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SRF Dog Show attracts 18 hard-working dog handlers



Seen here are all 18 handlers and Lori Fausett, trainer, and Johnna Knox, judge for rally and obedience. The judge for showmanship was Kristina Chriscoe (not pictured). The SRF Dog Show sponsors are Dr. Bill Martin of Martin Orthodontics and Gilchrist Students Working Against Tobacco. The buckle sponsors are Levy County Commission Chairman John Meeks, and Rock Meeks of Meeks & Sons Plumbing (He is also a county commissioner but it is the plumbing company that sponsored the buckles). There is a note of a big thanks to A & T Designs for the t-shirts and buckets.

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FANNING SPRINGS -- This year at the Suwannee River Fair Dog Show there were 18 handlers that competed. The dog club is in its fourth year and growing.

Each handler competed in rally, obedience, and showmanship.

Rally consists of a course with signs at stations. Each station lets the handler know what skill needs to be performed next. It requires great teamwork between the dog and the handler. It is a timed event as well as point system.

The obedience competition requires the handler to perform skills as the judge requests.

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Obedience also involves a three-minute down, which means the dog is put into a down position. Then the handler walks to the end of the six-foot leash and the dog must remain down for the full three minutes.

Showmanship is based upon the handler and the way they show and present their dog while performing skills requested by the judge.

We are actively working towards adding agility to the competition for next year.

Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's show.

Following are the names of the handlers and the honors they earned with their dogs.

- Kalin Siegel - Advanced Group Senior 1st place rally, obedience, and showmanship
- Kimberly King - Advanced Group Junior 3rd place rally, 2nd place obedience, 3rd place showmanship
- Burlyne Mejeris - Advanced Group Junior 1st place rally and showmanship, 3rd place obedience
- Kyndal Bussard - Advanced Group Junior 2nd place showmanship
- Mollee Beauchamp - Advanced Group Junior 2nd place rally, 1st place obedience
- Alaura Brown - Advanced Group Primary 1st place rally, obedience, and showmanship
- Emily Horlocker - Basic Group Senior 1st place showmanship, 2nd place rally and obedience
- Sydney Groom - Basic Group Senior 1st place rally and obedience, 2nd place showmanship
- Jesse Thompson - Basic Group Junior 1st place rally, obedience, and showmanship
- Marissa Lampp - Basic group junior 2nd place showmanship, 3rd place rally and obedience
- Grace Richardson - Basic group junior 2nd place rally and obedience, 3rd place showmanship
- Liam Meeks - Basic group primary 1st place obedience, 2nd place rally
- Jaxson Riels - Basic group primary 1st place rally, 2nd place showmanship
- Anna Jane Meeks - Basic group primary 2nd place obedience
- Olivia Weaver - Basic group 2nd place rally, 3rd place obedience and showmanship
- Carson Meeks - Basic group primary 1st place showmanship

Also participating were Adli Elliott, Basic junior handler earning a white ribbon in rally and obedience and a red ribbon in showmanship; and Austin Allen, Basic primary handler earning a white ribbon in rally and obedience, and a red ribbon in showmanship.

Congratulations to all exhibitors. Each and every one of you represented the Tri-County Area well. We are so proud of your hard work throughout the whole course of the project!