

AKC JR. NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE AKC JUNIOR ORGANIZATION, VOL. 5, NO. 4 SPRING 2002

EDITOR'S NOTE

Westminster seems like eons ago. As always the Junior Judging at Westminster is a highlight for many, a time to renew old friendships, greet and make new acquaintances and reminisce. This year there were several past Westminster Juniors winners at ringside showing their support, including the 1969 winner Dr. Charles Garvin, presently a member of the AKC Board of Directors.



Judge, Mrs. James Edwards Clark, and her four placements (L to R) Second place. Meghan Hof, Gig Harbor, Washington, Best Junior Handler William Ellis, Reddick, Florida, Third place Allison Johnston, Willmington, North Carolina, Fourth place Christine Engelsman, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

The plans for the 2002 Classic are already underway, December 11, in Orlando, Florida. The criteria for the Junior Competition remain consistent with last year: five wins in an Open Class with competition between the dates of January 1, 2002 –October 10, 2002. The criteria also include having maintained a grade point average of a 3.0 for the past two semesters. Transcripts must be submitted to the Judges Education Department to verify grade point average. Letters will be forwarded to those who have met the criteria of the five wins verifying this accomplishment.

Please check the AKC Web site Classic information for the up to date information and those who have already qualified.

The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club has approved an increase in the Junior Scholarship Funds for the 2003-2004 school year to \$100,000. The next issue of the Junior Newsletter will include the Scholarship recipients for the 2002-2003 school year.

Congratulations to Juniors who have handled their dogs to the advanced titles. The most recent recipients of certificates and pins acknowledging these achievements are:

1. *Vanessa Tesch, from Green Bay, WI earned a Master Agility title- AX*
2. *Ryann Healy from Saprks, NV earned a Master Earthdog*
3. *Kelly Hall from Huntsville, AL earned MXJ*
4. *Daniel McDonald from Tampa, FL earned MACH*



Judge, Mrs. James Edwards Clark, awarded Best Junior Handler for 2002 to William Ellis, of Reddick, Florida. Presenting the trophy is the 2001 Best Junior Handler Elizabeth Jordan.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE

BY BRANDI GRIDER

As a winner of the annual Junior Achievement Challenge (JAC) match in 2000 and recipient of the 2000-2001 JAC Scholarship, I felt more Junior Handlers needed to know the educational advantages of the JAC

The Junior Achievement Challenge is sponsored by Jack Onofrio Dog Shows. The JAC was founded in order to support Juniors' participation in the showing of purebred dogs. The goal is to expand the education of Juniors who are raising, training, and showing purebred dogs. This is being accomplished by sponsoring seminars, matches, social events, and trophies. The JAC is also establishing an education fund as part of the program to grant financial aid for post high school education.

The fundamental goal behind the JAC program is to encourage education. The majority of the prizes offered at shows sponsoring the JAC will coincide with this goal. One prize is the Junior's choice of AKC Group Breed Standards.



The JAC is proud to offer the George Alston Computer Program. This program, donated to the JAC by Mr. George Alston, includes a record keeping function, a database for tracking wins, and an entry printing tool. Each Junior who qualifies for the program will have it customized and then mailed directly to him/her. This award will be given to any Junior who wins Best Junior

Handler in competition with five entries or more or wins First Place in a class with five entries or more at a show, which sponsors the JAC. The computer program may only be awarded once and must be applied for after the win at the Superintendent's desk.

The Scholarship program is an excellent goal for a Junior to strive to obtain. There are stipulations for being awarded the scholarship; yet, the outcome of receiving the scholarship to a college the Junior will be attending is rewarding. Stipulations include:

Record Keeping:

- List of Onofrio superintended show(s) won
- Number of entries (Junior must defeat a minimum of 50 competitors in the course of a year by being awarded Best Junior or by winning a class)
- Number of absentees

- Level of award
- The judge's name
- The AKC Gazette issue that contains the record

Community Service

Perform a minimum of 50 hours over the course of one year. This must be done by completing at least three different activities. Activities include: Ring Stewarding, K-9

Therapy, Breed Rescue, Local Humane Society, Assistance in fund raising match, working at a club education booth, and Assistant Show Chairman. Additional activities may be applicable and should be submitted to Onofrio Dog Shows for approval.

