

JUNIOR NATIONALS 2016



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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR
OF THE CKC JUNIOR KENNEL CLUB
Richard Paquette



Congratulations to all the Junior Handling Zone winners from across Canada for Conformation and Obedience, who have travelled to beautiful Bay Roberts, Newfoundland to compete in the Canadian National Junior Handling Championships. Your dedication and hard work in the sport of purebred dogs is already bearing fruit with your accomplishments thus far. There will ultimately be one winner chosen today for each event but all competitors are Champions in their own right. The experience of competing in this high level competition will prove to be a rewarding and memorable one. Good luck with all your future endeavours.

Being a parent of a Junior handler comes with a very unique set of challenges and rewards. The support of your child in getting here has come with some sacrifice and hardship but the experience will prove to have lifelong memories. I urge you to promote sportsmanlike conduct and the “fun” aspects of Junior Handling activities with your children and to set an example for them to follow. In my capacity as Chair of the National Junior Kennel Club Council, I am proud of and thankful for, all the Zone Junior Handling Council representatives who work tirelessly in their zones to work with the juniors and clubs year round and ask you respect the contribution and challenges they face.

I would like to thank the members of the Conception Bay Kennel Club for their help staging this event by hosting this competition and providing the hospitality for the Juniors. Special mention must be made to club members Caitlin O'Brien-Dyke, Faye Andrews and Albert Legge. I would also like to thank the CKC staff who facilitate the running of the event and last but not least the sponsors and donors who have given so generously. Your efforts guarantee the future of Junior Handling.

Good luck to all competitors.

Sincerely,

Richard Paquette

Chair of the CKC Junior Kennel Club Council

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF THE
CANADIAN JUNIOR NATIONALS

Faye Andrews

As chairperson for the Canadian Junior Nationals Competition and president of the Conception Bay Kennel Club, I welcome all competitors and their families to our beautiful province, particularly to Conception Bay. I hope your visit will be memorable and forge new and lasting friendships through your dedication to your dogs and the love of our sport. You are the future of pure bred dogs, I am sure you will make us proud. Enjoy!



Faye Andrews

**President Conception Bay Kennel Club
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WELCOME FROM JUNIOR HANDLING
ZONE REPRESENTATIVE MESSAGE

Cecelia Melendy

As the Canadian Kennel Club's Junior Handling Zone Representative for Newfoundland and Labrador Zone (1A), I am very pleased to welcome all participants, their families, chaperones and friends from across Canada to the Canadian National Junior Handling Finals hosted by the Conception Bay Kennel Club on the weekend of August 11-13, 2017 in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland and Labrador.



This is the first time that this prestigious event has taken place in our beautiful unique province, and it is our hope that your visit will be memorable and truly enjoyable.

I would like to thank the Conception Bay Kennel Club and its members, led by Faye Andrews, who have worked tirelessly fundraising and planning for this event. I also would like to thank Lendra Barker, CKC Zone Director - 1A and Richard Paquette, Chair of the CKC Junior Kennel Club Council for the tremendous support and guidance they have provided to the Junior Handlers in Newfoundland and Labrador.

To our Junior competitors who are the future of the sport, good luck to you all and more importantly Smile, Laugh, and have Fun!

Regards,

Cecelia Melendy

**Canadian Kennel Club Zone Representative
For Newfoundland and Labrador (1A)**

WELCOME FROM
CKC DIRECTOR ZONE ONE

Lendra Barker



Welcome to Newfoundland and the lovely town of Bay Roberts! If this is your first visit, I am sure you will realize as I have over the last two years, what a special part of the world this is. Bay Roberts has lots of history to enjoy- in fact European fisherman first visited here in the early 1600's!

Our host, the Conception Bay Kennel Club was founded in 1959 and held the first dog show in Newfoundland in 1960. A couple of years later the Club added Junior Handling to their shows and has been an active supporter ever since. The current club President Faye Andrews, along with Caitlin O'Brien and their committee were eager to take on the task of holding the National Junior Handling Competition and they have done a wonderful job bringing this event to Newfoundland. Congratulations on a job done well!

I would like to thank the two CKC Junior Handling Council Representatives for this Zone who go above and beyond for Junior Handling. Thank you Cecelia Melendy (NL) and Allison Foley (NS). You are appreciated!

Junior Handling is an integral part of CKC dog shows. Participants learn and hone many skills, other than the obvious ones such as grooming and ring procedure. Things such as developing patience, learning responsibility and sportsmanship are just a few. And there is nothing quite as much fun as hanging out with like-minded people who share your love of dogs!

