

AKC JR. NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE AKC JUNIOR ORGANIZATION, VOL. 1, NO. 1 OCTOBER, 1997

Welcome to the first issue of the AKC JR. NEWS. All Juniors who have an AKC Junior number are automatically enrolled in the organization and will receive the newsletter.

One of the first activities of the National Junior Organization was adding a page for Juniors to the AKC WEB Site <http://www.akc.org/>. This has been available since February. One of the first activities on the WEB PAGE was voting for a logo for the new National Juniors Organization. Three logos were on the WEB for two months; votes were counted electronically. The winning logo was used for the enclosed pin designated for the National Juniors Organization.

Please feel free to write us with any suggestions, comments, questions, things you would like to see either on the WEB PAGE, in the Newsletter or in future programs. We look forward to hearing from you!

AKC LISTENS

Did you ever think the AKC would listen to your comments and concerns? Well we have. Many of you may remember receiving a questionnaire over a year ago. What we learned is that one of the main issues Juniors are concerned about is the quality of their judging.

At the June 1997 Board meeting, a proposal was approved establishing a new status—Junior Showmanship Judges Limit. Those who have this status will only be able to judge Junior Showmanship at a Specialty show for a breed that they are approved to judge.

In addition, a new Observation report was developed to assist the Field Representatives when observing. The objective of this



status is to encourage judges who are not comfortable judging Juniors at an All Breed Show to self limit, which would still allow them to judge at a Specialty of a breed they are approved to judge. The thought is at a Specialty they would be familiar with how the breed is to be presented, and this would also accommodate the Specialty Club with a Judge and hopefully Juniors will be offered. Unfortunately, we have found that if a Specialty Club has hired a judge who is not approved to judge Juniors, they may not try to find someone else and not offer the classes, taking these opportunities away from you.

The new Limit Status will not go into effect until March of 1998, allowing the time needed to notify the judges and the Show Chairman. ■

IRISH SETTER CLUB OF AMERICA

JUNIOR SEMINAR

There are a few National breed clubs providing seminars for Juniors in conjunction with the National Specialty. The Collie Club of America has successfully held seminars for the last few years.

The following is a report from Peter Kubacz on the Irish Setter Club of America National Junior Seminar, given June 19, 1997 in conjunction with the National Specialty held in Rhode Island. Peter is from Jackson, New Jersey, and is currently competing in Open Junior with an Irish Setter.

Irish Setter Club of America National Junior Seminar by Peter Kubacz

The I.S.C.A. National Junior Seminar was great! Eileen Hackett did one of the best Junior seminars I've attended.

She started off by putting us in age and experience groups. Then she pulled one group at a time and judged and cor-

rected each person. She also had the Juniors who were watching on the side judge on a pad of paper. Ms. Hackett then placed 1 through 4 in each group. When she was finished, she called back each winner. She then judged Best Junior.

After she finished judging she proceeded to put blindfolds on us. Then she told us to stack our dogs!!! Next she said we could help each other, and we did!

Later that night, at 11:00, we had our own seminar. About 10 to 12 of us showed our dogs. Some of us traded dogs to get experience with

other people's dogs. Later on we all left, confident of winning the next day. All in all we had fun and learned a lot.

We are encouraging National breed clubs to offer seminars for Juniors. Please let us know what is going on with your breed or what your National breed club is doing for Juniors. ■



QUESTIONS FOR JUNIORS

We are interested in learning as much as we can about your interests and current involvements as well as wanting to encourage you to be responsible dog owners and breeders of the future. We hope you broaden your horizons and participate in other AKC sponsored events or activities with your dog.

