



Colorado Junior Foundation's JUNIOR SHOWCASE – BEST OF THE BEST

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Revised 10-20-23 – to add Reserve Best Junior

BACKGROUND/CONCEPT:

Since the late 1920's when the concept of children (juniors) showing dogs began, the purpose was "to develop a special competition for children", plus "introduce a new generation of fanciers to the sport" and "to give children the opportunity to measure their skills against those of their peers."

"Juniors Are The Future", for the sport of dogs; it's not just a slogan for us. Therefore, we will honor the Best of the Best, with an Annual Showcase Event, and provide the winners, Best Junior and Reserve Best Junior, financial support, in the form of a scholarship, for use in their pursuit of Higher Education, and/or use at either WKC (Westminster Kennel Club), AKC (American Kennel Club) National or even their main breed club national.

Highlighting and honoring the success of the "Best of the Best Juniors", is meant to also inspire other juniors to learn and work on their handling skills; and it will be a wonderful event for junior friendships, and positive fellowship from the purebred dog community who truly support the youth of our sport.

We know it is possible some don't embrace honoring the Best, and might prefer to highlight an Underdog - but that is not the way of the sport. With dogs, it should always be "the best dog" that wins and that too is how it should be in "juniors" – "the best junior" should win. This is how we go forward knowing the future of our sport is in the "best hands".

WHO QUALIFIES AND IS INVITED:

- Colorado Junior who has earned a Best Junior Win at a Colorado All Breed Dog Show.
- Colorado Junior who has secured 2 or more Reserve Best Juniors at any Colorado All Breed Show.
- Non Colorado Junior, who is a border state resident that attended and competed in Junior Showmanship at 10 of our 33 total Colorado All Breed show days.
- Junior may be aged out, but must remain in Amateur Status.
- All under 18 years of age must provide a signed parental permission form. Form will be provided.

ENTRY FEE:

Any entry fee will be minimal (if any), and will be determined by the CJF (Colorado Junior Foundation) board and the hosting dog club board (for 2024 it is Plum Creek Kennel Club).

WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME FOR QUALIFYING:

We will use an annual calendar, January 1, through December 31, to capture win information.

WHEN/WHERE IS THE EVENT:

The event will be the following year. Example for 2023, wins from January through December will be captured, and the event will be held in 2024.

The event will be hosted by a CJF member club and most likely held in conjunction with their annual all breed shows. This means the event will be at different times of the year.

Our 2024 Host is Plum Creek Kennel Club, Saturday, June 15 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Aurora, Colorado. (Our 2025 Host is Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club.)

EVENT JUDGING INFORMATION:

- This event will be like a breed club's Top 20, with three (3) judges.
- The judges will be selected with input from the CJF Board and the Host Club
- 1 Judge – a legend in the sport – someone who knows dogs, juniors, and can recognize superb talent
- 1 Judge – a recently aged out successful junior – but not too recent to be judging former peers
- 1 Judge – an older former junior or other highly regarded akc participant & huge junior supporter
- Event judging will start soon after Best In Show ends

OTHER EVENT INFORMATION:

- The CJF will be responsible for all Ribbons, Swag/Gifts and solicit sponsorships and donations.
- The Host Club will coordinate and fund event decorations and food and beverage.
- The Host Club is responsible for any judging fees/costs.

SPONSORSHIP/AWARD/PRIZES:

- Best Junior – receives a \$1,000 Scholarship and a prize/trophy to be determined
- Reserve Best Junior – receives a \$500 Scholarship and a prize to be determined
- All Invitees – receive an annual event Rosette
- All invitees – receive annual Swag/Gifts
- Scholarship amounts are subject to CJF finances, funding and sponsors
- Scholarships may be used for Education, AKC National, WKC, or the junior's main breed national.
- Any requests for Scholarship draws are to be made on the CJF Scholarship Payment Request Form.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS BEING FINALIZED AND TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON:

- Colorado Junior Sportsman Award

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The Colorado Junior Foundation is a collaborative effort of Colorado All Breed Kennel Clubs towards educating and encouraging juniors in the sport of purebred dogs. For more information, please contact CJF President, Marlene Groves, marlene@buffalogroves.com, H 303.621.1111, C 303.243.0440

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