



AKC Junior News

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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.

If you have already qualified for the AKC National Championship, please submit your transcript and permission form. You may submit to juniors@akc.org or fax to 919-816-3770.

Please make sure we have a current email address for you. We will be sending the AKC National Championship letters via email this year.

Included in this newsletter are opportunities for you to earn [Trick Dog Titles](#), [Virtual Rally Novice](#), [Virtual Rally Intermediate](#) and [Virtual ACT1 & 2](#) while you are practicing social distancing.

We are also pleased to announce the 2020 Junior Scholarship Recipients. This year we awarded scholarships to Juniors who competed specifically in [Performance Events](#), [Companion Events](#) and [Junior Showmanship](#).

Questions have arisen regarding the co-ownership of dogs by Juniors. AKC provides a special form allowing for a Junior to be signed onto a dog at a reduced fee of \$10. The intent is to provide a dog for the Junior to exhibit in Junior Showmanship. It is important that there is a thorough understanding by all parties involved of the intent of the co-ownership arrangement between the current owner of the dog and the Junior and their family. It is appreciated that there are individuals who are willing to share their dogs with Juniors to provide new opportunities for them in Junior Showmanship.

Please stay safe during these trying times.

AKC Virtual Titles & Events

Looking for something fun to do at home? Titles in Trick Dog, ACT, and Rally can now be earned virtually! Click below for instructions.



Trick Dog Titles

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ACT 1 & ACT 2 Titles

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Rally Titles

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AKC Through My POV

The AKC experience is unique for everyone and we want to see how you enjoy sports and events with your Purebred or Canine Partner! Submit your videos and you may be featured on [AKC.org](https://www.akc.org) and [AKCtv](https://www.akctv.com). To join, [download the app](#) to create an account and then click on "AKC Through My POV."

[Get Started](#)



AKC Canine and Me

AKC Canine and Me is a new program to introduce teenagers to AKC Sports and Events. Participants can achieve milestones and win prizes by recording themselves and their dogs completing various skills. Get started with August's challenge: Basic Skills.

[Learn More](#)



Got Training Question?

Join AKC GoodDog! Helpline trainers for a webinar on at-home puppy training tips and advice during quarantine. This webinar will include a discussion with Penny Leigh, a Certified Trainer with the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers and GoodDog! Helpline program lead. The webinar will then open up to a brief Q&A session.

[Register Here](#)

Junior Stories

Thank you to Luke Edmonson, Lexi Halter, Rachel Head, Savanna Michalak, and Rebecca Skahan for sharing their experiences in Juniors. Want to share your own story? Send it to juniors@akc.org.

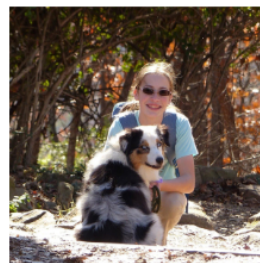
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Luke & Apple



Lexi & Morty

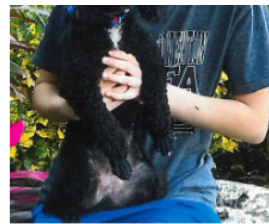


Rachel & Perle





Savanna & Sky



Rebecca
(Scholarship Recipient)

Junior Photo Gallery

St. Bernard National Specialty



Around the Ring



Nicole Nehrer



Rachel Reba & Ribbons



Wheaton KC PeeWee Competition



Rachel Clark, Greyslake IL All Breed Show and
Combined Specialties

Juniors learn what it takes **TO BE**
BEST IN SHOW



Lagniappe Classic Dog Show - [see full article](#).

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