

AKC JR. NEWS



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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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Junior Scholarship Recipients are highlighted in this issue of the Junior News. The quality of the 62 applicants was exceptional. The 43 recipients, had an academic average of 3.7 as well as having been extremely active in AKC events and more importantly being canine ambassadors in their communities. Titles were earned by the applicants in Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Herding and Field Events. Additionally, many of the recipients are involved with Therapy Dogs, Guide Dogs, Search and Rescue and are 4H Leaders. The total in scholarship awards for the 2000-2001 year is \$30,400. Applications for the 2001-2002 year may be requested from the Judges Education Department, 919-852-3814.

The participation by juniors in the Performance Events continues to increase. If you have not received a certificate for earning a title on your dog in a timely fashion, please forward the copies of your Junior Certification Forms for the events where the dog qualified for the title to Judges Education, Karen Reuter, AKC, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606.

We are pleased with the contributions from juniors and aged out juniors and look forward to receiving your articles. Please contact us with your ideas for future Juniors News at 919-852-3814, or mbo@akc.org.

PHA PROFILE- CORKY VROOM

BY GRETCHEN SCHULTZ

Pride, Professionalism and Perfection, all are fitting adjectives to describe Corky Vroom. "Corky," born Charles J. Vroom in 1942 has been a student as well as a teacher, mentor and friend to the sport of purebred dogs for the better part of his life. As a kid living at home, he attended shows with his family and showed the family Boxers and Miniature Pinschers, in addition to igniting what was to become the spark that fueled his life vocation and career.

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



Dr. Frank Porter Miller awards Best of Breed in June 1960 in Pasadena.

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.



Best of Breed in 1956 at the Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego.



Best in Show award at the Cabrillo Kennel Club.



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. Rashede 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."



8. Cassandra 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!"



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.

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.



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.

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.





13. Alessandra Folz, Mount Holyoke College
Major: Politics and Theatre
Alessandra's future goals involve teaching at the high school level and working with Hunger Advocacy.

15. Nicole Marie Glover, University of Colorado at Boulder
Major: Psychology
Advice: "You never lose in the ring. I always find a lesson of what I did wrong, and what I did well." Nicole has been active in 4-H and the Durango Kennel club where she instructs Obedience Classes. She has earned CD's and CGC's on her dogs.



19. Rebecca Howard, Louisiana State University
Major: Pre Med
Rebecca began her dog showing career with a 4-H project. She now advises a 4-H group which began 3 years ago with 8 youngsters with 4 breeds and now has 40 youngsters and 20 different breeds.



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.

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 continue 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.



16. Kassandra Hamaker, Kellogg Community College
Major: Business Administration
Kassandra's future involvement in Purebred Dogs will be to expand the 4H club where she is the administrative leader, and she is in the process of applying for her judging license for Brittanys and Junior Showmanship.



17. Rebecca Helmke, LeMoyn College
Major: Pre Law
Rebecca became involved with Junior Showmanship through her 4H club and still remains active in the organization. She also has shown her to Herding, Agility, and Obedience titles. Her family has raised and trained two service dogs.

18. Sarah Hill, Southern Methodist University
Major: Financial Consulting
Sarah has enjoyed the camaraderie she found among her fellow juniors. She feels a lot of what she learned in Juniors she now applies to her approach to academics and life.



21. Susan Jacob, North Carolina School of the Arts
Major: Film
Susan plans on becoming an AKC Judge for Junior Showmanship. She created and maintains her club's website. Susan donates pieces of her artwork to her club's annual auction.

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.



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.



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.



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.



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."

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.



32. Manuel Rodriguez,
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.



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34. Christopher Ryan,
The University of Connecticut
Major: Business
Advice: Enjoy the lessons and excitement of Junior Showmanship, but work with other junior handlers to improve Junior Showmanship. Chris began his career in dogs by participating in a 4-H group.



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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.



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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."



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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.

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."



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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.



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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.



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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.

41. Nicholas Urbanek,
Virginia Tech
Major: Animal Science
“I believe that I learned the most from the handlers that I worked for. These people taught me the mechanics, sportsmanship, and responsibility of showing dogs. They also helped me develop as a person.”



43. Danielle Zezulinski,
Syracuse University Major: Communication Design/Fibers
Danielle plans on being a breeder and is an approved Junior Showmanship Judge. One of Danielle’s most fulfilling moments was to see each of her 4-H group win their class at the local fair. As Danielle continues her education she is planning to continue her 4-H work with a group close to her school.



42. Kimberly Vagt, Michigan State University
Major: Business/Elementary Education
Advice: “Always go into the ring giving your best. Juniors need to practice and practice with their dog.”
Kim began her show career by participating in 4-H.

ARE YOU A GOOD SPORT?

BY JENNA DELL

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.

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



**Jenna Dell and
Liberty’s All In One “Uno”**

- 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.

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- Don't run over the judge!
- When gaiting patterns are being used, make sure you will not be in the way when a fellow junior is completing their pattern.



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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.
- The same rules for good sportsmanship apply to parents, friends, and family members.

Good luck to everyone and enjoy your family, friends, and of course, your dog!



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