Scholarships will be awarded by the JAC Scholarship Committee. Each year the committee will review the accuracy of the records submitted, including a check that all criteria have been met. The committee will then hold a drawing to determine the winner from the qualified applicants.

The JAC quotes, "Scholarships are to be used for the pursuit of higher education only. The amount and number will vary based on accumulated donations and monies raised during the said year. However, the JAC guarantees scholarships of no less than \$750.00. Once the Junior is enrolled, the scholarship will be paid to the Junior's institution of choice. If the money is not used within four years after graduation from high school, the money will remain in the JAC Scholarship Fund."

I not only encourage any Junior participating in Onofrio Dog Shows to become more involved with the JAC, but also encourage Kennel Clubs to support the JAC activities. If your outlook in life is to attend college, apply for the scholarships. If you are near Oklahoma, consider attending the Annual Junior Achievement Challenge Match. The Match is geared towards the JAC and supported by the Oklahoma City Kennel Club & Ralston Purina. The match this year will be August 3 and 4, 2002. Good Luck at the shows and have a safe year.

For more information on the JAC, pick up a pamphlet from the Onofrio Superintendent's office or write Onofrio Dogs Shows at:

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC
PO Box 25764
Oklahoma City OK 73125-0764



"SURVIVAL TIPS TO INSURE WELL-BEING IN A WORLD OF FOGIES"

BY GRAHAM LOGEN

Yes, I'm Graham Logen, a 14-year-old Junior handler in agility. I own Apple Acres Graham Slam (or Cracker), a 2 year old Sheltie.

He has AX and AXJ. With the adventures we've had in agility trials together, certain regulations with the aging veteran, I've developed a basic guide for you to live by. It's often very hard to keep peace with primitive beasts of the older type.

- Don't run- you may make the old people look bad.
- Don't walk- you may look like you're trying to make the old people look good.
- Always remember of course to help elders later.
- Comment on how beautiful/handsome the aged individual's dogs are- no matter how ugly they may be.
- Bring cookies to alleviate stress of the senior handlers before a run.

- Don't talk to the weathered inhabitants before their run- you might make them forget something.
- Don't talk to them after their run- they'll need all the oxygen they can get.
- Don't do homework at trials- it will frustrate the "experienced" ones to no end. It will remind them that kids don't have to spend every second of their time memorizing a course.
- Expect to be a leash runner or scribe runner every trial even if you know how to be a timer or scribe- its called discrimination.
- Expect to get a five-minute speech on how to leash run or scribe run every time you get one of those jobs- you're only a junior handler, you know.
- Be prepared to run an old person's dog in case of injury to the old person.

It's obviously hard to be a junior in agility but remember; it's hard being old too, as told by Vincent Amato...

Graham Logen with Cracker



"I can accept the fact, just tell them clearly"

Thank-you all you older dog-handlers out there for being a constant source of education and entertainment, if it weren't for you, there would be no junior handler organization or any junior handlers at that. Thanks.

HERDING

BY JOSH FISHER *(Editors Note: Josh is the brother of Jesse Fisher who competed in both the AKC/Eukanuba American Dog Classic and the Westminster Kennel Club.)*

My name is Josh Fisher and I am 11 years old from Villa Grove, IL. I train Shetland Sheepdogs in Herding, Agility, Conformation and Obedience. I work with my dogs in AKC, 4-H, and American Herding Breeds Association events. I started training in herding when I was 7. I became interested after watching my mother train one of our Shelties. I thought it looked fun so I gave it a try and I became hooked.

