on whether they've achieved an agility title. This event will take place Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- ❖ Some very accomplished juniors are entered in these competitions. Two of the agility juniors competing have also qualified for the AKC Agility Invitational and will run their dogs in that competition over the weekend. Several obedience and agility juniors will exhibit multiple dogs.
- ❖ Ten juniors will compete with All-American dogs, 4 in Obedience and 6 in Agility. The most popular breed in Agility is the Border Collie. Fifteen Juniors will run 17 Border Collies. The most popular breeds in Obedience are the German Shepherd Dog and Golden Retriever. Some of the more unusual breeds that will be exhibited include the American Eskimo Dog, Havanese, Keeshond, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever and Saint Bernard.
- ❖ To learn more about the events for junior handlers, visit [www.akc.org/invitational](http://www.akc.org/invitational)