Reaching National status in any sport is not an easy feat and says a lot about the level of skill, dedication and hard work of the competitors. Without the support of parents and friends, who make sure the Juniors get to the events and have dogs to show, these competitions would not be possible. And then there are the Clubs, who hold events and raise funds for Juniors so they can go to Provincial and National Competitions. It really does take a village. :) Thank you!

I would like to congratulate you all on winning your Provincials. I wish you Good Luck this weekend and hope you enjoy yourself, make new friends and take home lots of fond memories. And the most important thing is to remember to have fun!

Lendra Barker

CKC Director Zone One

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**On behalf of all the juniors, thank you for your tireless work
to make the junior program a success in your zone.**

HOW THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS Judged

CONFORMATION

Five judges are required to judge the Canadian Junior Handling Final. The facilitator judge directs the handlers. The remaining four judges are positioned in the corners of the ring enabling them to observe the handlers when gaiting the dogs and will score every handler in each category on the official score sheet. Points are awarded in each category with the handler placing based on total points from the four judges.

Judging Standards for Junior Handling Competitions

The overall impression is most important. The judges shall look for a junior handler, appropriately dressed, who presents his or her dog in a manner that shows its particular characteristics to its advantage. CONFORMATION OF THE DOG IS NOT CONSIDERED IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE HANDLER'S ABILITY.

Attitude

1. The judge will give credit to junior handlers showing a courteous and sportsman-like attitude towards other exhibitors and the judges.
2. The handler and the dog should function as part of a team; unobtrusive but efficient. The handler should encourage his or her dog, and under no circumstances should the handler forcibly discipline the dog in the ring. If this occurs, the handler will be severely penalized.
3. The judge will look for that elusive extra in the handler's showmanship, i.e. the ability to express their pride in the dog and to show the dog with flair and rapport.
4. The judge will give credit to a handler who has to deal with a difficult dog and handles the problem competently. Sometimes a handler who is exhibiting a highly trained dog appears to be very proficient when in reality, the dog is handling itself. Similarly, the judge will give credit to a handler presenting a breed that is less glamorous or requires less posing than another breed.
5. Junior handlers should not show outwardly shy or aggressive dogs. Dogs used in junior handling competitions must be the appropriate size and temperament to enable the junior handlers to compete to the best of their ability.
6. Junior competitors are to promote quality handling and sportsmanship and the judges will never lose sight of this.
7. Junior handlers are reminded that they are not to engage in unnecessary talking to other competitors or the judges. A handler and his or her dog are not to interfere with other handlers and their dogs.

Ring Procedure

1. The judge may use any examination pattern normally used in the show ring. The same pattern must be followed for each junior when the dogs are moved individually.
2. The judge should inspect each dog individually, as it indicates whether the handler knows how to show the dog at close quarters. For example, each junior should have to show the bite and expression of the dog to the judge's satisfaction. Feet may be placed incorrectly to see if the handler corrects this, etc.
3. The dog should be moved with smoothness, grace and at the correct speed for the breed.
4. The dogs must be between the handler and the judge at all times, thus giving the judge ample opportunity to observe how the handler presents the dog to them.
5. The lead should be in the hand nearest the dog at all times. Any excess lead must be folded up without any ends trailing. It must not be wrapped around the fingers.
6. As handler comes out to move the dog individually he or she should present the dog to the judge allowing the dog to pose naturally. A courtesy turn is highly desirable, but not required. After gaiting, the handler should again allow the dog to pose naturally while baiting the dog before the judge.
7. When the handlers are moved individually, a pattern requiring a lead change from hand to hand such as a crossover is desired.
8. It is highly desirable that the judge ask questions of the handlers, relating to commonly known information regarding the breed shown; e.g. anatomy terms. For consistency each handler within a class is asked the identical question(s). Responses to questions will not be used to settle a tie.
9. The exchange of dogs may be permitted at the discretion of the judge.

All judges and junior handlers should keep in mind that enjoyment and the experience of participating are more important than winning. Judging and competing should be conducted with a positive and encouraging attitude.

OBEDIENCE

Three judges are required to judge the Canadian Junior Obedience Final. The facilitator judge directs the handlers. Points are awarded on each exercise with the handler placing based on total points from the two ring judges.

1. All rules for Conformation will apply to the Obedience with the exception that no handler will be asked to change dogs.
2. All competitors will compete at the level at which they qualified to attend the Finals in the same Class: Novice.

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Ring Procedure

1. The judge may use an obedience pattern normally used in the obedience ring. The same pattern must be followed for each junior.
2. Each junior is required to work their dog on a standard 6 foot leash, with an appropriate acceptable collar.

