

4-H DOG

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1. All rules (pages 6-11) apply.
2. Exhibitors are to register 8:30 a.m. Friday morning in the dog tent. Show will begin at 9:00 a.m.
3. Dogs must have correct training equipment such as a choker collar and 6foot leather or nylon lead to enter obedience classes. Harnesses will not be allowed in the obedience classes.
4. 4-H'ers and dogs entered in the 'Beginner I' or 'Beginner II' class must have written proof (form signed by trainer) of at least 8 hours of obedience training.
5. A proof of health exam and vaccinations shall be checked by the Fair Vet on Wed. evening from 8:00 -9:00 or Thursday noon for each dog entry certifying dog has had current rabies, distemper-hepatitis-leptospirosis and parvo inoculations.
6. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Un-entered dogs are not allowed in the tent.
7. Dogs in season will not be permitted to show.
8. Unruly dogs will not be allowed to show and may be excused by the superintendent and/or judge.
9. No treats are allowed in the ring or to be given during judging.
10. A runoff will be held in case of a tie for total score.
11. For safety and welfare of the dogs, it is recommended that they be taken home after showing.
12. Clean-up equipment will be available. You must clean up after you own dog.

Showmanship Division Classes: Youth may only enter one showmanship class.

Junior Dog Showmanship – for handlers ages 8-13, as of September 1, 2008.

Senior Dog Showmanship – for handlers ages 14 and older, as of September 1, 2008.

1. Exhibitors will be judged on handling skill, knowledge of breed standards of their dog, dog show terminology, elementary dog anatomy, and knowledge of your dog. (The judge has the right to question exhibitors in one or all of these areas.) Dogs should have correct "show" lead.
2. Only the persons winning Champion Jr. & Sr. Showmanship classes at the Lee County 4-H Fair may represent Lee County at the State Fair 4-H Dog Show. If the Champions are unable to attend, no substitute can be allowed and the county will go un-represented.

Obedience Division Classes:

1. Inexperienced handler refers to anyone who has not previously shown dogs. Inexperienced dogs refers to dogs who have not been trained before this year.
2. AKC rules will be used as a guideline for judging.
3. Signals given to dogs will be EITHER voice or hand. Only one type of signal is to be used for each type of motion exercise.
4. Exhibitors planning to enter at the Illinois State Fair in 'Obedience' must have a score sheet signed by the judge of the county show certifying the dog scored 50% or more of the available points for each exercise on the sheet and a final score of at least 150 points for 'Beginner I - II and 170 points for all other classes.

Beginner I – (For inexperienced handlers and inexperienced dogs). Refer to rule # 3. Everything on leash, including heeling, figure eight, stand for examination for judge, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).

Beginner II – (Same as 'Beginner I except for experienced handlers and inexperienced dogs or inexperienced handlers and experienced dogs.) Everything on leash, including heeling, figure eight, stand for examination for judge, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).

Advanced Dog Obedience includes Graduate Beginner, Novice, Advanced Novice and Open. Classes are judged on a point system and then a percentage of points for each participant are calculated. All four classes are combined using the percentage for trophy placing.

Graduate Beginner – On leash includes: heel and figure eight. Off leash includes: stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 min.), and long down (3 min.).

Novice – On leash includes: heel and figure eight. Off leash includes: heel, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.), and stand for examination.

Advanced Novice – On leash includes heel. Off leash includes stand for examination, free heel and figure eight, drop on recall, long sit (3 min.), and long down (5 min.) with handler out of sight.

Open– Everything off leash plus retrieve over high jump, broad jump and retrieve on flat.

Care and Grooming Division Classes:

Care and Grooming—Junior Class - youth ages 8 - 13 as of Sept. 1, 2008

Care and Grooming—Senior Class - youth ages 14-18 as of Sept. 1, 2008

1. Open to all dogs. Only the grooming and condition of the dog is judged.
2. Dogs will be judged on condition of the coat, eyes, ears, feet, mouth and weight.
3. If dog is groomed by professional groomer, exhibitor should knowledgeable of grooming procedure as well as the daily or weekly grooming needs performed by the exhibitor.

Agility Division Classes:

1. Youth may only enter one Agility Class for each dog being shown.
2. Agility classes may be subdivided by dog shoulder height into 2-3 subdivisions depending on number of entries.

Agility On Leash— Dogs will be led by handler through an obstacle course. They will be judged on their ability to maneuver through the obstacles. OR

Agility Off Leash – Dogs will be judged on their ability to navigate course and maneuver through obstacles while off leash.

Animal Science Class

Animal Science Class—Written report or display. This class is for 4-Hers who may or may not have an animal but are enrolled in dog project. See General Projects Department for requirements.

Trophies will be presented in:

- Champion Beginner I Dog Obedience
- Champion Beginner II Dog Obedience
- Champion Advanced Dog Obedience
- Champion Jr. Care & Grooming
- Champion Sr. Care & Grooming
- Champion Agility On Leash
- Champion Agility Off Leash
- Champion Jr. Dog Showmanship
- Champion Sr. Dog Showmanship