

Junior Showmanship

“How to get started in one of the best family sports”

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- “A way for you and your dog to connect with each other!”
- “Something you and your dog can do together!”
- “Your dog could be a great junior showmanship dog!”
- “You and your dog could go to Westminster for juniors!”
- “Your dog could become the next top dog in America!”
- “Fun sport!”
- “A great hobby!”
- “You and your family can enjoy it together!”
- “A way to socialize with people!”
- “You can get scholarships for Junior Showmanship!”
- “Junior showing could/can take you places!”

Dedication

I would like to dedicate this book to my father whose enthusiasm and encouragement helped me to create this book.

I would also like to dedicate this book to: my mother, my two grandmothers, my grandfather, Olivia Tedesco, my friends, Barbara Butterworth, Jeani McKenney, Jan Thomas and Nancy Drourr.

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Requirements/How to Get Started

Do you love dogs? Want a great hobby/sport? If yes, you should get involved in Junior Showmanship. Junior Showmanship is for children ages 10 to 18 who own a dog or who have a family dog and want to show.

I have outlined some helpful guides to getting started. Such as: learning about Junior showmanship, becoming a Junior Handler, and beginning your lifetime in dog showing. This booklet will help you begin your quest in dog showing and will have a positive impact on your life.

Online Information

Before you do anything you will need to find some information about Junior Showmanship. You could look on-line at www.olee.com or www.akc.org, or www.infodog.com. There is also an AKC Junior E-Newsletter that you can sign up for at: <http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/jrnews/signup.cfm>. There is lots of good information about Junior Showmanship and dog showing in general. If you want to learn about registering a dog or official rules of the competitive shows, visit www.akc.org. If you want to find a list of shows that are in your area or results of a most recent show, just check out www.infodog.com. You can even view winners' pictures or check out shows across the country! www.olee.com will help you get started as a Junior Handler.

Types of Shows

After you find information about Junior Showmanship, you might attend a dog show. There are many types of junior showing that the AKC recognizes and they are:

1. *Confirmation*
2. *Agility*
3. *Obedience*
4. *Herding*
5. *Lure Coursing*
6. *Earth Dog*

7. *Hunt Tests*
8. *Field Trials*

There are also AKC sanctioned matches. These are not official shows but are competition practice. The matches cost nothing but are a good place to go and practice for the real thing. Matches are fun to go to because they have raffles, games, etc.

Choosing a Dog

There is a lot involved in choosing a dog that is right for you and your family. The best method for choosing a dog is to attend dog shows. You can observe the types of breeds, talk to breeders and dog handlers. Bring along questions. You will find that everyone at the shows is very willing and able to talk about their dogs and the different breeds. Once you have chosen a breed, then you need to decide whether you want a dog or a bitch. Dog means boy or male and bitch means girl or female. Dog handlers and the AKC call boy dogs "dogs" and girl dogs "bitches." After you choose your breed and gender, it's time to buy your dog. For a good bloodline, go to a breeder to purchase your dog. It will show well and will have better health conditions.

1. *Attend a dog show in your area*
2. *Observe the different breeds and genders*
3. *Talk to a breeder about the kind of dog your interested in purchasing.*
4. *Buy the dog that fits all of your standards*

Equipment

Before you go to a show, you will need some basic equipment, such as a dog crate, a show lead, a leash, a box/container to hold your supplies, a professional outfit, and treats for your dog. It really depends on your breed. For example, if your dog has a lot of hair, you will need scissors. You can buy equipment at a show or online.

1. *Dog crate*
2. *Show lead*
3. *Other necessary supplies that your breed requires*

4. *Container to hold supplies*

5. *A professional outfit*

- *For girls a nice top and skirt is appropriate. Or if you don't like skirts you can wear nice pants.*
- *For boys a nice suit is appropriate. Or you can wear nice pants and a top.*
- *Shoes don't matter as long as they are comfortable.*

Training and Practice

There are training classes for Obedience, Agility and Conformation. You need to find a good teacher--someone who has had experience in the shows and someone you can trust. You need to attend class each week; you should be sure to be on time for your classes. It is best to find a place close to where you live. There are classes offered across the country by experts. There are also all day clinics that are available to the public. I would suggest you try one of these, but this does not take the place of weekly classes. Sometimes you can find classes that are for children that want to learn about juniors. In the summer, there are also weeklong "camp-like" classes for juniors. They help you get better in the ring and how you show your dog. And you must practice; practice, practice or you will probably not win. To practice as though you are at a show, you can go to a match. Matches are like shows except you don't get points and you register when you get there.