JUNIOR NATIONALS

Background

The inaugural event was held at the CKC's 100th Anniversary Show held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in the summer of 1988. The 1988 event was a resounding success and marked the first year of what was to become an annual event on the calendar of all aspiring young handlers.

In 1989 the championship moved to the Credit Valley Kennel and Obedience Club Dog Show where it remained for nine years. In 1999 the CKC Junior Kennel Club Council decided that for the event to maintain the National appeal, it would be appropriate for it to be hosted by zones and clubs throughout the country. Hence, the very first time it was held outside of Ontario was in 2000 in Calgary, Alberta.

PAST OBEDIENCE NATIONAL

Champions

DATE	NAME	HOMETOWN	COMPETITION CITY
2004	Ashlin Woodliffe	Massey, Ontario	Sudbury
2005	Name not available		Winnipeg
2006	Ashlin Woodliffe	Massey, Ontario	Kingston
2007	Colton O'Shea	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Victoria
2008	Colton O'Shea	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia	Montreal
2009	Veronica Fraser	Edmonton, Alberta	Brantford
2010	Veronica Fraser	Edmonton, Alberta	Calgary
2011	Haley McCrea	Ontario	Winnipeg
2012	Veronica Fraser	Alberta	Ontario
2013	Haley McCrea	Ontario	New Brunswick
2014	Jade Unrau	Winnipeg, Manitoba	St-Foy
2015	Danielle Pike	St. John's, Newfoundland	Mississauga
2016	Rachel Driedger	Powell River, British Columbia	Calgary

PAST CONFORMATION NATIONAL

Champions

DATE	NAME	HOMETOWN	COMPETITION CITY
1988	Tina Keuning	Belleville, Ontario	Toronto
1989	Tamara Glimm	Balzac, Alberta	Toronto
1990	Chrissy Riehl	Okotoks, Alberta	Toronto
1991	Rebecca McAuley	Scotland, Ontario	Toronto
1992	Jamie Kelly	Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia	Toronto
1993	Jody Paquette	Azilda, Ontario	Toronto
1994	Andrea Blacker	Richmond, British Columbia	Toronto
1995	Amanda Robinson	High River, Alberta	Toronto
1996	Jody Paquette	Azilda, Ontario North	Toronto
1997	Adeline Valois Desjardins	St-Eustache, Quebec	Toronto
1998	Jenny Ness	Mission, British Columbia	Toronto
1999	Adeline Valois Desjardins	St-Eustache, Quebec	Toronto
2000	Jenna Cruthers	Swift Current, Saskatchewan	Calgary
2001	Christine Tocher	Bright, Ontario	Toronto
2002	Jeannette Warner	Welland, Ontario	Halifax
2003	Jenna Cruthers	Swift Current, Saskatchewan	Regina
2004	Jeannette Warner	Welland, Ontario	Sudbury
2005	Emily Burdon	St-Lazure, Quebec	Winnipeg
2006	Ashley Martins	Mississauga, Ontario	Kingston
2007	Charlotte de Groot	Elginburg, Ontario	Victoria
2008	Tony Phillips	London, Ontario	Montreal
2009	Brittany Carella	Ontario	Brantford
2010	Shianne Hamilton	British Columbia	Calgary
2011	Nigel Phillips	Ontario	Winnipeg
2012	Colton O'Shea	Nova Scotia	Ontario
2013	Colton O'Shea	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick
2014	Olivia Nobes	Vancouver, British Columbia	St-Foy
2015	Sydney Robinson	Ottawa, Ontario	Mississauga
2016	Katie McGinn	Elmsdale, Nova Scotia	Calgary

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MEET THE CONFORMATION JUDGES

Fabian Negrón

Fabian Negrón has been involved with purebred dogs since a very young age. Growing up in Puerto Rico, he successfully handled many breeds including Dachshunds, Australian Cattle Dogs, Portugese Water Dogs and Labrador Retrievers. In 2005 Fabian came to the United States to work under Professional Handler Kathy Mines as an AKC registered apprentice. He worked with Kathy for two years. During that time he gained invaluable experience and skills. Fabian also worked for professional handlers Rusty and Jennifer Howard. While working for them, he handled Labradors at many regional specialty shows.