My dog Rango had a herding instinct from the time he was a puppy and knew he wanted those sheep. I trained Rango and when he was 1 year old we earned our first title, HT (Herding Tested). This year, when I was still 10, we earned our HSAs or Herding Started- A course, sheep title. We were very excited because not only did we qualify but we also had 4 of 5 legs as placement scores!



Now Rango is officially known as Abbotsford Red Rover, HSAs, NA.

Training is important and the more you get to work stock the quicker you can progress. Herding titles can be earned on three types of stock-sheep, ducks, or cattle. Learning how each species behaves can be tricky and some dogs will only work different stock. Herding can be difficult because your dog has to start with an instinct to work stock. Then the handler uses their "stock sense" to have the ability to predict how the stock and dog will react to each other. Command words are added after the dog starts to perform repeated actions consistently. Then you train to shape the dog's abilities, as more difficult actions are required. This can be a long process but when your teamwork comes together it can be so rewarding!

What makes working with Rango really fun is that it doesn't matter to him if we're training or trialing because he always wants to work stock.

In trials the team works together to move the stock around a course. The course usually has panels, gates, and a "penning" exercise to complete. Many factors that can't be controlled by the handler can make herding difficult such as stock that may not want to flock together or bad weather conditions. Sometimes it's nice to have a little luck on your side when competing in a trial!

I would like to see more Jr's participating in herding events. I think they would enjoy seeing the dogs do what they were originally bred to do and enjoy being a part of a growing event. I have enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends who have encouraged me and shared tips. The judges have also been very helpful and encouraging. This is only part of what makes herding so fun. Herding is definitely a team sport, and I have been amazed at the bond that Rango and I have made in 2 years. I am really glad we have had the opportunity to try herding. We hope that our future in herding as well as all of our activities continues to grow and we will achieve our dreams.

Congratulations to all juniors who competed at Westminster on February 11 & 12, 2002. Each of the Juniors listed qualified by placing first in 8 Open classes with competition during the year.

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| Ashley Albro | Amanda Giardino |
| James Allen | Shannon Gorman |
| Kathryn Arseneau | Chelsea Goss |
| Marisa Ator | Brandi Grider |
| Brandon Barnette | Kara Hamilton |
| Jessica Becka | Zachary Helmer |
| June Beckwith | Adrienne Hill |
| Stephanie Berard | Megan Hof |
| Katherine Bevan | Jennifer Hollow |
| Brianna Bischoff | Emily Horton |
| Emily Bisso | Lauren House |
| Krystle Bounds | Stephanie House |
| Kim Bullard | Emily Hussey |
| Meghann Bradley | Cassidy Jackson |
| Chelsea Brandenburg | Kendra Jeffrey |
| Erin Brandon | Erica Johnson |
| Kaylee Brandon | Allison Johnston |
| James Brown | Michelle Kaiser |
| Michael Brunner | Elizabeth Kaunzer |
| Danielle Butler | Brittani Kettleson |
| Jamie Campbell | Ashley King |
| Laura Chamness | Anna Kodet |
| Rebecca Clas | Jason Kowalchuk |
| Sarah Grace Conn | Kimberly Kowalchuk |
| Melanie Cotter | Peter Kubacz |
| Kourtney Coutu | Janette Kremzar |
| Jessica DiPerna | Brandon Lenk |
| Alexis Ditlow | Tiffany Linnemann |
| Claudette DuPont | Chad Malinak |
| William Ellis | Ashley McDonald |
| Christine Engelsman | |
| Michelle Esch | |
| Jesse Fisher | |
| Leanne George | |



**Monday Preliminary Class Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine Finalists
(L-R) Christine Englesmann and William Ellis**

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| Whitney Meeks | Leslie Shaffer |
| Lindsay Merritt | Katie Shepard |
| Erik Miller | Kailey Smith |
| Shena Munsch | Angela Strother |
| Megan Nelson | Graham Swayze |
| Jacqueline Nolan | Tim Terella |
| Kandice O'Grady | Ashley Tripodi |
| Sarah Ott | Staisha Vaught |
| Erica Parenti | Samantha Waldorf |
| Whitney Perry | Jeannette Warner |