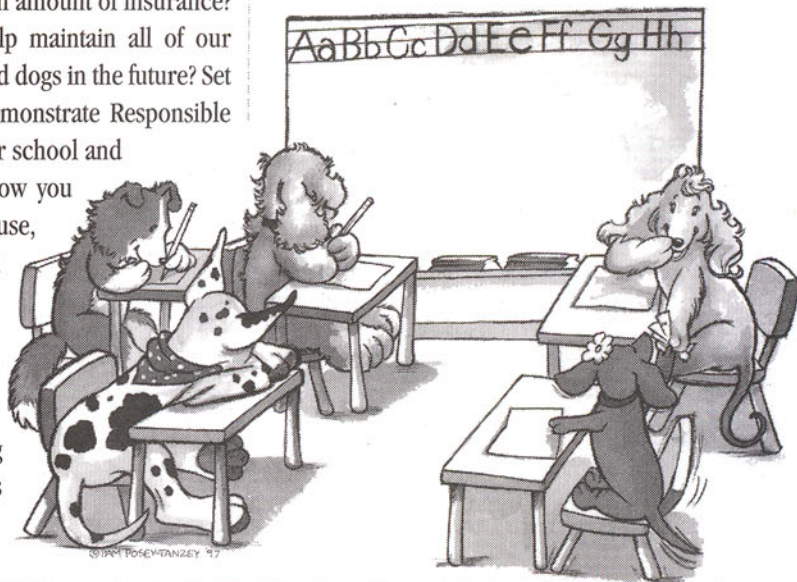
Responsible dog ownership starts with basic training. Although it may not seem important to you at this moment, it may be in the future. Did you realize there are communities, whole cities, that limit the number of dogs you may own, as well as your right to breed dogs? Some communities today make special allowances for dogs with a Canine Good Citizenship title, and this may also allow for a reduction in your

families home owners insurance.

Did you realize that in some neighborhoods, owners of certain breeds are required by law to have a certain amount of insurance?

How can you help maintain all of our rights to own and breed dogs in the future? Set a good example - demonstrate Responsible Dog Ownership in your school and community. Let us know you already helped the cause, and let us help you in the future. AKC has developed programs to be used in schools to teach students about Responsible Dog Ownership—perhaps you would like to put

one on or assist with one in your school, community or in another group to which you belong, like Scouts. For more information about Educational Programs that are available contact, Noreen Baxter, Public Education Department at (212) 696-8336. ■



JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP SEMINAR, BRUSH PRAIRIE

The first of hopefully many in the future, the AKC-sponsored seminar for Juniors, was held on July 11 in Brush Prairie, Washington, in conjunction with the Brush Prairie Cluster. Many thanks to Carol Williams, Show Chairman & Show Coordinator for Greater Clark County Kennel Club, for assisting with the coordination of the tent, chair, equipment and lunch.

The program started with a presentation by Dr. Patricia Haines on Anatomy, Care and Conditioning. Dr. Haines, has been involved in the Sport of Purebred Dogs all her life and competed successfully in Junior Showmanship, winning first at Westminster Kennel Club. Dr. Haines obtained her degree in Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University. She currently is a partner in a large and small animal practice. In addition, she continues to breed and exhibit Pointers, Foxhounds and Golden Retrievers. Currently, Dr. Haines is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

The program was an overview of the general care a dog needs from its first shot as a puppy through adulthood. Discussions included emphasis on knowing your dog in order to immediately recognize any abnormal signs of stress or behavior. All aspects of maintaining a healthy dog including care, conditioning, bathing and grooming were discussed. Suggestions were given on developing an emergency kit and the general necessities one should have to care for a dog properly when traveling.

One of the ambitions of the AKC National Juniors Organization is to develop a means of recognizing the involvement of Juniors in all other AKC-sponsored events: Obedience, Agility, Herding, Earth Dogs and the Field Trials.

As an introduction, Mr. Tom Frampton,

Administrative Assistant of Obedience, explained the Canine Good Citizen Test and the importance of responsible dog ownership in the future. Anyone who wished to was given the opportunity to take their dog through the CGC Test that afternoon. We were thrilled that over 40 Juniors participated successfully with their dogs.

The Professional Handlers Association was represented by the President, Mr. Ollie Glick, who explained the PHA apprenticeship program. This is a program for individuals 18 years or older, who must be sponsored by a PHA member. Anyone interested in learning more about the apprenticeship program should first talk to their local PHA members and the PHA organization.

