

**TOTAL JUNIOR HANDLER AWARD**

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The Total Junior Handler Award is presented to Junior Handlers that are members of the FSSA who have shown an extraordinary commitment to our breed. Award recipients are required to show exposure to all aspects of the fancy – conformation and showmanship, performance, volunteer service to the FSSA and dog-related activities, knowledge of a health or breed history topic and whelping/puppy rearing activities.

This form will be used to document the required activities in each of the six areas.

All required activities must be accomplished in a consecutive 2 year period. Required activities completed after the Junior’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday will not be counted.

***All applications are due by the January 31<sup>st</sup>, following completion of all required activities.***

**Mail or email form to:  
Jessica Thibault, ATTN: FSSA Junior Committee  
53 Pumpkin Hill Rd.  
Ashford, CT 06278  
Or [JessThibault@live.com](mailto:JessThibault@live.com)**

**Directions: Please fill out application completely. If additional documentation is required, you will be notified. Please make a copy for your records. Attach additional pages if needed.**

**Junior Information**

<b>Name of Junior Handler:</b>		
<b>AKC Junior Handler #:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Is the Junior Handler a current member of FSSA? Y / N</b> <b>(FSSA Junior Membership is required for this award)</b>		
<b>Date the Junior Handler “aged out” (18<sup>th</sup> Birthday), if applicable:</b>		

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**Requirement 1: Junior Showmanship**

**The Junior Handler is required to achieve 2 wins in the Open class with a Field Spaniel.**

Name of Show or Event	Class	Date of Win	Dog Name	Verified
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

**Requirement 2: Performance**

**The Junior Handler is required to achieve one companion or performance title on a Field Spaniel (Hunt, Tracking, Agility, Obedience/Rally, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, Trick Dog, CGC or any other AKC sanctioned Events) where all qualifications were met by a registered Junior Handler, and verified via AKC records.**

Name of Show or Event	Performance Event	Date of Qualifying Score	Dog Name	Verified
1,				
2.				
3.				
4.				

**Requirement 3: Volunteer Service to FSSA**

**The Junior Handler is required to volunteer 6 hours of their time at an FSSA-sponsored event (National Specialty, Regional Specialty, Supported Entry, Hunt Test, Fundraiser, or other club related activity [please describe]).**

Event	Description of Activity	Date	Number of Hours	Verified

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**Requirement 4: Volunteer Service to All-breed or general dog welfare**

The Junior Handler is required to volunteer 6 hours of their time at an event that benefits dogs in general or provides public education. Examples could be volunteering at a shelter or for a rescue organization, Meet the Breed events, fund-raising or public education events for animal welfare organizations, etc. Volunteering for all-breed shows does not count towards this requirement, unless the activity is specifically targeted to public education or welfare.

Event	Description of Activity	Date	Number of Hours	Verified

**Requirement 5: Health Topic or Breed History**

The Junior Handler is required to complete a project of their choosing, where they would research and document a health topic or breed history, that is relevant to Field Spaniels. The result of this project must be something tangible (written paper, display, etc) that can be either published in an FSSA print material (newsletter or yearbook) OR displayed at a National Specialty.

What topic did you choose to research?
How did you document what you learned to share with the rest of the FSSA membership (display, newsletter article, etc)?
What did you learn from conducting this research that was notable or memorable to you?

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**Requirement 6: Whelping or Puppy Raising Exposure**

The Junior Handler is required to assist with two different aspects of whelping or puppy raising, preferably at different developmental stages. Field Spaniels are preferred, but another breed can be substituted if no Field Spaniel breeders or litters are available to mentor the Junior handler. Examples include assisting with whelping, assisting with care of neonates, socialization, weaning, puppy aptitude testing, structural evaluation, etc.

**Puppy Experience #1**

<b>Age of Puppies:</b>	<b>Mentor Name:</b>
<b>Breed:</b>	<b>Mentor Phone Number:</b>
<b>What developmental stage were these puppies, and how did you assist?</b>	
<b>What did you learn from this experience that will make you a better owner, handler or breeder?</b>	

**Puppy Experience #2**

<b>Age of Puppies:</b>	<b>Mentor Name:</b>
<b>Breed:</b>	<b>Mentor Phone Number:</b>
<b>What developmental stage were these puppies, and how did you assist?</b>	
<b>What did you learn from this experience that will make you a better owner, handler or breeder?</b>	

**Signature of mentor from puppy experience #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of mentor from puppy experience #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Signature:**

**Date:**

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