

## President's Message

*I would like to thank all the members who helped with the dog show last weekend! It takes a team effort with a lot of work to put on a successful Dog Show and I think we did a great job. I heard positive comments from many exhibitors at the show.*

*As I said in the last newsletter I think these shows are the best Dog Shows in Idaho. One of the exhibitors had told me these shows had the largest number of entries in the country, for that weekend.*

*Thank you all again,  
Rick*

### GETTING STARTED IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

The American Kennel Club licenses dogs shows (competitive exhibitions in which dogs are judged in accordance with an established standard of perfection for each breed) that test and evaluate the form and function of purebred dogs. In addition, at some shows the AKC offers classes, which evaluate the abilities of the participant on the other end of the lead, the young handler.

AKC Junior Showmanship classes offer youngsters the opportunity to:

- Develop their handling skills
- Learn about good sportsmanship
- Learn about dogs and dog shows.

#### JOIN THE WORLD OF AKC JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP!

Juniors are important to the future of the sport of dogs and responsible dog ownership, and the more they learn, the more valuable they become. The values, attitudes and responsibility learned through Junior Showmanship will serve youngsters well throughout their lives. By putting time and effort into learning about their dog and how to present it, juniors are rewarded with a win.

#### WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

Junior Showmanship classes are open to children from 9 to 18 years old and are divided into Novice and Open classes: All participants in Junior Showmanship classes must have an AKC Junior Showmanship Handler Number. Novice classes are for those children who, at the time entries close, have not won three (3) first-place awards in a Novice class at a licensed or member show. To qualify as a win, more than one child must be in competition in a class. The Novice class gives those children who are beginners a chance to gain experience and confidence apart from the more seasoned youngsters. Open classes are for those children having three or more first-place wins; these are the more experienced Junior Handlers. A beginner can learn how to present their dog more effectively by watching these talented youngsters in the ring.

The classes may further be divided into:

*Junior: At least 9 years old but under 12 years old on the day of the show.*

*Intermediate: At least 12 years old but under 15 years old on the day of the show.*

*Senior: At least 15 years old but under 18 years old on the day of the show.*