1. *Find a local training class*
2. *Go regularly*
3. *Practice!!!*

Entering Shows

Before you enter a show, you and your dog need to be trained and prepared. Also, your dog or bitch needs to be at least 6 months old and needs to be registered with AKC or your local 4H club. In addition, you will need to apply for a junior handler number with the AKC. All this information of how to apply for a Junior Handler number or register your dog is available at the AKC website.

To enter a show you can go to www.infodog.com. The website is easy to use and has lots of helpful information. To find a show that is convenient for you, look up the show schedule by state. If you click on to the state of your choice, all the upcoming dog shows will be displayed. You will find the show names, kennel club that sponsors the show, date, time and the closing date for entries. You must sign up for a show and not just expect to be registered. The closing date will tell you when entries/registration forms will no longer be accepted. You can also enter through the mail.

You can choose a show and view the dates, location, and judging panel of that show. Also, some shows have special competition such as Best Veteran's, Variety, or Best Puppy. This adds some additional interest and competition to the show.

You can enter in junior's competition and/or the breed competition. It doesn't depend on your age to show in breed. You will need your dog's AKC number and your Junior Handler number to register for a competition. Soon after, you will get a conformation by email to confirm your entrance was accepted. In the mail, a week before the competition, you will get a program that lists the time schedule of the competition, the ring, and judge for all the competitions. Check to see your ring, judge, and time assignments to prepare for the day. Also, in the same mailing there will be a notice that lists what you signed up for and your dog's registration.

1. *Register your dog through AKC*
2. *Pick a show*
3. *Three ways to enter a show are:*
 - a. *Online at www.infodog.com, or www.onofrio.com*
 - b. *Mail*

MB-F, Inc.
Superintendent
P.O. Box 22107
Greensboro, NC 27420
 - c. *Fax 336-272-0864 or 800-746-3297*
4. *Receive conformation form in mail*

Attending the Show

Before you leave the house, be sure you have everything you will need, such as: bait (treats for your dog to reward him/her), nail clippers, brushes, leads, water, dog food, table for grooming, etc.

Dress professionally and prepare your hair nicely. Flat or low-heeled shoes or sneakers are appropriate. Plan for your day. Bring your paper that shows what you entered and the schedule (Conformation form). Bring along driving directions and any other important papers. Get to the show earlier than your scheduled competition time so you can groom your dog and practice. The amount of time you will need to groom depends on the breed you have.

When it's almost show time, you will need to get your armband. To get your armband, go to the ring where your competition is, look in the show book (or you can buy a show book at the entrance to the ring) and find out your assigned number. Your number is also located on the confirmation form you receive in the mail. Ask the Steward for your number. The Steward has all the numbered bans. The Junior Handler must ask for the armband herself or himself not the parent or guardian. You should put the armband on your left arm above your elbow. The number should be visible and not under your arm. The Steward is the judge's helper in the ring. The Steward passes out all the numbered arm bans to the competitors.

You should get your dog ready on his/her lead and prepare to get in the ring. Take care of your dog at all times. The judges do not want to see your parent or guardian helping you. After all it is all about how you manage and care for your dog.

Listen for your number to be called. When the Steward calls your number, walk in the order that she or he calls you. The judge will tell you what to do. He or she might ask you to stack your dog or bitch by the size of the dog. Always listen to the judge's instructions and always be polite. If you are not sure what he/she said, don't be afraid to clarify. The judge generally likes to have the dogs/bitches line up according to size because it makes it easier when you move around the ring. The larger dogs gait (gait or gaiting means moving) and move faster than the smaller dogs. It keeps everyone from bumping one another. There are a couple of things you will be asked to do in the ring. The judge will instruct on the order. Not every Judge will ask you to do the same thing. The basic things you might be asked to do are:

Stack your dog: This is when you are presenting your dog to the judge. You present your dog at various times throughout the competition. To stack your dog you must always work from the front of the dog to the back of the dog. Front paw placement is first and then back paws. When you are waiting with everyone else in a line up for the judge's inspection, you should be aware of what's going on, for example, where the judge is and where you are in the line.

When you have completed a walk with your dog for the judge or when the judge is looking at your dog for an individual inspection, you should free bait your dog or get ready.

