BREAKING NEW GROUND

As most students began their summer break thinking about going to the beach, hanging out with friends, or going to the mall Jenny Glei of Roxboro, NC was preparing to compete in the National Obedience Invitational. The event was held in St. Louis, Missouri on June 17 & 18. Jenny and her Shetland Sheepdog, OTCH. Sleepy Eye Bluegrass Melody, UDX (Maggie), are the first and only Junior Handler team to compete in this event to date. She matched her skills with 110 adult competitors and dogs from 36 states.

Jenny and Maggie earned their invitation by winning top-level obedience classes in local AKC obedience shows. Only the top ranking Obedience Trial Champions and OTCH pointed dogs are eligible to be invited.

Along with Mom, and her sister Jill, Jenny has been training and showing dogs for a while and they are active members of the Durham Kennel Club. Her father and brother love the dogs but have not been interested in showing. Jenny’s dad said “I don’t go to many shows, but I sure wasn’t going to miss this one.”

Jenny Glei and her Shetland Sheepdog Maggie

Jenny is a sophomore in high school and when she is not training she enjoys soccer. Look for an article on Jenny’s experiences in an upcoming edition of the Junior News.
In an attempt to learn everything he could about show dogs, Corky started working on the weekends during school, and full-time in the summers for Harry Sangster, one of the top handlers on the west coast and a member of the Professional Handler's Association (PHA). Harry was licensed for all-breeds by the AKC and quickly took this inquisitive and devoted kid under his wing. Corky was able to compete in Junior Handling while working with Harry, and in those days the juniors did not have any ownership requirements for the dogs they exhibited, so Corky had his choice of any dog in the truck that had been defeated in the breed competition that day. This selection gave Corky a tremendous amount of “hands-on” exposure to a variety of breeds, forming the basis for the talents exhibited today both in the ring and out. Corky was a formidable opponent in the junior competition, winning almost every time he exhibited. Corky's biggest disappointment was aging out of juniors the first year he was able to attend the Westminster shows, and not being able to compete. Corky served in the US Navy from 1959 through 1963, and rejoined Harry Sangster upon his return, working full-time and living at the kennel with Harry.

Corky's first Best in Show award came while still working with Harry, showing an English Pointer, Ch. Crookrise Danny Muich, and defeating “the boss” showing a Lakeland Terrier! Corky continued apprenticing under Harry until his death, and in 1966 was on his own as a handler. He continued on with some of Harry's clients, and quickly attracted some of the top clientele in the show world with his dedicated efforts and talents. Corky has the distinction of being one of the the last all-breed AKC licensed handlers prior to the disbandment of that licensing program. Corky's career and success has become legendary. He has over 1000 Best in Shows, has been awarded top handler in every competition available, has campaigned dogs to the hall of fame, has forgotten how many Quaker Oats awards he has won. Currently he is serving as the president of the Professional Handler's Association.

Corky also felt that teaching new handlers was the preservation of our sport, and takes pride in the fact that Cheryl Cates, Gary Steele, Bill Buell Sr., Mark Bettis, Van Pusey, and judge Sharon Zaker are among some of his more successful students. Corky and his wife Susan remain among the top handlers in our sport today, a model of pride, professionalism and integrity in the sport of pure-bred dogs.
1. Adrian Agard, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Major: Communications
Advice: “Your time in Juniors is short, but the memories will last a lifetime. Trust me, you will miss it when you age out.”

2. Lindsay Balder, Grand Valley State University
Major: Business Administration
Lindsay learned the most from her mother, who taught her the importance of good sportsmanship and hard work.

3. Carissa Boettcher, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Major: Biology
Carissa learned the most from other Juniors stating “You see them (other juniors) try something new and then you want to try it.”

4. Rashelle Brown, Major: Biology
Cal Polytechnic-San Luis Obispo
Advice “Work for someone who you admire both personally and as a handler.”

5. Lashauna Lynette Buford, Michigan State University
Major: Animal Science
Lashauna is going to study veterinary medicine and would like to start her own practice!

6. Mary Lyn Butcher, Wittenberg University
Major: Integrated Math or Life Sciences
Advice: “Develop a special relationship with your dogs and remember to make sure they have fun showing too.”

7. Kathy Lynn Caton, Ohio State University
Major: Advertising
Kathy learned the most from her father because he has shown her what sportsmanship, courage and quality dog showing is all about. She is very active in therapy dog work.

