

## DOG OBEDIENCE DIVISION

(Dogs are NOT included in the 5 only livestock entries.)

SUPERINTENDENT: Sheri Born (For questions on class entries, contact the superintendent)

**Obedience to be judged on: Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.; Fun Show: To Be Announced**

### DEPARTMENT RULES:

Clarification: All 4-H members are eligible to exhibit their projects at the county 4-H show. Only 4-H members who are age 10 or older before September 1, 2008 are eligible to exhibit their projects at the Illinois State Fair. **Refer to Rule 5 in Division III rules for state fair age eligibility.**

1. 4-H members and their dogs should attend a dog obedience school before entering the dog at the county 4-H show.
2. Dogs do not have to be AKC registered to be shown at the fair. American Kennel Club rules will be used for judging obedience classes and showmanship classes. Rulebooks are free. Write to: American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010. If a dog has three (3) qualifying scores for an AKC degree prior to 6 months of the county 4-H Dog Obedience Show, it must be shown in the next highest class.
3. A dog being shown in the dog obedience project must be trained by and belong to the exhibitor, to a member of his immediate family, or leased for the length of the project with a signed agreement.
4. All dogs must be brought to the show on a six-foot leather, nylon, or canvas leash. No spike collars or tags hanging from the collar.
5. Female dogs in season cannot participate in the 4-H Dog Show.
6. Dogs must be supervised by the exhibitor at all times. Dogs must be leashed and kept separate from other animals and tents.
7. Dogs are to be on the fairgrounds the day of judging only.
8. Dogs are to be trained and shown by 4-H members ONLY.
9. All dogs are expected to be clean and well groomed.
10. Exhibitors shall be limited to one dog in each class. Each dog may be entered in only one obedience class, plus showmanship. Premiums will be paid for the two highest scores in obedience, no matter how many dogs are entered by the exhibitor. A dog may be shown by only one exhibitor.
11. Dogs in Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, and Utility (with a qualifying score) will be eligible for Grand Champion. Dogs in Beginner I, Beginner II, and Graduate Beginner (with a qualifying score) will be eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.



A run-off will be held in case of a tie for highest scoring dog according to AKC rules.

County qualifying scores for Beginner I, Beginner II, and Graduate Beginner classes is 140 points. Qualifying score to attend State Fair is 150 points. Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, and Utility Classes have a qualifying score of 170 points, for both Henry County and State Fair.

The superintendent will act upon special problems not covered by these rules.

### **Classes**

\***Beginner I** – for new handlers and inexperienced dog only. All exercises on leash. Exercises: heel on leash and figure 8, stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 minute), long down (3 minutes). Dogs in their first year only are eligible to compete in this class.

\***Beginner II** – for experienced handlers with inexperienced dogs. All exercises on leash. Exercises: heel on leash and figure 8, stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 minute), long down (3 minutes). Dogs in their first year only are eligible to compete in this class.

\***Graduate Beginner** – Exercises: heel on leash and figure 8. Off leash exercises - stand for

examination,

recall, long sit (1 minute), long down (3 minutes). For dogs who have qualified at the Beginner Level, but not ready for Novice.

\***Novice Class** – Exercises: Heel on leash and figure 8. Off leash heel free, stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 minute), long down (3 minutes).

\***Open Class** – Exercises: All off leash; heel free and figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on the flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, long sit (3 minutes, handler out of sight), long down (5 minutes, handler out of sight). Dogs remain in this class until passed and one year after passing.

\***Advanced Novice Class I** – Exercises: Heel on leash, stand for examination off leash, heel free and figure 8, drop on recall, long sit (3 minutes, handler out of sight), long down (5 minutes, handler out of sight). This class is for dogs that, in their first year of Graduate Novice training, have never been entered in this class. No dogs with CDX degree or a leg on their CDX are eligible to compete in this class.

\***Advanced Novice Class II** – Exercises same as for Graduate Novice Class I. For dogs competing for the second year.

\***Utility Class** – Exercises: All off lead - Signal exercises, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, directed jumping and moving stand for exam. Dogs may stay in this class until passed and one year after passing.

#### **Heel on Leash Pattern**

Forward  
Halt  
Forward  
Left (right) turn  
Slow  
Normal  
About turn  
Halt  
Forward  
Right (left) turn  
Fast  
Normal  
About turn  
Halt  
Exercise finished

#### **Figure Eight on Leash**

Forward – halt  
Forward – halt  
Exercise finished

#### **Stand for Exam**

(on leash Beg I & II)  
(off leash Grad Beg & Nov)  
stand your dog and leave when ready  
return  
exercise finished

#### **Heel off leash\* Novice Class & Up**

Use same heeling pattern as on lead

#### **Group Exercise**

On leash Beg I & II  
Off leash for Grad Beg & Nov  
Long sit – 1 minute  
Long down – 3 minutes

#### **Recall**

(on leash Beg I & II)  
(off leash Grad Beg & Nov)  
leave your dog  
call your dog  
finish  
exercise finished

🏆 **GRAND CHAMPION** – Highest scoring dog from Novice, Open, Advanced Novice, or Utility Classes

🏆 **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION** – Highest scoring dog from Beginner I, Beginner II, and Graduate Beginner

**SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (HANDLING)**

- Novice Senior – for boys and girls, ages 14 years and over, who have never won a first place in senior showmanship
- Open Senior – for boys and girls, ages 14 and over, who have won a first place in senior showmanship -
  - 🏆 **Grand Champion Senior Showmanship**
  - 🏆 **Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship**
- Novice Junior – for boys and girls, ages 10-13 years, who have never won a first place in junior showmanship
- Open Junior – for boys and girls, ages 10-13 years, who have won a first place in junior showmanship
  - 🏆 **Grand Champion Junior Showmanship**
  - 🏆 **Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship**
- Beginner – for boys and girls, ages 8 and 9 years old (or 10 after September 1, 2008)

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