



AKC Junior News

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A Message from Mari-Beth O'Neill

Reminder that the date to submit your permission slip and transcript to enter the AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin is October 26, 2018. If you are already qualified with your five wins in Open with competition, please get the rest of your paper work in for verification.

I would like to congratulate all the members of the AKC Junior Agility Team that competed in the 2018 FCI European Junior Agility Competition. Special congratulations to Kai Macauley and his Border Collie "Stitch, who won the title of 2018 Children's Large Dog Championship. Please see the article below for additional highlights!

[AKC Junior Ambassador Program](#) is an opportunity to earn recognition for your interaction in your community as well as in AKC Events.

A reminder to Juniors using Social Media, please stick to being positive! Congratulate your friends and encourage each other. AKC has had to review negative posts and unfortunately had to take action when posts were found to be prejudicial to the Sport.

Have a great fall and good luck at the events in which you compete!

What is a Junior Showcase Event?

"Junior Showcase events provide clubs the option to limit entries to junior handlers only and to tailor the events to their interests. Our experience with

junior events has shown this setting promotes camaraderie and provides an enjoyable experience,” said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility.

“Many AKC clubs have a relationship with local youth organizations. Junior Showcase events are an opportunity for these clubs to provide meaningful events that appeal to young dog owners,” said Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking. “We encourage clubs to invest in the future of the sports by hosting these events.”

Administrative advantages to holding Junior Showcase events include:

- May be held in conjunction with a club’s regular event or as a stand-alone event.
- No event application fee.
- Does not count against the number of events a club may hold in a year.
- Normal judging assignment conflicts are waived for Junior Showcase judges.
- Junior Showcase events can be identified on the AKC website when using the Event Search feature for obedience/agility/rally.

“The AKC is committed to promoting youth involvement in our sports. Like AKC’s successful Junior Showmanship program, Junior Showcase events will provide another visible symbol of this commitment,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports and Events. “Many in the fancy have a deep interest in providing opportunities for youth. We encourage suggestions. Please email them to Juniors@akc.org.”



Looking for a showcase to attend?

The Thanksgiving Cluster in West Springfield, MA will feature a Junior Showcase Novice & Intermediate Rally Trial as well as a 4-H Competition.

AKC Junior Agility Team Shines at 2018 FCI European Open Junior Agility Competition

The American Kennel Club (AKC ®) is pleased to congratulate the AKC European Open Junior Agility Team on their achievements at the 2018 FCI European Open Junior Agility event held in the Netherlands July 13-15, 2018. The Juniors competed based on their ages – Children are under 15 years of age & Juniors are 15 -18 years old. They also competed as Teams of 4 and individually in Agility and Jumping classes over the weekend



[See Full Results Here](#)

Junior Report: Dakota Ford

Hi, my name is Dakota Ford and I am 11 years old. I am going to tell you about my dog, myself, and our accomplishments.

When my family found Daisy, she was a rescue that hadn't been socialized at all. She was afraid of everything including other dogs, cars, going for walks, and people. She didn't fit the purpose my mother wanted her for so she gave her to me. I started taking her to my dog 4-H club (Kidz-N-k9s) to train her. At that point, I was only going to one show a year and it was not hosted by AKC.

A couple years after I got her, my family went to our very first AKC show and we had a blast! My mother started doing Rally with her Boerboel, Mavis, and I decided to try it, too. I didn't expect to qualify and I didn't! Daisy was so stressed she just couldn't concentrate but after a couple shows where I was happy and confident around her, she became more comfortable. Now, she loves dog shows almost as much as I do.

We recently went to the Northwest Cluster where Daisy and I earned our BN title with a first place and two legs towards our RE with first place qualifying scores! At this point, I have spent almost five years training Daisy and I could not be happier with the outcome. She can retrieve a dumbbell, easily do the basic commands like sit, down, heel, stay, and come, and can be happy the entire time! She has gone to the Skagit County Fair three times and qualified for the State Fair every time as well.

After owning one Doberman I absolutely fell in love with the breed and I hope to be a Doberman judge in the future. I love their alert, intelligent, noble attitude and hope to have many more as the years go on.





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Junior Photo Gallery



Dakota School - Sunmaid KC



Carter Deason with his rescue Border Collie, Dylan.



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