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A Message from Mari-Beth O'Neill

The Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic has caused changes to all of our lives causing the cancellation of AKC events in all sports. AKC Staff are working daily to assist clubs moving forward.

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and the loss of Junior Showmanship opportunities, the AKC Board approved allowing a Junior who turned 18 on or after March 1, 2020 to be able to continue to compete as a Junior through October 31, 2020. This will allow these Juniors to compete through the qualifying dates for the AKC National Championship and Westminster Kennel Club. The AKC National Championship eligibility criteria has been revised for 2020 to be 3 wins in Open with competition and a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average or equivalent.

Included in this newsletter are opportunities for you to earn Trick Dog Titles while you are practicing social distancing.

Please stay safe during these trying times.

[Junior Clinics](#)

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Earn Trick Dog Titles Virtually

Looking for something fun to do at home? AKC Trick Dog Titles are now being earned virtually! It is fun and easy to participate! There are five AKC Trick Titles you and your dog can



earn. Submit a video to earn your title!

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Canine College Conformation for Beginners Course

The AKC has released a free Conformation for Beginners online course as a part of AKC Canine College. This comprehensive video course covers the basics of how a dog show works, ring etiquette, and the secret to the perfect stack. The Conformation for Beginners video course is the perfect resource for any Junior that dreams of mastering the ring.

[Enroll Now](#)



"At Home with My Dog" Art Contest

The American Kennel Club is hosting an art contest! Show us what "At Home with my Dog" looks like for you! Anyone from kindergarten students to adults are eligible to enter. The top winner in each age/grade level category will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

[How To Enter](#)

Then & Now
AKC National Championship Finalists December 2001



We reached out to the 2001 finalists to find out where they are today and how participating in AKC Events influenced their lives. These finalists include a Veterinarian, Pediatric Dentist, Nurse, AKC Staff Member and successful professional handlers. Over the next few newsletters we will provide you with their answers to our questions.



Whitney Meeks

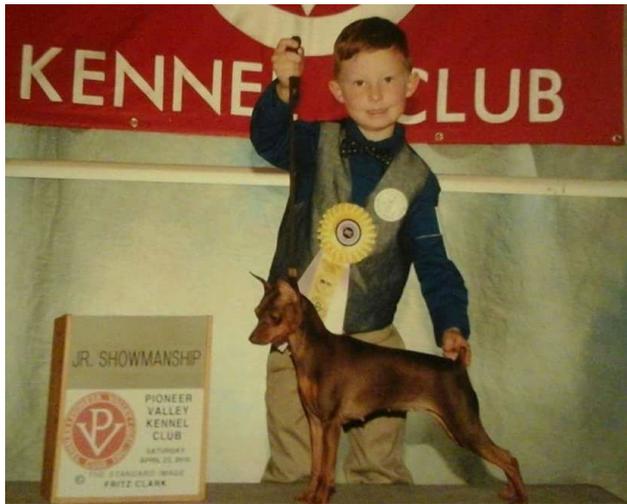


Bill Ellis

Junior Spotlight: Jack Mihlek

My name is Jack Mihlek and I am 9 this year. My grandmother has two Miniature Pinschers that she shows in Obedience, Breed, Rally, and Barn Hunt. They are both Chocolate/Rust girls and I show the younger girl, Sunsprite Ms Molly Brown, in Juniors and regular Breed class also. I showed for the first time when I was 6, peewee and other events, and was excited to finally enter AKC Juniors! MinPins are definitely a challenge to show and the thing I like best is figuring out what kind of mood your dog is in and then trying to get them to look their best in the ring!

Hanging out with all the people at a dog show is super cool, the people all get to know you and it's nice to be recognized for whatever you do in the ring. Dog shows are fun!



Junior Spotlight: Cecelia Keech

Hello! My name is Cecelia Keech. I am 13 years old and the oldest of five sisters. I enjoy swimming, running cross-country, and playing soccer. I have two Newfoundlands, Baron and Bowie. A year and a half ago, while my mom was showing Bowie, her friend Jenny asked if I was interested in showing her Newf Mo. I thought "why not?" When showing Mo, I didn't quite know what I was getting myself into. But after showing him, I knew I wanted to show again!

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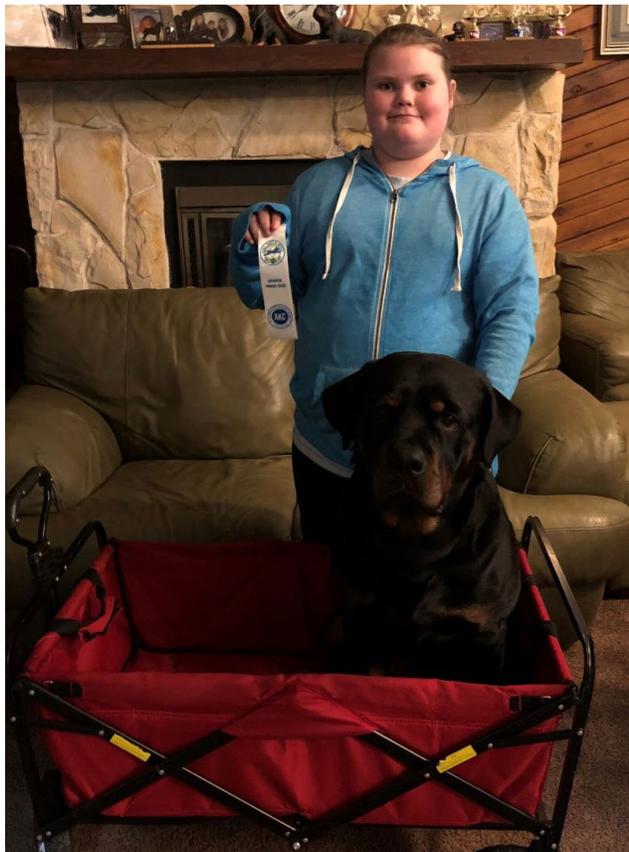
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Junior Photo Gallery Westminster 2020





Title Earners



Caitlyn Hayes earned the Novice Trick Dog Title.



Emma Hughes earned the Trick Dog Novice with two dogs, Milly & Dottie (above).



Emma Scheier earns the Rally Novice title.



Rachel Gendron earns the Farm Dog Certified title

Around the Ring



4-H Competition



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Montgomery 2018



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Bevin and his Whippet, Steve.

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