Mr. Tim James, of Onofrio Dog Show Organization, previewed their plans to expand their support of Junior Showmanship in 1998. This includes offering educational material as awards for Juniors at the shows superintended by Onofrio. Additional opportunities might include working with a superintendent or, if geographically feasible, coming to the office to see how it runs. The Onofrio Organization is hoping to get support of other professionals within the fancy to offer additional learning opportunities, possibly including a weekend with a show photographer, time with a specialist handler, and the Steward organizations. We would be interested to hear what other activities and aspects of the fancy you would like to learn about. How about tents, or setting up a show? Or, how about on-site mechanics or interaction with other individuals who participate in the fancy who come from other careers or professions? Perhaps we can assist in introducing you to one in which you are interested.



Dr. Patricia Haines

The day concluded with everyone having the opportunity to participate in an in-ring evaluation. Stacy Duncan, of Woodinville, WA, winner of Juniors at the 1993 Westminster Kennel Club, worked with Juniors who are competing on the Open level, while Candace Walker of Portland, OR, Brianne Major of Eugene, OR, and Jennifer Holmberg of Auburn, WA, worked with those who were competing at the Novice level. It was a great experience for all who participated.

Plans are already underway for Seminars in 1998; one has been scheduled for Friday, July 24th, Waukesha, WI. If you live in that area, reserve the date. ■

THE JUNIOR SEMINAR BY CANDICE WALKER

From my experience of the seminar, it was very informational. I feel that we should have more similar to it. I think it really helped us juniors understand a lot about the Junior Showmanship Program. I thought the juniors and parents were really interested in the Basic anatomy and vet care. Dr. Haines gave a lot of good and useful information that we juniors can use.

Another thing that I felt the juniors had fun in and was helpful, was the in-ring evaluation. I thought it was a good idea that you had an ex-junior and juniors that are competing now, evaluate. I was one of the evaluators and I had a lot of fun. The juniors didn't seem to mind the fact that they were receiving help from other juniors.

I think that we should really keep up with the junior program. The seminars and evaluations are very informational and fun. Keep up the good work, Mari-Beth. We all really appreciate it. ■

WORDS FROM A JUNIOR

BY JASON LYNN

It is with great satisfaction that I am able to contribute to history in the making: the first issue of the American Kennel Club's Juniors newsletter. For those of you I do not know, allow me to introduce myself, and give you a background of my involvement in Junior Showmanship and the sport of purebred dogs in general.

Unlike many of you, I did not grow up in a "dog" family. I discovered the world of dogs entirely on my own. One day, when I was seven years of age, I came inside after playing with the neighborhood kids, and turned on the television. As fate would have it, the channel was USA, and being broadcast was a replay of the previous night's 1997 Westminster Best In Show line-up. I watched with great interest as the most beautiful German Shepherd Dog I had ever seen (whom I later learned



Ch. Covy-Tucker Hill's Manhattan

was CH Covy-Tucker Hill's Manhattan) graced the Garden floor and captured Best. Thus began my obsession with show dogs.

For days, weeks and soon months, I thought of almost nothing else. I checked out every dog book in my elementary school library, reading anything and everything I could get my hands on. In August of that year my parents picked up a copy of *Dog World* magazine during a trip to the grocery. That issue became my Bible; I read the articles until I was exhausted, then once more for good measure. I especially loved Walter Fletcher's column; I believe "Eastern Shows" was the title. Therein contained descriptions of that seemingly magical world—the dog show.

After a year of my constant begging, research and phone calls, my parents bought me a sable rough Collie, my first purebred. Although he was far from being a contender in the ring, I trained him as though he was a special dog. The following summer I won, "Grand Champion Junior Handler" at the county fair dog show.

Over the next couple of years, I spent two nights each week at a local 4-H Club training class. There I met kids my own age who participated in obedience, as well as adults who were fairly active in the breed ring. I was able to attend only a handful of shows a year. I made up for this by continuing my reading and studying the different breeds, shows and anything else remotely related to dogs. Many owners let me practice with their dogs in the handling classes. Breeders would often let me help train their puppies and ring hopefuls.

As time went on, I think my parents began to realize that my commitment was in earnest, not a childish phase I would eventually outgrow. Perhaps that's why they gave in so quickly when I asked them for a Basset Hound. For whatever reason, they did, and I have been involved with the breed ever since.