Table Stacking or Ground Stacking: Big dogs are stacked on the ground and small dogs are stacked on the ground and on the table. The small dogs are stacked on the ground when the judge is viewing all the dogs at the same time. When the small dogs go for individual inspection, they go on a table for the Judge to view them.

Walk/gait your dog: The judge can ask you to walk/gait your dog around the ring, in an L shape, up and down or in any way he would like to see the dog presented.

If the judge asks you to go around, look at the judge and smile. When it is your turn, you will need to stack your dog for the judge while everyone waits his or her turn. If it's a small dog, you will put it on the table. If it's a big dog you will need to stack it on the ground. Put the leash around your neck and lift the dog on the table. When you put the dog on the table, always look at the judge. Then you need first to place the front paws on the front of the table. If you have a big breed dog, you would do the same thing except you would be on the ground. After that, place the back feet in an upside down "L" shape. Hold the leash in the left hand and hold a cookie (bait) in the right hand. Hold out the cookie in front of the dog to get the dog to focus on the bait and look straight ahead. Look at the judge every couple of steps. This depends on the dog and how comfortable you are on the table.

The judge will then approach the dog and you. He/she will start the inspection of the dog from front to back. He/she will ask you to show

him/her the "bit." That means the teeth. You will then let go of the lead and use both your hands to pull down the chin and pull up the sides of the dogs nose and show both sides of the teeth including the front. The judge will look over the dog's body. He or she will tell you to take the dog off the table and walk/gait the dog in any way that he or she wishes. This could be a triangle, "L," "T," straight line, across or anyway that they want. The judge will do the same with everyone else. Don't forget to do a courtesy turn. You should have your dog ready and stacked before the last dog goes around. Also, you always need to be aware of where the judge is in the ring. Don't forget--always have fun.

The judge might ask everyone to go around one more time for a last look. That's when he/she might make his/her final decision. Then the judge will pick first, second, third and fourth. If you didn't get picked, you should show good sportsmanship to the winners who did get first and you should go and congratulate them. If you did win and people come and congratulate you, you will need to show them courtesy and say thank you back to them. You would probably want a picture if you win. If you didn't win, you should ask someone what you did wrong and what you should do better next time. Also, you could ask the judge what you did and what you should have done better. Don't worry if you did badly because there is always next time. Through losing you will learn how to win. Also never give up!

Summary in Short

The four things to remember to get started are:

1. Go to a show
 - Opportunity to meet breeders and other Junior handlers
 - See whether you would like to show a dog
2. Get a dog
 - Go to a show
 - Talk to breeders
 - Pick gender
 - Buy dog from a breeder
3. Train your dog
 - Find a good teacher and location

4. Enter a show
 - Register your dog
 - Online, by mail, or fax

5. Have fun!
 - This is an opportunity for you and your dog to do something together.
 - If you don't have a little fun, you will not win!
 - Try and have a happy balance.
 - You can have fun and still be competitive.

Key Websites and Books

Key Websites:

- www.akc.org
- www.infodog.com
- www.olee.com
- www.the-kennel-club.org.uk
- www.westminsterkenelclub.org
- www.onofrio.com
- <http://www.raudogshows.com>

Junior Specific Sites

All about Junior Showmanship

www.akc.org/dic/juniors/

Junior News and Views Newsletter sponsored by Pedigree

www.jrnewsandviews.com

Juniors World - History of Juniors, How to join Junior Showmanship

www.angelfire.com/co/JuniorsWorld/index.html

A link to several Juniors sites

www.petsuppliessearch.com/Recreation/Dogs/Activities/Showing/JuniorShowmanship/

Junior Handling Site the UK - Marina White

www.juniorhandling.co.uk

Kennel Clubs

American Kennel Club

www.akc.org

The Crufts Dog Show

www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/crufts/cruftsframe.html

The Westminster Kennel Club

www.westminsterkennelclub.org

Canadian Kennel Club

www.ckc.ca/default-refresh.asp

Local 4H Club

www.4h-usa.org

Listing of upcoming Dog Shows by State, Date, Local Club Matches, and Register for Shows

www.infodog.com

matchshow.home.att.net/index.htm

Canada's Dog Show Site

www.compupets.com/

Suggested Books

Best Junior Handler: A Guide to Showing Successfully in Junior Showmanship

by [Anne Olejniczak](#) (Contributor), [Denise Olejniczak](#), [Luana Luther](#) (Editor)

Publisher: Doral Publishing, Inc. Wilsonville, Oregon (August 1997).

