

Purpose

The actual purpose of Junior Handling is to introduce and encourage youth to participate in the sport of purebred dogs, and to provide them with meaningful competition where they can learn, practice and hone their skills and knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog.



Junior handler checking the teeth.

Above all, it is an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of competing with those of a similar age.



Rockannand Kennels

This is open to all juniors of German Shepherd Dogs from the ages of 9-12 and 13-15.

Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Unique Opportunity
for Junior Handlers of
German Shepherd Dogs



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Topics of Study

1) **The dog** - Theory and practical hands-on experience discussing the conformation CKC standard for the German Shepherd Dog. Watch videos and discuss the tools of the trade. Learn to read pedigrees and know what they mean.

2) **Grooming** - Theory and practical experience on "coat" management and show grooming tips. A study designed to give the junior handler a working know-



BOF Rockannand's The Tango
Junior Handlers learn in the ring
with Rockannand's young show dogs.

ledge of grooming tools, their purpose, use and maintenance; to teach the student to recognize signs of common diseases and conditions that affect the coat and skin, what the signs may indicate, and the knowledge and discussions to know what they can and cannot do to assist in the animal's recovery.

3) **Nutrition** - Introduction to nutritional healthcare - you want to make sure the pet food you feed your dogs is formulated to meet their nutritional needs.

4) **Kennel management and minor ailments** - A study designed to give the student both technical and management skills necessary for running a clean kennel. The student will learn about vaccinations, health and breeding certificates and when to call a vet.

5) **Conditioning and Handling** - This portion of the study is designed to give the student proficient skills necessary in the area of basic canine training. Learning the "show stack" and the tricks of the trade.

6) **Puppies** - Evaluating puppy temperament and conformation. Learn about tattooing, feeding, vaccinations and puppy training. IT'S JUST PLAIN FUN!

7) **Breeding and Whelping** - Written parental permission is required for this topic.

8) **The Brood Bitch** - Discussion and practical experience on the role and care of the Brood Bitch.

9) **The Stud Dog** - Discussion and practical experience on the role and care of the Stud Dog.

10) **Sidewalk Chalk Shows and Photography** - A mock show at the kennel. Learning the rules of the CKC point show; good sportsmanship; and common courtesy toward fellow exhibitors and judges.



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11) **Neighborhood Dog Walks** - How to handle and take control of an unpredictable dog situation while out walking with your dog. Summer fun at the lake, weather permitting.

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