8. Casandra Clark, California State University-Monterey Bay
Major: Business Management
Advice: “Win or Lose always remember to be gracious and humble. Keep in mind, it is only a sport!”

9. Wyatt Delfino, University of California at Davis
Major: Animal Science
Wyatt says he has tried to learn from everyone he sees in the ring, with the idea that if he does not see anything he likes, he has learned something he does not want to do.

10. Erica Delsman, Humboldt State University
Major: Biology
Erica’s future goals involve getting her PHD and going to Africa or South America as a doctor helping the poor. She has been active working to obtain Herding titles on her dogs.

12. Brooke Folley, Centre College
Major: Undeclared
Brooke is a two-time scholarship recipient. She is a provisional Junior Showmanship judge and enjoyed judging her first assignment.
11. Deirdre Dunbar,  
Suffolk Community College  
Major: undecided  
Deirdre began her career working her dogs in the field and then was introduced to the juniors and conformation. She plans to continues in the sport of pure-bred dogs.

14. Rindi Gaudet, St. Petersburg Junior College  
Major: Business Administration Certificate/Veterinary Technology  
While working full-time and going to school, Rindi is active in showing in conformation. She is now working with her new dog to compete in agility, obedience, and tracking.

20. Krista Kay Hunt,  
University of Minnesota College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Major: Agricultural Science  
Advice: “Respect your elders, but realize they aren’t always right. Evaluate the advice you get. Keep some. Toss some.” Krista also is very active in Obedience, Agility, and Water trials with her Portuguese Water Dogs.

22. Joanna Jacobson,  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
Major: undecided  
Advice: “Being a junior is when you learn all about the sport of dogs. But, remember this: having love for the dogs is what this sport is all about!”
23. Angela Lloyd, Penn State University  
Major: Business-Financial Services  
Advice: “Be a good sport, make friends, and always have fun!”  
Angela is a 3-year recipient of the Junior Scholarship. She remains active by participating in the Juniors Program at Dachshund National.

24. Meghan Lord, University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
Major: Pre-Med  
Although Meghan maintains a busy schedule she finds time to volunteer at a local animal shelter.

26. Holly Niece, Arizona State University  
Major: Biology  
Holly's future career goals include becoming a veterinarian and remaining active in the sport of purebred dogs. She not only competed in Juniors but has put a CD and WC title on her Labrador.

26. 28. Jessica Plourde, Manchester Community College  
Major: Business  
Advice: “Listen to what others have to say, they will be the ones to help you out the most.”

29. Dina Raichel, Colorado State University  
Major: Veterinary Medicine  
Advice: “Handling continues outside the ring. The happier, healthier and better trained your dog is, the better it will perform as your partner in the ring.”

30. Carol Rappaport-Fish, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Major: Secondary Education/History  
Carol’s future involvement in purebred dogs will be as a breeder of Bedlington Terriers. She has also taken a great interest in Public Education and Rescue.

31. Meghan Riese, State University of West Georgia  
Major: Computer Science  
Meghan says that she learned the most about breeding and structure from her mom. She is looking forward to judging the Sweepstakes at the Welsh Springer National in 2001.

25. Kelsey Moore, SUNY at Geneseo  
Major: Psychology  
Advice: “I would tell current Junior Handlers to be sure to have a lot of patience when training dogs, and to always exercise good sportsmanship”. Kelsey was active in her 4-H group participating in Agility, Obedience, and Drill Team. She also titled her Golden Retriever to a CD, CDX, and CGC as well as a certified Therapy dog.
32. Manuel Rodríguez, University of Puerto Rico
   Major: Biology
   Manuel is now giving the training class for the Caribe Kennel Club for Juniors and adults. He is also broadening his horizons by working dogs in Agility and Fly Ball.

33. Julie Ross, Western Michigan University or Aquinas College
   Major: undecided
   Julie’s interest in dogs began when she was seven and joined her local 4-H group. She began showing at AKC shows when she was eleven. To date her great accomplishment has been handling one of her dogs into the top ten of its breed.

34. Christopher Ryan, The University of Connecticut
   Major: Business
   Advice: “I would advise Junior Handlers competing today to be fully knowledgeable and responsible for their dogs.” Kristy has been involved with 4-H and training dogs for service work.

