JUNIOR GUIDELINES UPDATES AND REVISIONS:

Along over due update to the Junior Guidelines is now in process to include revisions to the Judging of Juniors, the inclusion of Juniors competing in the Performance Events, as well as revisions and clarifications to the Guidelines as they apply to Juniors. The following revisions were approved by the Board at the August meeting to be effective January 1, 2000:

1) The Junior is limited to one substitution of their dog for an event.

2) Designation of Junior Showmanship as an Amateur Class - An individual listed as an agent is not eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship, nor any person who distributes rate cards or otherwise advertises themselves as handling dogs for pay in the show ring, or accepts payment for handling dogs.

The following are clarifications or have already been Board Approved:

1) Eligibility of Dog: If one of the owners of the dog is a judge, the dog maybe entered in Junior Showmanship Only to be exhibited by the Junior at an event where the judge is judging.

2) Conflicts: Juniors may have a conflict between the judging of their Junior Showmanship class and conformation judging or another event. In this instance the Junior will have to make a decision as to where they will compete. A Junior may enter the Junior Showmanship class up until the time every Junior in the class has been examined and gaited. If a Junior starts to compete in the Junior class and requests to be excused to go exhibit in conformation or another event they are permanently excused.

Revisions to the Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines:

1) The criteria to be eligible to judge Junior Showmanship includes experience in at least one of the following:
   - Having been a Junior
   - Being the Parent of a Junior
   - Having been a Professional Handler
   - Having taught handling classes
   - Having judged Junior Showmanship at least five times at AKC All Breed Sanctioned Matches
   - Having attended a seminar on the judging of Juniors

2) A Procedural Report for the Judging of Junior Showmanship will be used by the Executive Field Representatives to discuss any recommendations or procedural deficiencies and submitted to the judge's file.

3) Limit Status Junior Showmanship Judge: will allow the individual to judge Juniors at a Specialty show of a breed they are approved to judge only. Judges may not judge Juniors at specialties for breeds they are not approved to judge or at an all breed event.

4) Judging Routine- It is suggested that the judge request each Junior to present their dog individually for examination, allowing the judge to observe the rapport between the Junior and the dog while being set up for examination.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Good News, Juniors competing in all the Performance Events will now be eligible to receive recognition for handling a dog to all qualifying scores to earn a title, with the exception of Retriever Hunting Tests in which the Junior may handle a dog that has already successfully completed a title.

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing some problems with the new record keeping computer system. However, we are working towards getting the certificates out to those who have already handled their dogs to titles. At this time, Juniors have handled their dogs to over thirty titles, and some have earned more than one title to date.

In this issue is the list of Junior Scholarship Recipients, a total of $25,000 was awarded for the 1999-2000 school year. Congratulations to all.
A SHINING STAR  
BY MANUEL RODRIGUEZ

I am proud to have the honor of writing about my involvement in the sport for the National Junior Organization Newsletter. I live in Puerto Rico, the star of the Caribbean. It is a tropical island south of Florida. Dog shows started here in the 1950's. Currently there are about 12 dog shows a year on the island, some AKC and some FCI. There are currently about 20 Juniors actively competing at our shows.

Manuel shown handling his Boxer. He is a 1999 scholarship recipient.

I became involved in dogs when I was nine years old and my father bought me a show quality Boxer bitch after my last Paso Fino horse died. The owner of the sire introduced me to training classes and the sport that will remain a part of my life. I started to study books on handling individual breeds, and care and conditioning. I became so involved that I practiced every day. The second time I showed in Juniors I was awarded Best Junior Handler. From 1991-1993 I was awarded the Junior Handler of the Year in the FCI ranking as well as again in 1997.

In 1993 I meet Tom and Andrea Glassford while they were attending the FCI shows in Puerto Rico. They asked my parents if I could come to work for them and learn more about handling one summer. The summers of 1994 and 1995 were spent at the Glassford's Summer Camp where I learned a great deal from two very knowledgeable people about the care, conditioning and grooming of the many breeds that they handled. They gave me an English Springer Spaniel, Ch. Jester's Madam President, to show in Juniors while I was with them. Tom taught me to work hard towards my goals and always be humble with other people. During the summer of 1995 I became the first Junior from Puerto Rico to qualify for Westminster. These two summers will always be carried in my heart and hopefully I will be able to pass what I learned onto others.