Over the past few years, I've enjoyed success in both JS and the breed ring. I've qualified for the Garden several times, making the finals there twice, and placing 3rd ('95) and 2nd ('97). I have won Best Junior and three National Specialties (Bassets, Goldens, and Cockers Spaniels). In '94, I was runner-up at the Pedigree JS National Invitational. This past February, I came back and won the event.

The latter win entitled me to



Jason Lynn

a trip to Crufts in March to represent the U.S.A. in the Pedigree Chum International Junior Handling Final held in Birmingham, England, in conjunction with Crufts. There, 25 other Juniors from around the world gathered to compete under Judge Mr. Paolo Dondina of Italy. The winner was Victoria Moen-Morch of Norway, who handled an Ibizan Hound. Second, was Helena Hutchings of the U.K. with a Bearded Collie. I am happy to report that I placed 3rd with a Wire-Fox bitch. I now understand why Crufts is called the world's greatest show. In size alone (this year around 18,000 dogs), the event is nothing short of amazing. Experiencing magnificent and his-



Jason Lynn at 1996 American Spaniel Club

toric England is something I will never forget!

I have finished several Champions in the Breed, most recently my Golden bitch. Some of you may remember "Chase," the Basset I showed in Juniors last year. With him I won my first Group, and a large specialty Best. I was able to put him to the top ten for '95 as well. I have also bred a couple of litters, with the young dogs beginning to get their first points, and others still waiting for their ring debuts.

I plan to stay as active in the sport as time will allow. I cannot imagine my world without dogs. Not only have they been a hobby, but a giant portion of my life. I realize now more than ever the benefits of participating in the sport of dogs: learning responsibility and dedication; finding that the harder you work toward a goal the greater the end result; the opportunities for travel; forming friendships with others around the country and world, both young and old; gaining confidence in yourself and your abilities; and most importantly, seeing your efforts manifest themselves in a healthy, beautiful, happy, well-trained dog.

After my win at Crufts, I decided "to retire" from the Juniors ring, although I was able to compete until June. I felt that I had done enough, and decided to go out on a high note. I suppose that now I must face the question every Junior does at this stage in his or her life: Where do I go from here? At this point I see myself becoming a breeder/owner/handler of Bassets and Golden.

There was a time when I would have told you that all I wanted to do when I "grew up" was to show dogs, every weekend, every year, for the rest of my life. It was a time when ribbons meant more than life itself. I'm sure that there are many of you who feel or have felt the same way at one time or another. Today, I realize that there are many other ways to contribute to and participate in the sport of dogs. We are young, and must take advantage of the opportunities before us. We need to educate ourselves, experience the "real" world, and find balance in our lives. Sometimes it feels like everything has to be done today, right now. There is going to be

another dog show tomorrow, next weekend, next year, ten years from now. Believe it or not, the world will not end if you have to skip a few shows each month while in college. And they will still be there, waiting for you, when you show up at a grooming area, dog in tow, but this time with a Master's Degree.

Please do not think I am trying to persuade anyone from pursuing a

career in dogs—far from it. I am just asking everyone to stand back and examine all options before determining your fate, while you still have that option. The best way to contribute to the sport is by becoming an intelligent, experienced, well-rounded dog person and representative of the fancy. We are real winners in the end. ■

Jason wrote this article in the spring. We congratulate him on his success and on being a recipient of an AKC scholarship.



Jason exhibiting at the Crufts Dog Show

AKC SCHOLARSHIPS

For the first time the AKC offered Scholarships for Juniors.

The Criteria for awarding scholarships include any or all of the following: 1) Applicants need 2) Applicants academic achievement and potential 3) Applicants involvement in the fancy.