The first champion Fabian bred and finished was a Beagle. Although he has handled many breeds, the Labrador Retriever is his first love and the breed he has focused on. In 2007, Fabian became the handler and kennel manager for Mary and Michael Wiest of Beechcroft Labradors. In this position he gained breed-specific knowledge, whelped litters, handled breedings and managed some of Beechcroft's top stud dogs. Fabian's success while with Beechcroft is unparalleled. In 2009, he handled both the Best In Specialty Show and Best In Sweepstakes winners at the prestigious Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac Specialty. At the Potomac's 2010 Specialty, he once again achieved top honors, this time with a Beechcroft bitch, now GCh. Beechcroft Diva's Midnight Rose, who was chosen as Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners. In 2008 and 2009 Fabian handled Multiple BISS, BIS Am./Can. Ch. Beechcroft Study's Top Secret, ("James") to Best of Breed wins and Sporting Group 4 placements at the renowned Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Fabian handled James to multiple specialty wins, including the Potomac Specialty and James holds the record for the most specialty wins in the breed. Fabian has handled numerous dogs to the following wins; Best In Specialty Show, All Breed Best In Show, Reserve Best In Show, multiple Group wins, multiple Group Placements and multiple Best In Specialty Sweepstakes.

Fabian currently breeds Labrador Retrievers under the prefix Gallivant Labradors in Pennsylvania, USA and works as a professional handler.

MEET THE CONFORMATION JUDGES

Christine Heartz



A native of Brookfield, Nova Scotia, Christine purchased her first Pom in 1970. She has bred, owned and shown Poms for more than 40 years. Under the Chriscendo prefix, her dogs have accomplished Top Breed and BIS wins in countries all over the world, Denmark, Thailand, China, Korea and Australia to name just a few. Christine and her husband John, who retired as a Professional Handler in 2000, have finished almost 150 Champions in Canada, more than 45 American Champions, and achieved over 200 BIS wins, the majority were owner handled.

Judy Taylor



I bred my first litter, a collie, in 1963. Thereafter, I have only bred Golden Retrievers and for a brief time with my husband at the time, Brian Taylor, a couple of litters of Irish Setters.

I have been breeding Goldens for most of my life, accumulating 54 years! As a professional all breed dog handler for 38 years, there are many breeds of dogs that I know and love and I do appreciate most breeds of dogs! In 1993 I was awarded Top Handler of the Year by the PHAC. Some of my favourite breeds to show were Rottweilers, German Shepherds, and Great Danes.

After achieving some success in both conformation and now the hunt test titles with my Goldens, there is a renewed respect for 'form = function' and as a licensed dog judge I will certainly keep this in mind when I pass judgment on any dog that was bred for a purpose.

A great deal of pleasure is achieved when I judge, this being in North America, China, Mexico and Australia.

MEET THE CONFORMATION JUDGES

Caitlin O'Brien Dyke

I have been involved with purebred dogs since I was eight years old, beginning with Golden Retrievers in Junior Handling. As I got older I began working in kennels under breeders Peggy Saltman (Coedmawr Kennels) and Faye Andrews (Dashwood Kennels), developing skills in animal husbandry, grooming and handling. Coming from a non-dog family (we didn't even own a pet dog!) I am forever grateful for those opportunities.



Through the years I have handled many different breeds to championships and grand championships and have had notable wins such as Best in Show, Best of Opposite in Specialty Show, Best Puppy in Show, and multiple group placements on various breeds.

I am a graduate of Junior Showmanship and can honestly say without the junior program I would not be involved in dogs to the extent I am today.

I currently co-breed Labrador Retrievers under the prefix GoFetch Labradors here in Newfoundland and am a High School Special Education Teacher.

Paul Dinn

Paul has always owned dogs and has been involved in the dog show world for over 30 years. Under the Breakwater prefix, Paul and his wife Jennifer, breed Boxers and American Cocker Spaniels. Paul is a member of the Canadian Kennel Club and a founding member of the Avalon Kennel Club. In the past, he has been actively involved in instructing conformation and basic obedience classes as well as assisting with Junior Handling events and judging at sanction matches. His three daughters, Amanda, Lauren and Morgan have all participated in Junior Handling as well as in the big ring. Paul has a genuine love for the fun and social aspects of dog shows and is particularly interested in growing the sport through its youth.



MEET THE OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Danielle Pike



I am a proud Newfoundlander and while I moved out of province almost four years ago to study animal science I am happy to be back to be a part of this year's nationals.

I have been involved with junior handling for about 12 years and since I finished competing in 2014, I have continued on with instructing juniors and judging competitions. I first started handling dogs when I was seven, the first dog I handled was my mother's English Mastiff and from then on I was hooked. While I have always enjoyed showing in the conformation ring, obedience

is my favorite. When I was 10 I started working with a young German Shepherd puppy, Orlagh was a puppy born at our house and was owned by a close friend but later she became mine. I worked with Orlagh multiple days a week, from obedience classes to conformation classes. We started competing when Orlagh was a puppy and in the fall of 2008 we had won our first High in Trial. I have trialed many breeds; Beagle, Malamute, Boxers, Whippet, Great Pyrenees and many more! Orlagh is now retired and I am competing with a friend's Malinois, Sonny, he was my 2014 Junior Nationals dog.