I graduated from High School in May of 1998 with honors and was able to spend the summer in Florida attending shows. Again, I qualified for Westminster. I was also thrilled to meet so many knowledgeable handlers and breeders while competing. At this time I am attending the University of Puerto Rico where my major is Biology. I have just been awarded one of the AKC Junior Scholarships.

My recommendations on being a successful Junior are to be responsible in school and earn the best grades that you can. Before buying your first dog, investigate the different breeds and make sure which one is right for you. Once you have a dog, take them to training class and practice every day. Learn how to take proper care of your dog. In and outside of the ring you have to practice good manners, congratulate the winner, talking and saluting everybody. If you follow these recommendations and love what you are doing, you will have fun in the sport.

OBEDIENCE RECOMMENDED  
BY CHRISTINA SANTOS

“H”ow do you get your dog to behave so well?” I can’t begin to count the number of times I have been asked that question, especially at our Sheltie club’s Christmas photo shoot. My dog is either posing happily for her photo or waiting patiently on a “down-stay” while I help out. In reply to the question, I simply tell people that my dog is obedience trained.

What’s great about obedience training is that anyone with a dog, a collar, and a leash can do it with some instruction. It doesn’t even take large amounts of practice time. Dogs usually do better with short happy practice sessions so that no one gets bored or frustrated.

The rewards are enormous. AKC’s obedience title names say it well. You can end up with a companion who is excellent, useful, and versatile. You get to develop a special bond with your dog while both of you are training. Patience and persistence are also a large part of the process. Then, if you choose to compete in obedience events, you get the satisfaction of earning legs and then titles with your dog-handler teamwork.

I have been training and competing in obedience events with my dogs since I was 9 years old. Obedience competition has, perhaps, given me the greatest sense of accomplishment in the sport of dogs. I also compete in junior showmanship and occasionally handle in the conformation ring, and have even tried agility.

My first little tricolor Sheltie, Corey, earned her CD with me when I was only 11 years old. We placed in the class when she earned her 3rd leg. But one of the most special aspects of obedience is that you don’t have to place to succeed. Earning that little green qualifying ribbon is a great feeling!

When you come out of an obedience ring, you will find many friends ready to congratulate continued next page
Six years ago my father bought a Boston Terrier puppy for my mother. We all decided that we should do some obedience training with him. I started training with Jeanie Chase. She asked me if I had ever considered showing my dog in breed and juniors. I had always watched Westminster on television when I was growing up and thought it would be fun. I went to a match that next weekend and won my class. I was hooked after that day. A friend of mine, who has English Setters, soon brought me to a training center where they offered junior handling classes. I went to my classes faithfully and soon started entering dog shows.

In 1994 I was able to participate in the first British/American Junior Handlers Exchange Program. I had the opportunity to travel to England for two weeks, where I stayed with a host family and went to dog shows. It was a great learning experience; I realized just how different showing dogs in other countries really is. In England they already had a juniors organization that held workshops at shows. They had a booth set up for juniors with different information and tests to try their knowledge. I thought that it would be a good idea for the AKC to have something like that. I'm very glad they do now. I think it will benefit a lot of juniors especially the ones who are just starting out. I think juniors helped me out a lot in the dog world. It has taught me good sportsmanship and it has also helped me prepare for the breed ring.

In 1995 I started working for Candy Carswell, a professional handler. Up until then I had really only seen dog shows as a hobby. Working with Candy gave me a whole different view on the business. I learned a lot about the dog grooming business. I learned a lot from her in the two and half years that I was working for her, a lot of which helped me in juniors. Especially because at the time I was showing an English Cocker Spaniel, which is one of her breeds. She helped me with the grooming and she also showed me how to present the breed appropriately.