35. Karyn Ryan, Miami University (OH)
   Major: Elementary Education
   Karyn says that she learned the most from her brother because they would always critique each other and share knowledge that they may have read or learned from others. Like her brother Chris, Karen began in dogs by participating in 4-H.

36. Marie Sajewicz, Michigan State University
   Major: Pre-Vet
   Advice: “The advice that I would give Junior Handlers today is to learn from your dogs while they learn from you. Dogs form a special bond that is evident in the ring, if and only if the time, effort and dedication are put forth.”

37. Jessica Sedivy, Concordia College
   Major: Biology and Environmental Studies
   Advice: “I have always thought that it was important to be involved in many areas of the dog world-multiple event competition creates balanced handlers and versatile canines; it also helps Juniors and their dogs reach their full potential.”

38. Kristy Siefkin, Duke University
   Major: undeclared
   Advice: “I would advise Junior Handlers competing today to be fully knowledgeable and responsible for their dogs.” Kristy has been involved with 4-H and training dogs for service work.

39. Carley Simpson, University of Washington
   Major: Communications/Broadcasting
   Advice: “My biggest bit of advice that I would like all Juniors to know is to find a handler that you trust and think has a good reputation and try working for them for a while.” Carley participated and held several offices in her 4-H group.

40. Erin Teplesky, Marquette University
   Major: Broadcasting/pre-law
   As school keeps Erin busy now she spends limited time training and showing her dogs. She does remain active by writing articles for her breed’s magazine.
When you do not win, do you always congratulate the winner? I know from personal experiences that it is not always easy to congratulate the winner, especially if you felt you did really well. However, you must grit your teeth and congratulate him/her. If you don’t most people will label you a poor loser or think that you have poor sportsmanship. If you lose, do not stomp on the ribbon or throw it in the trash; that behavior is showing bad sportsmanship. The same rules apply when you win your class. When people congratulate you, you must always say “Thank You.” Don’t act as if you are better than they are when you win, because you’re not! Also, you can be proud of yourself and your accomplishments without bragging about your wins. When the judge hands you your ribbon, you should be polite by thanking them.

Here are some points on GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP while you are in the ring:

- When gaiting and stacking, give yourself equal spacing between dogs, so that everyone has enough room. This includes not blocking other juniors and or their dogs.
- If your dog shows well with a lot of baiting or a squeak toy, that’s fine as long as you don’t interfere with the other junior’s dogs.
- If someone complains, be polite and kindly stop what you are doing.
- Do not throw bait in the ring because it could be distracting.

Some people may ask, “What is SPORTSMANSHIP and why is it important?” Mr. Webster defines sportsmanship as “conduct becoming a sportsman.” Sportsmanship is the way you act toward others in the ring as well as when the ribbons are handed out. Sportsmanship is important in everyday life, but especially in the Dog Show World.

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Both before and after your class when you are watching at ringside you should also exhibit good sportsmanship. Do not talk about other juniors or make fun of them. You never know who is sitting next to you. It could be their mother! Remember do not make sounds that could distract the handlers or dogs in the ring.

So you didn’t win at your last show. I bet that it was your dog’s fault, he/she made you lose, right? WRONG! Even if your dog did misbehave you must NEVER BLAME LOSING ON HIM. Dogs are just like people: sometimes they will have bad days. Most times if your dog doesn’t do what you want him to do, practice will fix it! You know the saying: Practice makes perfect.

Now for the big question: ARE YOUR PARENTS GOOD SPORTS? You must remind your parents that both juniors and adults must be good sports when you win or lose. The same rules for good sportsmanship apply to juniors as well as their parents, friends, and family members. Adults should never confront the judge demanding to know why their junior didn’t win. If they cannot accept this, suggest that they leave before you go into the ring. It is important that parents set a good example for their children as well as other young people. Remember: THE JUDGE’S DECISION IS FINAL!

Here are the most important times to use GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:

• When you win, don’t act as if you are better than the other juniors are.
• Don’t brag when you win.
• When you lose, congratulate the winner.
• If using a toy or bait, use it so as not to distract other dogs and handlers.
• Use proper spacing.
• Be courteous outside the ring as well as inside.
• Don’t take your losing out on your dog.
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Good luck to everyone and enjoy your family, friends, and of course, your dog!