After competing at nationals for four in a row I have many fun experiences and each year you learn more and more from watching the other handlers. If I were to remember one thing from my years at nationals it would have to be the year I showed in Quebec. We arrived and I met my dog, who of course was trained in French... It was a fun two days learning the commands and trying my best to mimic the French accent. I always looked forward to going to nationals and meeting new handlers or catching up with returning handlers.

This year I am excited to not only watch everyone compete but to have been asked to be one of the obedience judges. Good luck everyone, have fun!

MEET THE OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Diane Hiseler

My journey into the world of dogs came when I received a Christmas gift of a Miniature Poodle in 1970 and for Easter, I gifted myself a second one! They were raised as companions and pets. In 1979, I returned to my career and became involved in the dog show world, purchasing an Old English Sheepdog in 1981 and finishing him very quickly in 1984. He had health issues and after training him for obedience found that he was unable to compete. The same year, I was at a show and saw a Standard Poodle who I fell in love with and smuggled her home. She became a Champion and Obedience Trial Champion, therapy dog and was my perfect companion for 15 ½ years.



In those years, I became involved in learning, teaching obedience, working in many capacities at dog shows and eventually breeding Standard Poodles. I have had eight wonderful poodles who have taught me love, tolerance, perseverance, patience, and honesty.

I became an Obedience Trial judge in 1998, followed by Rally Obedience Judging. I have served in many capacities for dog shows and trials, becoming a lifetime member of the Halifax Kennel Club and the Canadian Kennel Club. I have had, through my involvement with purebred dogs, an opportunity to give and receive so much and made so many friends. It is no wonder they call dogs, "Man's Best Friend".

MEET THE OBEDIENCE COMPETITORS



Zone 1B Chloe Cook

My name is Chloe Cook. I am 15 years old and will be entering grade 11 this fall at Citadel High School in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

I compete in both Junior Conformation and Obedience with my grandmother's two Australian Terriers, Toby and Tigger; both are nine years old. My younger sister and I have obtained both dogs' championships in conformation. I am currently practicing at the Open obedience level. I started showing as a pee wee with my grandmother's Soft Coated Wheaten.

In 2015, I won the Junior Provincial finals in obedience with Tigger, and in 2017, with Toby.

In 2016, I began to compete with other breeds in Junior Handling.

I love all animals and especially the training aspect with dogs, my two cats, pet rats and a guinea pig. I ride horses at the Halifax Bengal Lancers and often work there as a stable hand.

My other interests are art, graphics, photography, and researching on the internet.

My goal is to go to university and a veterinary college to become a veterinarian.

MEET THE OBEDIENCE COMPETITORS



Zone 2 Thomas Adams

My name is Thomas Adams and I live in Fredericton, NB. I am 15 years old and going into grade 11 attending Leo Hayes High School.

I have been showing dogs since I was a Pee Wee. I started off competing in conformation and I still do to this day.

I have been competing in obedience for a few years now with my buddy Chaos, a Belgian Shepherd.

Besides showing dogs I like to play football competitively as a wide receiver and a line backer.

I am unable to attend this years Nationals, but want to wish all competitors the best of luck, and most importantly, have fun!

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MEET THE OBEDIENCE COMPETITORS



Zone 4A Breanna Stephens

Hello everyone, my name is Breanna Stephens. I'm 18 years old so this means I am sadly done competing in Juniors. I am from Lindsay, Ontario. I've been showing dogs for about four years. During the years I've been showing I sure have met lots of amazing people. I

remember the first time I was in the ring doing juniors, gosh I was so nervous. Since then I have started to become much more comfortable in the show ring doing both conformation and obedience junior handling. I also do hunt tests and obedience trials with our Golden Retrievers. My favorite breed of dog is Golden Retrievers; my female Widget is my favorite out of them all. She has such a droopy face so you can't help but smile at her. Previous to dog showing I had showed horses, which had juniors' classes as well and my favorite class was junior showmanship. My hobbies include hunting, fishing and driving trucks and 4-wheelers through mud (more fun than you'd think). I also really enjoy training our dogs for hunt tests and obedience work. So far in all my time in the dog world I have put three titles on my female Widget which are a CD (obedience), a WC (hunt) and also put her Canadian Championship on her.

It really is an honor to be invited and to have made it to Nationals this year. I would like to thank the judges and mostly my mom for helping me with remembering patterns and studying the dogs' anatomy.

I wish all other juniors the best of luck for Nationals and the conformation winner the best of luck for Crufts.