After I graduate college, I would like to open my own grooming shop, continue showing dogs and apply for my judging license for Junior Showmanship. In my opinion juniors was a great learning experience as well as being a fun way to spend time with my own dogs. Juniors is heading in the right direction and I hope it continues that way.

Obedience Recommended Cont'd

You are a qualifying performance or sympathize with you on that foolish handler error that you made because you were nervous. The exhibitors have all been there at one time or another.

Unfortunately, Corey's eyesight began to fail before we could compete for a CDX, but retrieving the dumbbell is still one of her favorite games. And, I was lucky to be able to begin again with my new blue merle Sheltie puppy, Darcy.

I am now 17, and Darcy has just earned her CD. I am just as excited this time as I was the first time. Working with each dog is a unique experience. Though Darcy has been shown in conformation and junior showmanship, she has shown a distinct preference for obedience. There is always a little prance in her step when she is heeling. Dog showing has been a family activity for me as I have been growing up. I enjoy all types of showing, but I must confess a special feeling for obedience along with Darcy. We are both eagerly training for Open work.

Obedience competition has given me so much. It was something I was able to do when I was quite young. It has helped me learn to set goals and work step by step toward them. Success in obedience has given me self-confidence to branch out into other areas of dog showing. I have learned to be a creative problem solver. When a training method isn't quite working with one particular dog, I have to find a method that will. It has also helped me to accept setbacks and move on. Obedience training and competition have been a significant influence in my life.

Obedience titles are earned not won. I would always be thrilled with a class placement, but I have learned to value something earned with time and effort. However, I don't want to leave the impression that obedience is all dull work. It's fun to team with your well-behaved best friend to run through the exercises. If it isn't, you're not doing it right! I highly recommend obedience training and competition for an enjoyable and very satisfying experience in the sport of dogs.
1. Kristen Bessey
Buffalo State University
Elma, NY
Major: Undecided
Has been actively involved with Juniors since she was 9 years old and joined 4-H. Will continue with dogs as she enters college this fall.

2. Brooke Brown
University of Houston
Manvel, TX
Major: Radio and Television
Brooke's advice to Juniors: "I believe everyone should have the confidence to go into the ring knowing they are deserving. However, if you go out there thinking you should always win, you're going to be very hurt those times you don't. Base your talent on how well you show your dog; not compared to your competition."

3. Lashauna Buford
Michigan State University
Battle Creek, MI
Major: Veterinary Medicine
Lashauna started out competing in Obedience. She noticed a group of kids running around the ring and became very curious and once she became involved she was hooked. Lashauna plans to be a veterinarian.

4. Jennifer Corr
Pepperdine University
Alamo, CA
Major: Business Administration
Jennifer's advice to juniors is "You need to lose "gracefully" and not become jealous of someone because they won that day of the weekend. Competition is a part of life and learning to lose is essential."

5. Troy Dargin
NW Missouri State University
Neola, IA
Major: Vocal Music Education and Theater Performance
Troy hopes upon completion of his Bachelors degree to attend UCLA for his masters and then onto his doctorate in critical studies or vocal performance. He plans to embark on a professional handling career while still in school.

6. Heather Doscher
Western Washington University
Moses Lake, WA
Major: Environmental Studies
Heather has been active in obedience, but her best reward is when she gets home and spends time with her dog. She feels that they have a special bond, and that is better than any top placing at a show.

7. Brooke Folley
Centre College
Nicholasville, KY
Major: Biology
Brooke's advice to juniors - "Remember that you're still a teenager - don't act grown-up all of the time, I suggest water fights!"

8. Alessandra Folz
Eastern CT State University
Lebanon, CT
Major: Sociology
Alessandra's feels while at college she should experience as much of life as possible, and hopefully will find a field about which she can be as passionate as she is about dogs.

