

DOG DIVISION

Dog Rules and Regulations

1. In order to exhibit in the Dog Division, the 4-H member must be enrolled in:
Dog Care I - *Wiggles 'N Wags* - Pub. BU-6150 OR
Dog Care II - *Bounding Ahead* - Pub. BU-6151 OR
Dog Care III - *Pointing the Way* - Pub. BU-6152
2. 4-H Members may participate in the Dog Show and/or by exhibiting a Dog Animal Science Project.
3. Refer to general project for display and/or livestock rules for dog show.

Guidelines for Dog Show

1. Exhibitors shall be limited to one entry in each class. The same dog cannot be shown in more than one class.
2. A dog CANNOT be shown in a beginner or novice class more than ONE year.
3. Dogs must be under control and supervision of their handler. Absolutely no fighting or interference with other dogs will be allowed. The Extension office & Obedience Instructors reserve the right to dismiss or disqualify a dog due to aggressive behavior towards an individual or another dog.
4. A dog being shown in the dog obedience project must be trained by and belong to 4-H'er or to a member of his immediate family or leased for the length of the project with a signed agreement.
5. All dogs must be brought to the obedience classes AND the 4-H Fair on a six-foot leather, nylon, or canvas leash.
6. No spike collars or tags hanging from the collars will be allowed.
7. Choke chains are mandatory. NO flea collars are permitted.
8. Female dogs in season must not be brought to the classes; however, the presence of the handler is still required. NO substitutes are permitted.
9. Dogs do NOT have to be AKC registered; however, AKC rules will be used for judging.
10. All dogs must have current distemper, parvo and rabies vaccines. Dogs must also be flea-free.
11. All exhibitors must wear a 4-H shirt, nice shorts or pants, and soft soled shoes or boots. NO thongs or sandals are permitted.
12. Dogs must have a qualifying score to be eligible for premiums, ribbons, and trophies. The qualifying scores are as follows:
Beginner I & II, & Graduate Beginner- 50% or more of the available points for EACH exercise and a final score of AT LEAST 150 points.
All other classes- final score of AT LEAST 170 points.
13. A runoff will be held in case of a tie for total score.
14. All long sits and downs will be done as a group.

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Classes for Dog Show

Class 01 - Beginner I Class

Inexperienced handlers and dogs with no training prior to September of preceding year.

1. Heel on leash and figure eight (breaking pace).
2. Stand for examination.
3. Recall.
4. Long sit (1 minute).
5. Long down (3 minutes).

Class 02 - Beginner II Class

Experienced handlers **OR** experienced dogs.

1. Heel on leash and figure eight (breaking pace).
2. Stand for examination.
3. Recall.
4. Long sit (1 minute).
5. Long down (3 minutes)

Class 03- Graduate Beginner

1. Heel on leash and figure (Same as Beginner Class)
2. Stand for examination off leash
3. Recall off leash
4. Long sit- 1 minute with leash off dog (will be done as a group)
5. Long down- 3 minutes with leash off dog (will be done as a group)

Class 04 - Novice Class

Dogs with training prior to September of preceding year.

1. Heel on leash and figure eight (breaking pace).
2. Stand for examination.
3. Heel free.
4. Recall off leash.
5. Long sit--1 minute with dog off leash.
6. Long down--3 minutes with dog off leash.

Class - 05 Advance Novice

Dogs that have had training two years or more preceding current 4-H Show.

1. Heel on leash.
2. Stand for examination off leash.
3. Heel free and figure eight.
4. Drop on Recall.
5. Long sit--3 minutes (handler out of sight).
6. Long down--5 minutes (handler out of sight).

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Class 06 - Junior Dog Showmanship- Ages 8-13 years

1. Exhibitors will be judged on handling skill, knowledge of breed standards of their dog, dog show terminology, and elementary dog anatomy. The judge has the right to question exhibitors in one or all of these areas.
2. Dogs will be judged on cleanliness, general health and grooming.

Class 07 - Senior Dog Showmanship- Ages 14-up

1. Exhibitors will be judged on handling skill, knowledge of breed standards of their dog, dog show terminology, and elementary dog anatomy. The judge has the right to question exhibitors in one or all of these areas.
2. Dogs will be judged on cleanliness, general health and grooming.

ANIMAL SCIENCE DISPLAY

Class 08 - Dog Animal Science Display - Suggested topics could include - Dog grooming products and use, Obedience commands for dogs, Dog breeds, Types of dog foods, Local dog laws and ordinances. See Animal Science Division for exhibit guidelines.