The applicants were asked to submit unofficial copies of transcripts and an essay discussing their future role in the fancy

We are pleased to announce that the recipients of these awards are:

Rebecca Collins, Walpole, MA
Becker College, Leicester, MA

Jennifer Corr, Alamo, CA
Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

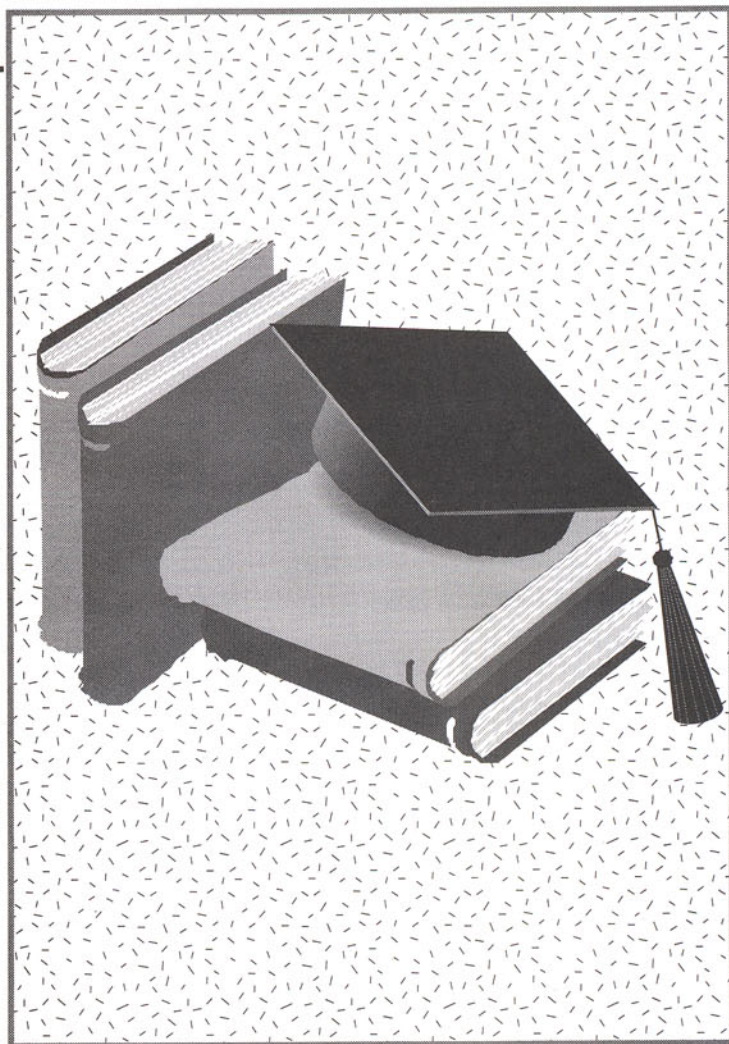
Stacy Duncan, Woodinville, WA
Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA

Jason Lynn, Elizabethtown, KY
Elizabethtown Community College, Elizabethtown, KY

Karen Oglesby, Soldot, AK
University of Nevada, Las Vega, NV

Angela Lloyd, Clarksburg, MD
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Charles Stout, Jacksonville, FL
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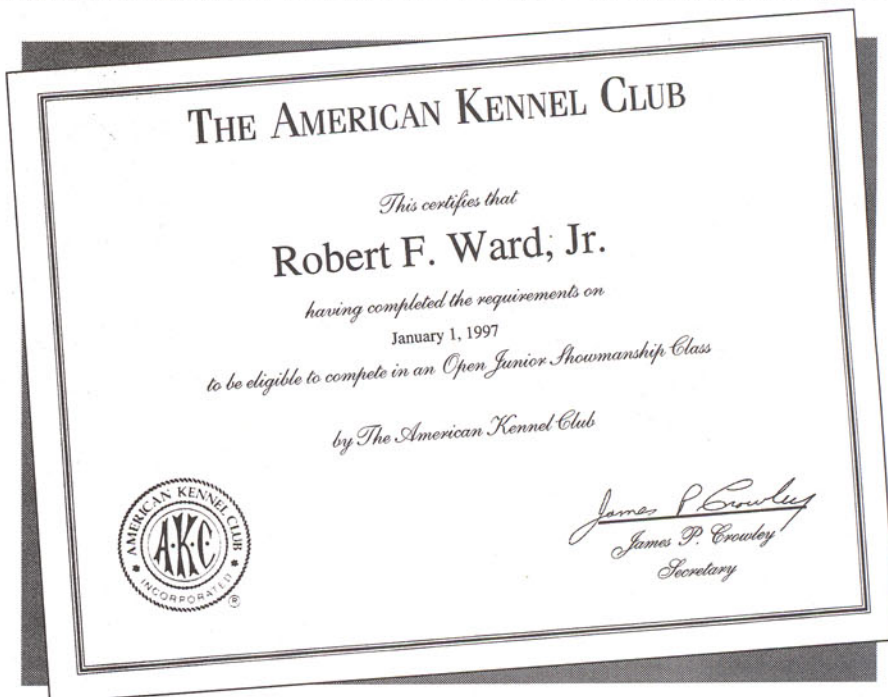