The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Showing Your Dog (Absolute Beginner's Guide Series)

by [Cheryl S. Smith](#)

Publisher: Prima Publishing www.primapublishing.com

The New Complete Junior Showmanship Handbook: A Book of Instruction on How to Begin, How to Handle, and How to Win in Junior Showmanship Competition

by [Marsha Hall Brown](#), [Bethany Hall Mason](#) (Contributor)

Publisher: Hungry Minds, Inc; 2nd edition (September 1983)

The New Guide to Junior Showmanship

by [Connie Vanacore](#)

Publisher: Hungry Minds, Inc; (December 1994)

Show Me: A Dog Showing Primer

by [D. Caroline Coile](#)

Publisher: Barrons Educational Series; (January 1997)

Dog Showing for Beginners

by [Lynn Hall](#) (Author)

Publisher: Howell Book House; (December 1994)

The Winning Edge: Show Ring Secrets

by [George Alston](#) (Author)

Publisher: Howell Book House; (May 1992)

THE WINNING TEAM - A GUIDEBOOK FOR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

by [Gaile Haynes](#) (Author)

Publisher: Panache Publishing (2004)

Where to buy books

Amazon (look for Junior Handling or Junior Showmanship)

www.amazon.com

Dog wise (dedicated to dog books)

www.dogwise.com

Suggested Magazines and Newsletters

Dog Fancy Magazine

www.dogfancy.com/dogfancy/

AKC Junior E-Newsletter

<http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/jrnews/signup.cfm>

Dog Supplies

www.cherrybrook.com

www.petedge.com

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the largest Junior Show Events?
 - a. The Crufts Dog Show
 - b. The Westminster Kennel Club Show
2. How old does your child need to be to enter Junior Showmanship?
3. Is there a time limit on having to win 3 times in Novice Junior or Novice Senior?
4. What other events can my child enter besides AKC events?
5. Where can we learn more about Junior Showmanship?
6. Does my child need to register to start in Junior Showmanship?
7. Can my child show a neutered dog?
8. Can my child change dogs at a show?
9. What happens when my child wins 3 times in Novice Junior or Senior?
10. What happens when my child turns 14 and they are in Open Junior?
11. What happens when my child turns 18 and they are in Open Senior?
12. What is the judging criteria for Juniors?
13. Does my child need to wear special clothes?
14. Is this an expensive sport?
15. Is this a competitive sport?
16. Do you need to groom the dog before a show?
17. What equipment do you need to purchase?
18. Is it easier to show a small dog vs. a big dog?
19. Where do you find out about upcoming shows?
20. What is the history of Junior Showmanship?
21. Who can you talk with about Juniors?
22. Where can you find out about local handling classes in our geographic location?
23. Who manages the shows?
24. Is there Junior Scholarships available?
25. What is the telephone number of the AKC?

1. What are the largest Junior Show Events?

There are two events: the Crufts Dog Show held in March in England and the Westminster Kennel Club held in February at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

- a. ***The Crufts Dog Show*** is the largest and most attended dog show in the world. Crufts is held every March in England. With an entry of over 20,000 pedigree dogs competing for Best in Show, the show boasts an impressive entry of junior handlers from over thirty different countries. Website: www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/crufts/cruftsframe.html.
- b. ***The Westminster Kennel Club Show*** is held in February. It is where the best of the best junior handlers go head to head for a chance to compete at the Crufts show in England, the largest dog show in the world. In order to be eligible for this prestigious event, the junior must achieve 8 first places during that last year. There are over 100 participants who compete in Junior Showmanship. Website: www.westminsterkennelclub.org.
- c. **AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational Championship.** Juniors need to win 5 times in their class with a required minimum of competition. Website: www.akc.org/dic/invitational/2003/jrshow_5wins.cfm

2. How old does your child need to be to enter Junior Showmanship?

Your child needs to be between the ages of 9 to 18. There are six classes of competition based upon your child's age and experience. These six classes are further divided based upon Novice or Open. Novice is for children who are just starting out in juniors. Open is for children who have already won 3 first places with a minimum of 1 other entry in each competition. Novice Classes are a great way to get started because all the other children you are competing against are also just starting out in juniors. Definition of classes and a chart for reference purposes:

Novice Classes are for boys and girls who HAVE NOT won three first places awards with competition present at a licensed or member show - by the close of entries for this show.

