

The Ruth VanKeuren
Memorial Fund for
MAC Junior Handlers



This fund has been established in memory of agility enthusiast Ruth VanKeuren. A founding member of MAC (Minnesota Agility Club, Inc.), Ruth is credited with supporting and promoting Junior Handlers in the agility show ring. At Ruth's urgings, in 1997 USDAA offered a Junior Handler Showcase as a part of its Grand Prix of Dog Agility Championships in Cleveland, Ohio. She remained actively involved with this competition until 2000. In addition to this event, Ruth helped to prepare Junior Handlers for both AKC and NADAC National Championship events and attended and brought in many nationally recognized trainers to share their skills. Although Ruth passed away in August, 2003 after a long and courageous battle with cancer, her legacy remains.

Benefiting
Junior Handlers
from Minnesota and
Western Wisconsin
That Attend a
National Agility Championship
(AKC, NADAC, USDAA, CPE)
Or Covered Training Seminar

The overall purpose of this fund is to promote attendance and competition at a National Championship by helping to reduce the financial burden to families. In addition, it will consider seminars that offer nationally recognized trainers. In order for Junior Handlers to qualify for this assistance for a given year and venue, they must:

- *Compete at a MAC Trial
- *Volunteer at a MAC Trial
(in a non Jr. Handler class/ring)
- *Volunteer at another trial of their choosing
(in a non Jr. Handler class/ring).
- *Reside in Minnesota or Western Wisconsin
(Western Wisconsin defined as; Barron,
Burnett, Douglas, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk
and St. Croix Counties)

Applications can be obtained from Martha Healy:
beartrax@brainerd.net or copied from MAC's site.

You can support this fund by making a contribution to MAC (please note "Youth Fund" on check memo line), by supporting local fundraisers, or by encouraging our youth in their involvement in this sport.
Donations are accepted at:
Minnesota Agility Club, Inc.
c/o Terry Smorch
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Lake Elmo, MN 55042