Congratulations to all. Announcements for applications for the 1998 scholarship will be on the Junior WEB pages: <http://www.akc.org/> and in future JSNEWS. ■

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CERTIFICATES

The AKC is now issuing a Certificate for the Juniors who have qualified for Open, which will be sent to you automatically once the results from that dog show have been processed.

If you became eligible prior to June 1, 1997, it is necessary to request a certificate in writing to: American Kennel Club, Linda Loveland, Junior Certificate, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390. You must supply the shows and dates where each First in Novice was obtained. ■



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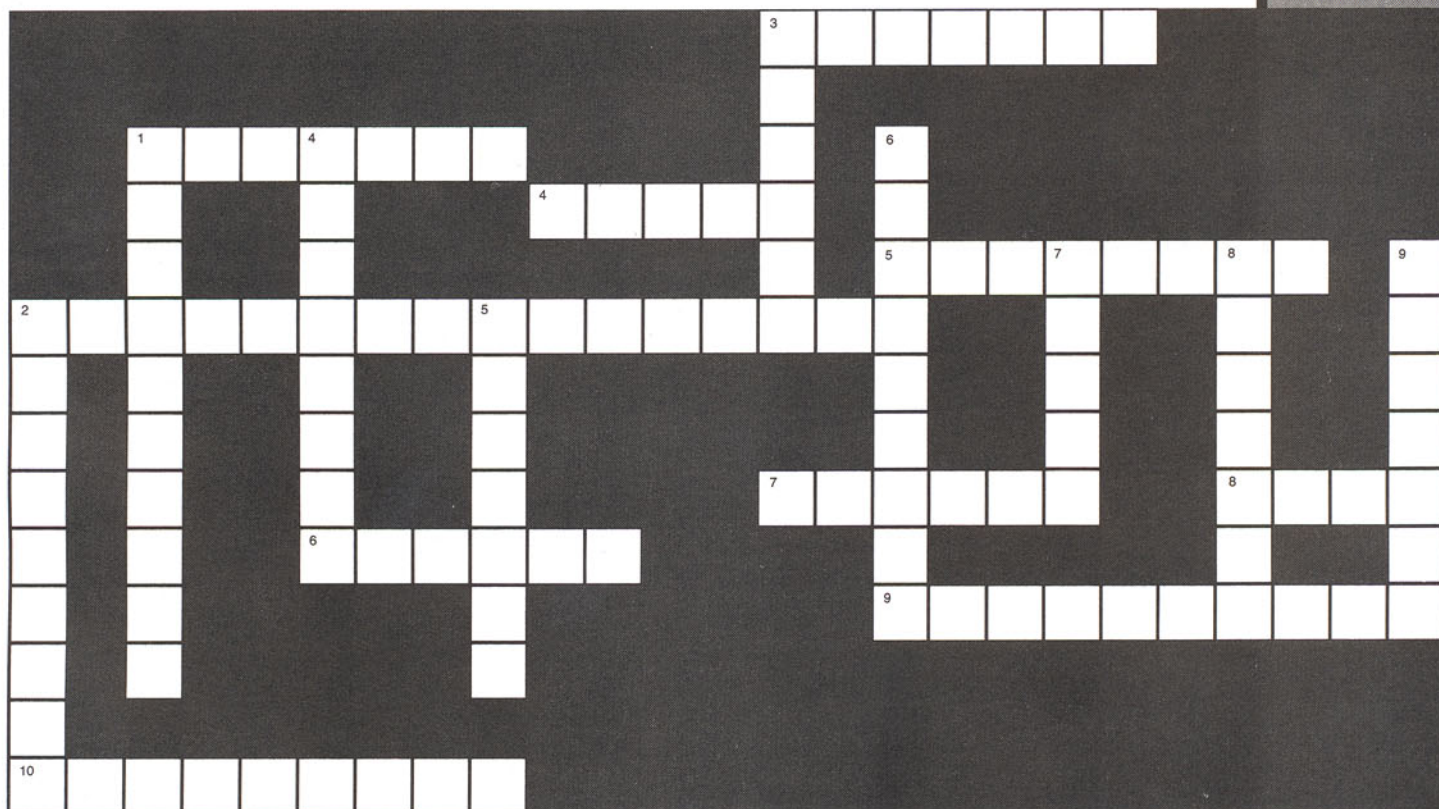
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ACROSS ■■■■

