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Announcing Plum Creek Kennel Club's
2024 Junior Scholarship Winner
Miss Kaylee Wagoner



PCKC JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND:

Plum Creek Kennel Club (PCKC) has always been a supporter of youth in the sport of purebred dogs. However, when PCKC designed their junior scholarship program they felt it was important to not just have it based on Best Junior wins and/or rankings. They wanted other critical elements such as - if the junior bred, owned or trained their dog and what other areas in the sport of dogs the junior participated in, and to know if the junior was an active member and volunteer of any dog club. The PCKC board then created an application process, where each annual Best Junior winner is invited to apply for a scholarship. The program launched in 2023 awarding two scholarships.

2024 JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER – MISS KAYLEE WAGONER:

Miss Kaylee Wagoner, 13, submitted a packet which included the 3 page PCKC application, her school grades, 17 reference letters from a variety of dog clubs, dog handlers, dog businesses, and some school teachers; plus some truly wonderful photos showcasing her and her dogs! Then, by unanimous vote the PCKC board selected Miss Wagoner the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship.

COMMENTS (paraphrased) SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF MISS WAGONER INCLUDED:

- Greeley KC VP – “such strong work ethics, with admirable character and a role model to younger kids”
- Dog Training Facility Owner – “knows how to inspire the best from each dog... bravely shows peers what training looks like”
- 4-H Dog Project – “great example of hard work, positive attitude and willingness to help”
- Local Breed Club VP – “the first one to volunteer and no task is to menial for her”
- National Breed Club President – learned to groom her dog at an early age, is always 100% tuned into her dog”
- AKC Junior Judge – “she’s thrilled to be at the show with her dog... has the passion many lack in the sport”
- Band Director – “her high character is seen in her kindness to others... and she can self motivate”
- All Breed Show Chair – “attends monthly club meetings... a key member who adds valuable input”
- National Breed Club Member Chair – “impeccable care of her dogs (herself)... deeply commitment”
- Local Dog Show Participant – “she is a great representative of what a great junior handler should be”
- Teacher – “can work alone or in a group... a stand out directing her team... amazing at making up assignments after missing school for a dog show”
- Dog Event Operator – “insatiable curiosity and eagerness to learn... professional & skilled beyond her years”
- Dog Enthusiast of 50 yrs – “worked to buy her own equipment and to raise money for her Westminster trip”
- Dog Podcast Host & Retired Pro Handler – “attitude to all things in the sport of dogs exceeds any expectations”
- Registered Vet Tech – “inspiring to observe her bond, skills and perseverance with her canine companions”
- Owner and Head Dog Trainer – “helps us care for 20-25 dogs daily... her ability to read a dog is outstanding”
- Junior Coordinator – “stellar at WKC giving media demo/interview while preparing her dog... such grace”

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED & PRESENTED AUGUST 17, 2024:

PCKC President Barbara White presented a surprised, always smiling, always gracious, Kaylee her \$1,000 Scholarship Certificate Saturday, August 17th, at Greeley KC local dog show. She expressed her amazement at the application and her well wishes to Miss Wagoner going forward in the sport of dogs and in her education. It should be noted the presentation was scheduled around Kaylee’s time in between showing and volunteering at the dog show!

For details on PCKC, their Junior Scholarship and Junior Programs, contact Junior Coordinator Marlene Groves, marlene@buffalogroves.com H 303.621.1111 / C 303.243.0440 and/or visit PlumCreekKennelClub.org.