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## Press Release

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### LOCAL CHILDREN GEAR UP TO COMPETE AT FLORIDA'S LARGEST DOG SHOW

January Event Brings Out Competitors of All Ages

Brooksville, FL – People from all over the world, will come to compete in Florida Classic Clusters, featuring American Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Shows, taking place January 10–14 and 16-20 in Brooksville, FL. But, while many adult dog handlers get set to hit the rings, four Florida youngsters are also getting their “paws” dirty gearing up for the big shows.

#### **Kristen and Kasey – “little girls – big dog!”**

They may weigh just 80 pounds, but twin 10 year old girls will be competing for the first time at Florida Classic Clusters, by handling a Bullmastiff that’s more than 100 pounds.

Kristen and Kasey competed in their first dog show in November (Kasey won 3<sup>rd</sup> place!) and look forward to working again with their large “puppy” Scarlet at Florida Classic Clusters in January.

**Advance Media Opportunity:** The Weeki Wachee girls and their mom attend “dog handling” class every Wednesday evening in Brooksville.

#### **Blake – “top dog in the state!”**

He is the number one junior handler in the state of Florida and the number one junior handler for terriers in the entire country! No doubt, all eyes will be on Blake, when this 14- year-old honor student from Merritt Island (just east of Orlando) competes at Florida Classic Clusters. Blake competes with his dog, “Charm,” a Kerry Blue Terrier.

**Advance Media Opportunity:** “Charm” is a licensed therapy dog and every week Blake takes her to nursing homes. Blake also takes dog handling classes on Tuesday evenings.


#### **About Florida Classic Clusters:**

Florida Classic Clusters has been named one of the top 20 events in the Southeast U.S.

**Admission is free!** Parking is \$5. It takes place January 10-14 and January 16-20, 2008 at Florida Classic Park. The address is: 5360 Lockhart Road, Brooksville, FL 34602. The shows are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> is Senior Day. Seniors at least 60 years old will receive free parking when mentioned at the parking gate. **Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> is Kids Day.** The first 100 children (ages 15 and under) who take the free AKC show tour will receive a free baseball cap. In addition to the All-Breed Dog Shows, there are Obedience Trials, Rally Trials, and free tours to learn all about AKC dog shows. Visitors can go behind the scenes to learn

how a dog is judged, meet dog handlers and more. It's hosted by: Clearwater Kennel Club, Inverness Florida Kennel Club, Manatee Kennel Club, Pasco Florida Kennel Club and Tampa Bay Kennel Club.

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