

## **GLOSSARY for Junior Handling**

**AKC:** The abbreviation for the American Kennel Club. This is the organization that registers purebred dogs, keeps track of wins for junior handlers, tracks points earned in the show ring and other performance events, and awards titles such as Champion and Companion Dog.

**AKC Juniors Number:** A number given to each child who registers to compete in a Junior Showmanship class at an AKC-sanctioned show.

**Bait:** Any sort of yummy food that handlers use in the ring when showing their dogs. Many handlers use bits of cheese, cooked liver, chicken or salmon.

**Class:** An event at a dog show in which dogs of the same breed and age, or young people of the same age are judged against one another.

**Coat:** The hair or fur of a dog.

**Courtesy Turn:** The small circle junior handlers make in front of the judge before gaiting the dog.

**Croup:** The area over the dog's hips, above the tail.

**Feathers:** The long fur on the backs of a dog's front and rear legs, and underside of the tail.

**Gaiting:** Moving your dog around the ring so the judge can look at the way the dog moves.

**Groomer:** A person who washes, brushes and trims dogs and cats.

**Hock:** The joint in the middle of a dog's hind leg.

**Judge:** The person who evaluates a dog or handler in a dog show class.

**Junior Showmanship:** A class which judges a young person's ability to show a dog.

**Leonberger Breed Standard:** The document that explains exactly what a Leonberger dog should look like.

**Pattern:** The specific way a dog and handler should move in the ring. Some examples are a "Triangle," "Down and Back," and "L to the Left."

**Praise:** Positive words and encouragement.

Ring: An area enclosed by a low fence in which a dog show class is held.

Ring Steward: The judge's assistant in the ring. The Ring Steward gives competitors their numbers, calls in each class, marks the catalog, and hands the judge the ribbons.

Show Catalog: The book that lists all the dogs and handlers entered in the show, as well as the ring schedule and judges' names.

Show Collar: A thin collar that is used only in a dog show breed class. A show collar should be the same color as the dog's fur so it isn't obvious and distracting.

Show Lead: A thin leash that's used only in a dog show class. A show leash should be the same color as the dog's fur so it doesn't distract the judge from the dog or handler.

Sportsmanship: Making sure to follow the rules and be fair and polite to fellow competitors.

Stacking: Placing a dog's feet so that the dog is standing evenly, with weight on all four feet.

Stay: The command given to a dog when the handler wants the dog to be completely still and not move.

Title: An award earned by earning points or performing well in a dog show or performance event.

Training: Teaching and practicing a new behavior or skill with your dog.

Trot: A dog's gait. In a trot, diagonal legs are moving forward and backward together.

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