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Announcing Greeley Kennel Club as the Host for
Colorado's 2nd Annual Best of the Best Junior



Date: Saturday, August 16th, 2025
Location: Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO

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Announcing (GKC) Greeley Kennel Club, as host of the (CJF) Colorado Junior Foundation's 2nd Annual Best of the Best Junior Event, Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Island Grove Park in Greeley, Colorado. It will surely be a glorious event with Greeley Kennel Club also be celebrating their 75th Anniversary!

A little history on CJF: CJF formed mid-year in 2023 by a forward thinking, core group of junior supporters who wanted to highlight the superb junior talent in our area and provide additional encouragement, education and events (not to mention scholarships). CJF is a 501c3 non-profit with charity status. CJF held their 1st Annual Best of the Best Junior, and funded four (4) Junior Scholarships in amounts of \$250, \$500, \$1000 and \$1500. CJF is currently a model for the (AKC) American Kennel Club on what a can be done above and beyond each local Colorado dog club's junior efforts. *CJF current member dog clubs are: Arapahoe Kennel Club, Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club, Colorado Kennel Club, Greeley Kennel Club, Plum Creek Kennel Club and Southern Colorado Kenner Club; and without these clubs there would be no foundation and additional junior support!*

About GKC: GKC began in 1950 and has grown to be the largest and the most elite dog show in the Colorado area, with shows held at the beautiful Island Grove Park. Five (5) total days of the most efficient dog shows, with GKC's three (3) all breed dog shows, two (2) group shows, and over twenty (20) specialty dog club shows; plus a Breeders Showcase. Beyond Conformation there is Rally, Obedience, FastCAT, Dock Diving and AKC TV on site to broadcast and highlight the dogs in each purebred dog group all the way through Best In Show!

Qualifications: Colorado Resident Junior (or a border state junior who attended 10 or more Colorado all breed shows) who secures a Best Junior or a Reserve Best Junior at a 2024 Colorado All Breed Kennel Club Show. *Plus, new this year, this will expand to include the Wyoming All Breed Kennel Club Show wins.* Currently over two dozen juniors qualify with still two more Colorado All Breed Shows for 2024, so possibly more!

Scholarships: \$1500 for the Junior Sportsman Award, \$1000 for Best Junior, \$500 for Reserve Best Junior and \$250 for Junior's Choice. *(More information on each of these scholarships can be found on the CJF website, www.ColoradoJuniorFoundation.org.)*

Judges: Not yet announced but will be a panel of three outstanding junior showmanship judges.

Event Chair: Roxanne Bashor, Vice President GKC (and a former Colorado junior).

Early Funding & Pledges: Park Meadows Mall Management was an early donor for the event; plus sponsorship pledges and prizes are lined up from Equity Colorado Real Estate, Everything Dog, Under The Sun, Harmony Dog Sports, Fred Shanks and Karissa Groves.

Sponsors Needed: \$5000 Grand Sponsor, \$1500 Sportsman Award Sponsor, \$1000 Best Junior Sponsor and 25 - \$100 Junior Sponsors. Reach out to Marlene Groves (contact above) to donate or make your pledge.



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