MEET THE OBEDIENCE COMPETITORS



Zone 10 *Chantal Ratté*

Chantal is a sixteen year old animal lover with ten siblings. When she was younger, we found a dog on a farm looking for a new home, and brought the three year old stubborn chocolate lab home to join our family. Chantal quickly adopted Kita as her own and the love story began. She brought the dog along slow and steady and into the CKC obedience ring, achieving PCD, CD, CDI, and certifying her as a Therapy Dog with Therapy

Dogs International. In 2016, the team also earned their Canine Good Neighbor certificate, as well as a BH in the Schutzhund ring. Chantal and Kita are now working on Open Obedience exercises with hopes of a CDX in the future. Kita is now eight years old and still going strong. Chantal has since added to her family of animals and now has a rough collie, two working line German Shepherds and a King Snake. Chantal enjoys both CKC Obedience and the sport of Schutzhund with her German Shepherds. She is also an accomplished pianist, violinist and cellist, having performed successfully at both local and provincial levels.

MEET THE CONFORMATION COMPETITORS



Zone 1A Jessica Piercey

Congratulations to all the zone finalists!!

Hi, my name is Jessica Piercey, I'm 17 years old. I recently graduated this past June from Queen Elizabeth Regional High School. I live in Conception Bay South Newfoundland with my Mom, Dad and brother and our seven

Siberian Huskies, one Shih Tzu and one bunny.

I've been involved with the sport of dog shows since I was four years old, starting in peewee showing Siberian Huskies. Through the years I've had the privilege to show several different breeds. This past year I've had the opportunity and have had lots of fun showing a Tibetan Terrier Ahkama Chusum "Tara".

Thank you to my zone rep, Cecelia Melendy and all other kennel club members for all your amazing support with Junior Handling. And of course a big thank you to all my friends and family who have helped and supported me in getting where I am today. It's truly an honour to be representing zone 1A again this year at the Junior Handling Nationals. Good Luck and safe travels to all competitors this year. I'm looking forward to seeing you all. Always remember to have fun and SMILE!!!!!!

MEET THE CONFORMATION COMPETITORS



Zone 1B Ashley Ralph

Hello, my name is Ashley Ralph, I am 17 years old and I live in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I am extremely excited to be representing Nova Scotia this year in the Junior Nationals.

I have been a junior handler for the past five years and I will always remember the first dog

I handled in juniors, because now I have her son, Sheldon my Beagle. Sheldon was my first show dog I owned, which I showed to a Grand Champion with several group placements.

My breed of choice to show is the Bullmastiff. I have shown my boy, Marshall, Beowulf's Running for Glory, to several group winning and group placements. But my proudest moment was winning the Junior competition at American Bullmastiff National Specialty in 2014 with him. A close second, is the picture above of me winning Best of Winners at the Bullmastiff Fancier Club of Canada National Specialty in 2016 with Oliver, Gizah N TNT's Vigilante of Cornerstone.

I would like to wish everyone good luck this year and congratulations on your achievements!

MEET THE CONFORMATION COMPETITORS



Zone 2 Ceana Fleury

I got my first dog, an American Cocker Spaniel, when I was 12 years old. My family had bought him from Dwain McLean as a pet. Everywhere I went, people were telling us that we should show him and that he was something special. I found out how to train him and started working with him, and in our

second show in Dartmouth, NS when he was only six months old and I was 12 years old, he won Group 2nd, BPIG and then BPIS under Michelle Scott! Since then, I have handled many different breeds such as: Golden Retrievers, Yorkshire Terriers, Labrador Retrievers, Boxers, an Irish Wolfhound, Lagottos, Australian Shepherds, Schipperkes and Rough Collies. In my short time handling, I have placed in the Golden Retriever Specialty, as well as many group placements with the other breeds. I also have placed a Grand Championship on my Cocker and I have finished other people's dogs as well.

When I grow up, I want to be a professional handler like Chris Pollen, and also an Optometrist. My favorite subject in school is math. My hobbies are playing volleyball and training with Tucker.

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Zone 3 *Melodie-Ann Guerit*

Mon nom est Mélodie-Ann Guérit, je viens du Québec (Zone 3). Tout à commencer quand j'avais 9 ans. Ma mère a acheté son premier Caniche Miniature et est allée à des pratiques de maniement. Je l'ai suivie lors des

compétitions de conformation et c'est à ce moment que je suis tombée en amour avec le sport. À l'âge de 10 ans, j'ai fait ma première apparition dans le ring avec mon chien. Depuis 2009, j'ai fait beaucoup de progrès et j'ai beaucoup appris sur les chiens. Maintenant, j'ai 17 ans et je travaille avec quelques manieurs professionnels quasiment à toutes les fin de semaines et je ne pourrais pas être plus heureuse dans mon travail! Quand je ne suis pas dans une compétition durant le week-end, j'apprécie être avec des amis, magasiner et voyager. Aussi, durant l'hiver je fais de la planche à neige et je continue d'entraîner mes chiens pour la saison prochaine.