**Monday Preliminary Class Judge Tim Catterson Finalists
(L - R) Allison Johnston and Megan Hof**



Monday Preliminary Class Judge Tim Catterson

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| Cassidy Powers | Cara Watkins |
| Christopher Radcliffe | Ashley Wenglik |
| Dustin Reed | Haley Whitcomb |
| Jennifer Reed | Ashley Whitney |
| Genevieve Ridderhoff | Kristin Whitwell |
| Renee Rizzo | Shannon Wilson |
| Shelby Roberts | Kelly Wisch |
| Alexandra Romero | Jamie Wyrick |
| Annamarie Ruggieri | Justin Yllanes |
| Juan Miranda Sauced | Erin Zimmerman |
| Jessica Schlecht | Lauren Zimmerman |



**Tuesday Preliminary Class Judge Tim Catterson
Finalists (L-R) Justin Yllanes and
Jennifer Hollow**



Tuesday Preliminary Class Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine



Tuesday Preliminary Class Judge Tim Catterson



**Monday
Preliminary Class
Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine**



**Tuesday Preliminary Class Judge Peggy
Beisel-McIlwaine Finalists
(L-R) Renee Rizzo and Emily Bisso**

PARENT CLUBS JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP AND SEMINARS:

What is your Parent club doing to encourage and foster Juniors who own, compete, love and will be the future breeders of your breed?

Here is an example of what the German Shorthaired Pointer Club is doing:

Junior membership for GSPCA was approved by GSPCA in 2001, the GSPCA Junior membership status officially became available in January 2002 as an extension of the GSPCA Juniors Committee. This special membership is designed to strengthen the relationship between GSPCA and young GSP fanciers and to assist such juniors in their endeavors, dog related and beyond. Through this membership and corresponding interactions, it is the goal of the GSPCA Junior Committee to help young GSP fanciers expand their knowledge and experience with the breed, leading to a successful transition from juniors to adult

GSP fanciers, with a personal devotion and commitment to the breed.

Who can join?

Anyone under the age of 18 with an interest in GSPs and in good standing with GSPCA is welcome to join!



A group of Juniors at the Samoyed National Specialty.

What if I don't compete in Junior Showmanship?

No problem! Because the GSPCA Juniors Committee realizes all young GSP participants are important, all areas of

competition will be addressed. It is a fact that GSP juniors are active in almost every area of competition, all of which are vital to the continued success of our breed. However, you don't have to compete at all to benefit from the Junior membership-responsible pet ownership and plain love of the breed is invaluable!

What does membership include?

A lot!

- ✓ Quarterly Newsletter
- ✓ GSP Junior Network News
- ✓ Listing in GSPCA Yearbook
- ✓ Yearly Meeting at the GSPCA National Specialty Show
- ✓ YOUR input as influence on future benefits and activities

Membership components are shaped around you, the GSP junior; therefore every effort will be made to reflect your suggestions in membership benefits. Tell us what you'd like to see!

For more information contact GSPCA Juniors Committee Chairperson
Brandi Smith
2809 Arrowhead Circle
Birmingham, Al 35215
(205) 854-2370

CENTRAL OHIO KENNEL CLUB ANNUAL YOUTH AWARD

The Central Ohio Kennel Club is pleased to announce its annual Youth Award Winner for 2001.

James N. Brown was the ultimate winner of the \$500.00 cash award and was chosen from thirty-seven entrants across the country. James was chosen for his dedication, enthusiasm and versatility in the sport of

canine competition. He has actively competed in Junior Showmanship and field competition with his Brittans since age ten culminating with a best in show. He has also been the number one Brittany junior handler. James is from Waterford, Michigan 48327.