9. Meggin Guthrie
Monroe County Community College
Riga, MI
Major: Special Education
Megggin started out in 4-H and soon moved to showing at AKC sanctioned shows. She began her career in obedience then working with agility and therapy dogs. She now shows in conformation. Meggin loves this hobby and doesn't ever see herself without a dog to show.
16. Angela Llyod  
Penn State University/Berks  
Clarksburg, MD  
Major: Business-Financial Services  
Angela is one of seven recipients to receive the Junior Showmanship Scholarships for a second year. As she continues to pursue her degree in Business, Angela has been actively showing dogs. Angela was the named Best Junior handler at Westminster and Crufts in 1998.

12. Lynn Jacobson  
University of Wisconsin/Superior  
Viroqua, WI  
Major: Aquatic Biology  
Lynn’s feels that her start in showing has not come to an end with the beginning of her studies, in fact she believes that this is only a continuation. She would like to become a successful breeder, and with the knowledge she gains, hopefully she can apply it in breeding to strengthen the animals that we so lovingly call “man’s best friend”.

19. Justin Phillips  
Northern Arizona University  
Glendale, AZ  
Major: Undecided  
Justin began showing dogs in 8th grade and has been hooked ever since. He has been very active in the Valley of the Sun Weimaraner Club where he is currently serving as the youngest member of the board in the club history. He is also serving as “Fun Day” chairman.

15. Alisha Lawrence  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Tullahoma, TN  
Major: Biology (emphasis microbiology) and Chemistry  
Alisha’s goal is to become a physician and specialize in clinical genetics. She hopes to use the knowledge to better educate breeders.

14. Amber Lambie  
Arizona State University  
Escondido, CA  
Major: Recreational Tourism and Management  
Amber’s advice to Juniors - “Cherish the friendships because they mean more than anything.”

9. Shea Gephart  
University of Texas at Arlington  
Hurst, TX  
Major: Undecided  
Shea has been very active in showing career to date. She has qualified for Westminster several times. One of her most memorable wins was Best of Breed at the Australian Terrier National Specialty in 1994.

13. Leslie Jenkins  
Mississippi State University  
Jackson, MS  
Major: Veterinary Medicine  
Leslie hopes to become a Veterinarian and make medical advances that will help both breeders and pet owners.

11. Sarah Hill  
Southern Methodist University  
Houston, TX  
Major: Business  
Sarah’s advice to Juniors - “Make it fun for you and your dog.”

20. Jessica Plourde  
Manchester Community College  
Windsor, CT  
Major: Business  
Jessica’s advice to Juniors - “Listen to what your parents have to say, most of the time they have the best advice. Also, be helpful and encourage other Juniors.”
21. Carol Rappaport-Fish
University of NE/Omaha
Bellevue, NE
Major: Secondary Education/History
Carol got into the sport of purebred dogs through her
parents. They have helped her progress and mature in
the sport of dogs and its community. She knows one
day she will take over her parent’s kennel and hopes
she can do as well as they did.

22. Megan Riesch
State University of West
Georgia Mt. Zion GA
Major: Computer Science
Megan’s advice to
Juniors- “HAVE FUN!
Meet as many people as
can and learn about
many different breeds.”

23. Manuel Rodriguez
University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, PR
Major: Biology
Manuel holds the distinction of being the first
Junior from Puerto Rico to qualify for
Westminster. See Manuel’s article in this issue.

24. Angela Roesch
University of MO/St. Louis
St. Charles, MO
Major: Undecided
Angela got started in dogs
by competing in
Obedience. One day she
would like to become a
veterinarian and work with breeders to screen their
stock for genetic disorders.

25. Christopher Ryan
University of Connecticut
Westwood, MA
Major: Molecular and
Cell Biology
Chris’s advice to Juniors-
“It is imperative that
juniors enter the ring
with the priority being
learning not winning.”

26. Karyn Ryan
Miami University of Ohio
Westwood, MA
Major: Elementary
Education
Karyn’s advice to
Juniors- “Have fun,
develop a strong com-
nanship with your
dog, work hard because
it all pays off in the end,
and be a good sport.”

27. Christina Santos
State University of NY/Fredonia
Clarence Center
Major: Music Business
Chistina is very active in
Obedience (see article this issue).
Her advice to Juniors - “The
more you open yourself to
learning, the farther ahead you’ll be.”