My name is Melodie-Ann Guerit and I am from Quebec (Zone 3). Everything started when I was 9. My mom bought her first Miniature Poodle and went to handling classes. I followed her in conformation shows where I totally fell in love with the sport. At the age of 10, I made my first appearance in a ring with my dog. Since 2009, I made a lot of progress and learned a lot of things about dogs. Now, I am 17, I work with professional handlers almost every weekend and I couldn't be more in love with my job. When I am not at a show, I truly enjoy being with my friends, shopping and traveling. Also during winter I do snowboarding and I keep training my dogs for the next show season.

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Zone 4A Isaac Clark

Hello, my name is Isaac Clark; I'm 12 years old and, as of September, a grade seven student at W. R. Best Memorial Public School in Oro Medonte, Ontario.

I enjoy reading, karate and, showing my Cairn Terrier 'Stampy' in Junior Handling.

Technically speaking, my very first dog show was when I was only five days old!

My mom is a breeder and my dad is a farmer, so I have always been exposed to animals, and there has always been an emphasis on having a good relationship with them.

My first attempt at showing dogs myself was in the Pee-Wee class, June 2012, with a veteran Golden Retriever named Legacy.

Since then, I've kept showing dogs whenever I could, steadily becoming a better handler. I am always learning and make it a goal of trying to learn at least one new way to improve my skills with each competition.

I was so excited to be invited to my Zone Finals, and overjoyed at earning the privilege of representing my Zone at the Canadian Nationals!

I wish the best of luck to all my competitors.

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Zone 4B Xander Scriver

Xander Scriver is excited to be representing Zone 4B again this year at the Junior Handling National Finals. A few of Xander's highlights from the Juniors' Ring in 2016 include Best Overall wins at the Northwinds Dog Club, Lakehead Kennel Club, Northwestern Ontario Working Dog

Association and the Thunder Bay Kennel & Training Club. Of course, carrying the Canadian flag into the ring and placing third at last year's National Finals at the Alberta Kennel Club Shows was an experience he will never forget. Xander was privileged to be able to spend a month this year with his mentor and good friends, Carol Graham and Diane Kingston and assisting Shannon Scheer and Alana Smith. Xander is happy to once again enter the ring with his best friend Steele (BIS GCH Crystalton's Fifty Shades) and thanks all of the people at home and across the country who have supported his juniors career.



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Zone 5 *Shannon Kaluski*

I started junior handling when I was three years old. The very first dog I showed was a Lowchen. As the years progressed, I was awarded my first "Best Junior" title, with a Long-Coated Chihuahua at the

Trois-Rivière show in Québec. In the past 11 years, I've had many opportunities to work and play with many different breeds of dogs. I've enjoyed every single one of them. I have been mentored by multiple professional handlers who have guided me and made me who I am today. I have shown over 100 different breeds, I look forward to showing more and learning more about them each day.



Zone 6 *Dillon Conod*

Hello! My Name Is Dillon Conod, I am from Tillsonburg, Ontario and I am representing Zone 6. I have been competing in Jrs for almost five years now and I've loved every moment.

I'm a third generation dog lover, the first being my grandmother when she started our kennel all the way back in 1953, where she bred world class Great Danes. I grew up with Great Danes and German shepherds, but the breed that I fell in love with was the Dachshund. I have successfully bred several litters of Canadian and American champion Dachshunds myself. I have been extremely lucky with the opportunities I have been given getting to travel across both Canada and America learning about this wonderful sport and studying under several mentors such as Carlos J. Puig, Thomas Curley and Norm Fargo. I take great pride being a part of the dog show community and I am honoured to be representing my zone this year in Newfoundland!