COKC will offer this award again in 2002. For more information contact Roberta K. Brady; bbbbrd@aol.com or 614-882-9062

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Jr.News,

I am new to Juniors, having only applied for a number this summer and being nearly sixteen years old. When I first read the Jr.News, I was expecting insight into what the Juniors competition is like as well as motivation to keep participating even in the face of loss, but instead I was disappointed by what I read. None of the articles in the Spring 2001 issue spoke out for people that are new to Juniors or that had a late start, but still succeeded. The oldest starting age mentioned was fourteen years old and even at that the girl was barely a senior when she started.

Starting out late in the dog world can be very rough for different reasons. In my point of view, one of them is that the tradition of dog showing is

generally passed on from generation to generation by parents and families. So, generally, most of the population of young people in the sport of purebred dogs have been raised around dogs, has/had a close family member that breeds, or has some other strong connection that allowed them to become involved at a young age. Another disadvantage to those who begin at a later age is that the dog world can be confusing in itself to someone that is new and previously unexposed to it. It takes time to learn the flow of the classes (to best of breed), different ribbon colors, names of titles, point values, and much more. All of these things should be learned from a reputable source, and it can sometimes be hard to find a good mentor. On top of this, new Juniors must polish up their handling skills and form a great bond with their dog

before they ever step into the ring. And when new Juniors do attend their first show, all of the little details can be confusing. Where do we park? Is there a "potty" ring? If so, where is it? Where do I set up my grooming supplies? How much time before I'm in the ring?

So you see, although some of the more seasoned competitors should be credited and congratulated for their winnings, stronger focus should be placed on the older beginners than was previously displayed. Perhaps stories of triumph by less-traveled competitors would not only inspire those like myself, but other competitors as well.

I appreciate your time and tolerance; I hope you will give my request due consideration.

New junior fancier,

Amber Short

** Written with the loyal support of Alfie, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.*

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Junior News and Views, formerly a monthly printed newsletter, is now a hot hangout for junior handlers on the web. Found at www.jrnewsandviews.com, this site offers up-to-date statistics related to junior rankings, as well as information, articles, surveys and a discussion board.

The site premiered in January of 2001, and since then has had over 25,000 visits to its home page. The site's owner and administrator are constantly working to find new ways to make the site fresh and appealing to its young viewers.

Visit the site today, look around, and be sure and send us your feedback! Our ultimate goal is to make the site fun, informative and interesting to the Junior Handlers who have made it possible.

AKC EUKANUBA AMERICAN DOG CLASSIC



Plans are already under way for the 2002 event. The date for the show is Wednesday, December 11, 2002. The location will remain the same in Orlando, FL. The criteria for Junior Showmanship will remain the same. The five wins with competition in Open are to be won between the dates of January 1, 2002 through October 7,

2002. The 3.0 grade point or equivalent is for the past two complete semesters of work, as described by the attending school. Official transcripts must be received in the Judges Education Department no later than October 18, 2002. The individuals meeting both will receive their invitation from the Superintendent, MB-F



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JUNIOR SEMINARS

June 15 - Grayslake, IL

In conjunction with the Great Lakes All Terrier Club. Contact Amy Reid, (919) 816-3814; e-mail: juniors@akc.org.

July 20 - Hayward, CA

"Juniors Seminar- Hands-On" by Elizabeth Jordan & Terri Brenan. Sponsored by the Coyote Hills Kennel Club. Registration limited to 20. Contact Arlene Cristobal, 19576 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546; (510) 733-3232; e-mail: shibas4fun@aol.com.

July 26 - WI, Waukesha

In conjunction with the Waukesha cluster. Contact Amy Reid, (919) 816-3814; e-mail: juniors@akc.org.

August 10 - AL, Decatur

Junior Seminar by Nicholas Urbanek Sponsored by the Shetland Sheepdog club of North Alabama. Contact Anne P. Foreman, (256) 751-0598; e-mail: foremaap@hiwaay.net.

September 14 - San Francisco, CA

In conjunction with Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club. Contact Amy Reid, (919) 816-3814; e-mail: juniors@akc.org.