Open Classes are for boys and girls who HAVE WON three first place awards with competition present at a licensed or member show - by the close of entries for this show.

Junior is for boys and girls at least 9 years old & under 12 years old on day of show.

Intermediate is for boys and girls at least 12 years old & under 15 years old on day of show.

Senior is for boys and girls at least 15 years old & under 18 years old on day of show.

Class	Age on day of Show	Requirement
Novice Junior	9 to 12	Has NOT won 3 first places in competition
Novice Intermediate	12 to 15	Has NOT won 3 first places in competition
Novice Senior	15 to 18	Has NOT won 3 first places in competition
Open Junior	9 to 12	Has WON 3 first place in competition
Open Intermediate	12 to 15	Has WON 3 first place in competition
Open Senior	15 to 18	Has WON 3 first places in competition or an Open Junior turns 14 to move up to Open Senior

Note: In January of 2005, the juniors program was modified by the AKC, by expanding the classes and lowering the age from 10 to 9. These two new changes allows kids to get started sooner and more classes allows kids to compete within their own age group but also have more opportunities to win and build confidence.

3. Is there a time limit on having to win 3 times in the Novice Classes?

No, there is no limit except your child's age. It could take a month to win all 3 first places or 3 months or a year. It all depends on how your child improves their skills and how often they compete in shows.

4. What other events can my child enter besides AKC events?

Check out the local match events in your area at www.infodog.com/showinfo/matches.htm. The local(s) dog clubs usually host matches. They are fun events and are not formal AKC events.

5. Where can we learn more about Junior Showmanship?

Check out the AKC's website: www.akc.org/dic/juniors/.

6. Does my child need to register to start in Junior Showmanship?

Yes, your child needs to register and they need to get an AKC Junior Showmanship handler number in order to enter shows. Go to the AKC's website and fill out the online form to request a number www.akc.org/dic/juniors/jrnoform.cfm. The form needs to be filled out and submitted by a parent or a legal guardian.

7. Can my child show a neutered dog?

Yes, you can in juniors as long as the family, a member of the family or the child competing owns the dog. Junior Showmanship Competition is competition on how well a child handles a particular dog. It is not about the dog representing a particular breed standard of perfection to be used for breeding. Conformation competition is all about the dog.

8. Can my child change dogs at a show?

Yes, you can change dogs, as long as you go to the show secretary at least an hour before the event. The dog being changed still needs to be owned by the family, family member or child showing.

9. What happens when my child wins 3 times in Novice Junior or Senior?

Your child moves up to Open Junior or Senior. It is based upon their age. Open Junior is for children 10 to 14 years old and Open Senior is for children 14 to 18 years old.

10. What happens when my child turns 14 and they are in Open Junior?

They move up to Open Senior.

11. What happens when my child turns 18 and they are in Open Senior?

They can no longer compete in juniors, but there are some other types of dog competition available to young 18 years old. Such as conformation, agility, obedience, or they can become a professional handler.

12. What are the judging criteria for juniors?

The judges judge the handler and dog based upon their presentation or the junior handling the dog. Judging is not about the dog.

13. Does my child need to wear special clothes?

Yes and No. Children do not need to purchase specific clothing. It is recommended that they wear nice clothing. Boys should wear a jacket, a tie, a dress shirt, a nice pair of slacks and comfortable walking shoes. Girls can either wear pants or a skirt and nice walking shoes. Your dress will also be dependent on whether or not you are at an outside show or an

indoor one. A recommendation, if you are being evaluated based upon your presentation, is that your child should wear the appropriate clothing. Don't wear shoes that are uncomfortable to walk in the grass outdoors. For example, girls should not wear high heels. Have you ever tried running with a sporting dog in high heels? You can end up hurting yourself. I saw it happen at a show with a young girl tripping and tumbling on the ground. Also, don't wear a long dress, as you can trip over it when you walk or run.