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Zone 7 *Caroline Holicka*

Hello! My name is Caroline Holicka and I am fortunate enough to be participating in the Junior Handling National Competition this year. It's really amazing being able to represent my zone here in

Newfoundland, and I never would have imagined this when I started showing at the ripe age of seven. I was just a little kid with a big dog and sparkly shoes, but I felt like the queen of the universe. Through the years, I've been lucky enough to learn from many dedicated mentors, and I've had the chance to show a variety of wonderful breeds, from Chinese Crested to Great Pyrenees, but Boxers are my heart. We have two retired girls at home and young pups, whom I've had so much fun training. I hope that I will be able to continue enjoying this sport for a very long time, seeing more and more Juniors with sparkly shoes and big dogs entering the ring, a huge smile on their faces when they exit with the coveted ribbon, or more importantly, some treats. For now, I'm super excited to show what I've learned over the past year. Good luck to all the competitors, I hope you have an awesome time! :)



Zone 8 *Lauren Kucey*

My name is Lauren Kucey and I am 14 years old. I became involved in dog shows just over a year ago, after meeting Beth Chohey. Since that time I have enjoyed being a part of Junior Handlers, going to conformation classes, helping out at dog shows, and assisting Sandy Orford and Beth at Classy

Clips Dog Grooming. All this experience is helping me to expand my knowledge of breed standards, and also how to groom many different breeds of dogs. It has helped my love for dog shows grow. I have mainly shown Golden Retrievers so far, as I have two at home, but I have been fortunate enough to practice with and show some other breeds as well. I'm having fun and learning from every new experience.

Good luck to all my fellow competitors!

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Zone 9 Haylie Bro

My name is Haylie Bro, I live in the flat lands of Regina, Saskatchewan and ever since I was the age of five I've been involved in dog sports. I've done obedience and conformation with many of my mother's dogs, and had the opportunity to work dogs owned by others.

I had taken a year and a half off of dog shows but after hearing about my mom's amazing adventures I jumped back in. I soon realized dog showing was more than looking nice and walking around a ring, it was a true art form, you are showing the best qualities of your dog while minimizing the unflattering features, and you are working as a team on what you hope will be a flawless "dance". It may be hard at times but dog showing is my absolute favourite sport.

I won my first BOA and first group placements on a dog when I was nine years old, a year later I decided I wanted a dog of my own and I wanted to breed it. Lots of work, time and planning went in but on Friday October 30th, 2015 in the early morning a litter of five puppies were born via a c/section.

It was love at first sight, her name, a name I always wanted to name a puppy, would be Friday it fit perfectly.

We have had a lot of fun in the ring so far earning her championship at six months old including a first in our 2016 Junior Provincial Finals, Grand Championship at seven months old and we have gone on to earn multiple group one, two, three and four placements, multiple Best Puppy in Groups, Best Puppy in Show and have even gotten Best Puppy In Specialty show, and Best of Opposite Sex In Specialty Show and many, many fantastic placements in junior competitions.

I love to show dogs and am so excited to have a sport like this to work in. Meeting new people, learning about all the different breeds of dogs, the adventures of travel, and beating my own goals, it's just all so unique and I am so happy to be a part of it.

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Zone 10 *Catarina Hill*

Catarina Hill began showing dogs three years ago at the age of 10. Quickly, she grew to love the sport. In the present it is a large part of her life. She has been fortunate enough to receive the opportunity to travel to multiple provinces and the United States Of America to compete in Junior Handling as well as

regular Conformation. Through these many opportunities she has assisted and been a mentee of a professional handler. She could never fully express her appreciation for all who have shown and taught her about dog sports and different breeds. Her two dogs are Holly a German Shepherd Dog and Baby's Breath an Ibizan Hound. Cata, however can appreciate all breeds and enjoys to challenge herself with something new whenever she can! In conclusion, Cata is very excited to represent Zone 10 at the CKC Conformation National finals and would like to wish her fellow participants the best of luck!



Zone 11 *Annalea Kirk*

My name is Annalea. I've lived in Nanaimo my whole life and have been part of the Nanaimo Kennel Club, Junior Handling, for the past four years. I am currently a Miss Nanaimo Ambassador Candidate, and I have been part of the Nanaimo District Secondary School cheer team for the past four years as well.

I have been dancing since I was three years old at Kirkwood Academy, and I enjoy photography as a hobby. I take pictures mostly of people.

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Zone 12 *Isabelle Loranger*

Isabelle Loranger attended her first dog show at the age of six, and started showing dogs a year or so after. She received her first Beagle to show in Juniors, shortly after she started showing dogs. Over the years, Beagles became Isabelle's breed, however she participates in junior handling competitions mainly with borrowed dogs. In late 2015, Isabelle's family purchased a Standard Poodle and since then Isabelle has discovered her love of the breed. Not only does she enjoy participating in conformation and junior handling competitions with her poodle, Isabelle also enjoys training him in obedience and agility. For the past year, Isabelle has been an assistant to professional handlers, which has given her many opportunities to travel to many shows outside of her home in Chilliwack, BC. She has been fortunate enough to be able to attend shows as far away as Ontario. Isabelle would like to extend her thanks to everyone that played a part in getting her to Nationals, not only with financial help but also assisting her in becoming who she is today. She would also like to wish all the other competitors good luck.



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