1. A flushing spaniel described as long, low and heavy, with massive bone and rectangular in shape.
2. A breed standard _____ might be for height or weight.
3. A distinctive white marking on the chest of this breed is described as an inverted cross.
4. The Pomeranian, Keeshond and American Eskimo are considered in the _____ family.
5. A breed currently in the Miscellaneous Class, considered to be part of the Bichon family.
6. The American _____ dog, was a recent addition to the Non-Sporting Group.
7. A Sporting breed that originated in Hungary.
8. A Herding breed that may be exhibited in a corded coat or brushed out.
9. A Working breed of German origin that is currently #2 in registration.
10. The breed featured in Disney's 101 _____.

DOWN ■■■

1. A breed that originated from dogs salvaged from a ship wreck off the coast of Maryland.
2. The breed that has been referred to as the "hot dog."
3. The Russian Wolfhound.
4. A sled pulling breed.
5. The _____ Spitz.
6. The Best In Show winner at the 1997 Westminster Kennel Club show was a Standard _____.
7. The Japanese breed in the Working Group.
8. The Chinese _____, is known for its hippopotamus mouth.
9. A Herding breed whose origins are Belgium and France.



WANTED

- Articles profiling you as a Junior.
- Articles about your outside activities.
- Photos
- Puzzles and games
- Suggestions
- Ideas

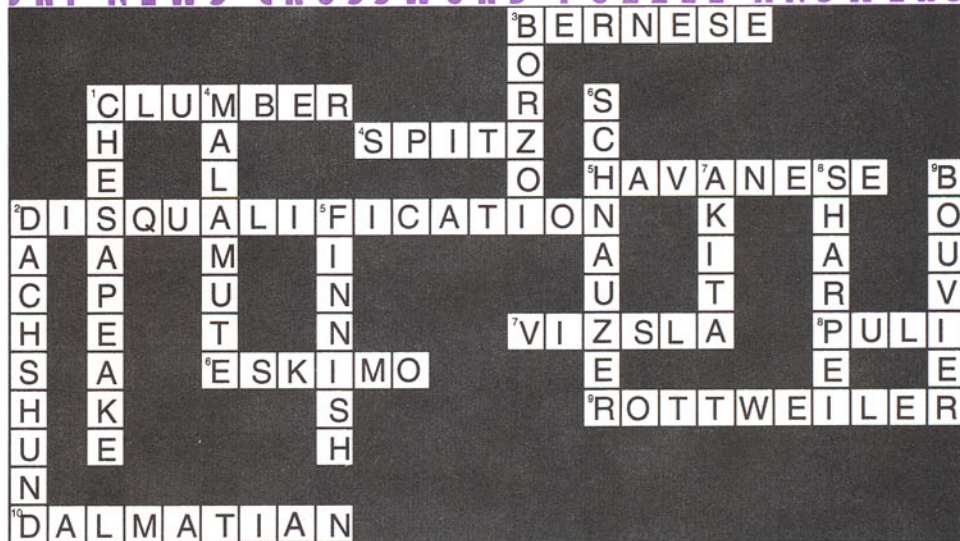
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