14. Is this an expensive sport?

It all depends how often your child shows and if you travel long distances to shows and stay overnight. If your child gets the dog showing fever, you could end up going to shows every weekend and all over the U.S. Potentially, if your child wins a lot, he or she could compete in national or international shows. The cost is all relative to your child's interest and success. If you go just a weekend a month locally, it is not an expensive sport. The key to success is practicing and taking some local handling classes where your child can learn from others. These classes can cost about \$10 for an hour group class that will not be juniors. Your child will get to meet adults who have been in the sport a long time or are just getting started. These classes can be a great social event for your child. They are fun and you can get advice and tips from other people who have been showing for a long time. You will also see these people in your class at shows. You will even start to cheer fellow classmates as they keep and succeed in the show ring. Your child may get so good that your fellow classmates may ask your child to handle their dogs in the show ring. Private lessons are more money, but are good once in a while to get an hour of one-on-one training.

15. Is this a competitive sport?

It shouldn't be. Junior Showmanship is about having fun and an opportunity for a child to learn how to handle a dog and to meet other children their own ages. Your child will lose. However, don't take it personally and don't get discouraged. Eventually your child will win. The best thing that can happen to your child is when people come up and compliment them on how well they did even when they did not win. If

your child loses, they should congratulate the other kids who win or place in the top 4 places. It's important that they learn good sportsmanship.

16. Do you need to groom the dog before a show?

Yes, you should. Never bring a dirty or ungroomed dog to a show. The amount of grooming also depends upon the type of dog you have. A smooth hair Dachshund does not require as much grooming as a Golden Retriever which has long hair. Longhaired vs. short hair dog really depends on your preference and could even be dependent on whether you are allergic to dog hair.

17. What equipment do you need to purchase?

You need to buy a show lead. You cannot use an everyday dog collar and leash. A recommendation is that you should check out the websites www.petedge.com or www.cherrybrook.com. Show leads are typically thinner than a normal dog collar and leash. You can get a slip or a choke lead. The type of lead will depend on how aggressive or non-aggressive your dog is. A more aggressive dog will use a choke collar. When you go to a show, look at the breed of your dog and see what kinds of leads they are using. You can also buy equipment at dog shows. A lot of times you save money by buying at shows. Also you can get the exact thing your looking for because you have your dog with you.

18. Is it easier to show a small dog vs. a big dog?

The question about whether or not a small dog is easier to show than a large dog is really irrelevant. The type of dog to show should really be dependent on what kind of dog you own. A smaller dog like a Dachshund does not require you to run around the ring in front of the judge as you would with a larger dog, but a smaller dog requires that you learn how to stand (stack) a dog on a table because the judge cannot easily bend down on the ground to check the dog. The type of dog you choose should really be dependent on what type of dog you like or you can accommodate in your apartment or home. Your dog is ultimately your pet and a family member so get a dog that fits your life style.

19. Where do you find out about upcoming shows?

Go to www.infodog.com. Click on "Show Information" and then click on "Show Calendar" or click on "Search by State".

20. What is the history of Junior Showmanship?

It was created over half a century ago when Leonard Brumby Sr. saw many children excluded from dog show activities! So to get them involved Mr. Brumby Sr. thought of the Children's Handling Class! There were two classes: **Class A**: Boys under 14 years of age and **Class "B"**: Girls under 14 years of age with only a First Prize Win. After the first year, **Westbury Kennel Club** held it again in 1933. **Westminster** also followed that year. In 1951 the name, "**Children's Handling Class**," was changed to the current name, "**Junior Showmanship**," and related reference names such as, "**Junior Handling and Juniors**." The AKC recognized Junior Showmanship in 1971 and wrote the rulebook.

21. Who can you talk with about juniors?

There are several Dog Groups at www.yahogroups.com. One of the groups that we belong to in the Northeastern part of the United States is ItsShowtyme@yahoo.com. It's run by Jan Thomas (teacher and handler). This group is for juniors as well as for dog enthusiasts who are interested in showing.

22. Where can you find out about local handling classes in our geographic location?

Check your local 4H Club. Website: www.4h-usa.org

23. Who manages the shows?

There are people named superintendents who manage the shows. They take care of what happens at the shows and make sure everything is going correctly and to plan. Some of the many superintendents are MB-F and Onofrio. These two are the largest and are hired by the majority of clubs in the U.S.

24. Is there Junior Scholarships available?

Yes, the AKC in 2003 awarded \$60K to juniors attending college and in 2004 increased the amount to \$100K. Go to the www.akc.org/dic/juniors/scholarships.cfm

25. What is the telephone number of the AKC?

The number is 919-816-3776.

Information Source: American Kennel Club (www.akc.org)
Contributor: Jim Tedesco

Notes

(Write your goals. Tips from your instructor at class or people from the shows etc.)

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