28. Jessica Sedivy
Concordia College
Richville, MN
Major: Undecided
Jessica’s advice to
Juniors- “I would
encourage Juniors to
explore the other areas
offered by the American
Kennel Club, especially
those areas directly
related to the purpose
of your breed.”

29. Carley Jo Simpson
Palomar College
Snohomish, WA 98296
Major: Communications
Carley was introduced
to dogs through her
family. She has been
active with her local 4-H
group of which her
mother was the leader.
She hopes to continue
to promoting AKC com-
petition and junior show-
manship through her
involvement with 4-H.
THE 1999 DACHSHUND CLUB OF AMERICA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP
BY KANDICE KOSTIC

In October of 1998, I made a proposal to the board of the Dachshund Club of America (DCA) about holding a Junior Showmanship Workshop. DCA had no programs for Junior Showmanship except for Yearly Awards for the Top 10 Male and Female Handlers. The board approved my proposal.

In June 1999, at the national specialty in Frederick, Maryland, the first Dachshund Club of America Junior Showmanship Workshop was held. All expenses for the evening’s activities and a ring for the program were provided by the Dachshund Club of America. The Workshop was open to any Junior Handler, of any breed, who wanted to participate.

Three Junior Handlers, Katy Niebur, Ryan Harrison, and Alex Martin attended. The evening began with a round of miniature golf at a local course. We split up into girls versus boys with a female chaperone being allowed on the boys’ team. It was a close match, but the girls triumphed.

 Afterwards, everyone was hungry so we went for dinner. After polishing off some pizza, we returned to the hotel. Then the Junior Handlers got their dogs for the hands-on portion of the evening.

Angela Lloyd spoke to the Juniors about her experiences in Junior Showmanship and winning Best Junior Handler at both Crufts and Westminster. Angela graciously answered all the questions the Juniors asked. Many of them dealt with her European trip and the differences in handling style.

The experience levels of the Juniors in attendance varied from beginning Novice Junior to Open Senior so we decided to begin with the basics. Angela and I showed how to stack the dogs and gait them properly. We had each Junior and their dog do an exam on the table followed by each junior gaiting their dog through a simple floor pattern. Each Junior was given individualized tips on how to get the most out of their dogs.

Diane Poranski, a noted Dachshund breeder, spoke during the handling session about how her experiences as a Junior Handler have affected her as a breeder/owner/handler and gave the kids handling advice. It was very continued on page 8
interesting to hear how Junior Showmanship has changed over the years.

The Juniors and the Speakers wholeheartedly enjoyed the Workshop. Ryan Harrison has decided to begin showing in Junior Showmanship as a result of his participation. His mother came up to us the next day to tell us that he couldn't stop talking about the workshop and how he had insisted on showing them everything he had learned.

Katy Niebur said, "The juniors workshop was a ton of fun! I had a blast meeting everybody. It would have been a bit better if we had more than three juniors attending, but there were still really good questions being asked. Angela and Diane were great! I had always wanted to meet Angela because I had heard of all of her successes in the past. Mini golf was great! It was a fun "bonding" experience. I learned a lot and I'm glad I went. I can't wait until next year!"

Planning has already begun for the second Junior Handling Workshop at the 2000 DCA national specialty in Phoenix, Arizona. Suggestions for the Workshop include a grooming seminar, another handling seminar, and a discussion of the breed history and standard. For our fun activity, horseback riding, hot air ballooning, a Safari park trip or racing go-karts were offered by the Juniors as things that they would like to do. Once again, all Junior Handlers, prospective Junior Handlers, Junior Judges, and prospective Junior Judges will be welcome to attend.

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**UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS**

**PA Carlisle - September 18**
Junior Showmanship Seminar held in conjunction with the Pembroke Welsh Cogi National Specialty. Immediately following the Junior judging there will be pizza party for Juniors along with a discussion with the judge Mrs. Camilla Thorne.

**AL Mobile - November 7**
"Junior Showmanship Seminar" by Lorraine Bisso Sponsored by the Mobile Kennel Club in conjunction with their show.

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