



DIVISION IX: DOG

Superintendent: Raisha Quinn

Completed Record books SIGNED BY YOUR DOG LEADER NOT YOUR CLUB LEADER are to be turned in to the Extension Office by June 30, 2009

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Participants must be a 4-H member enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project on or before May 1, 2009.
2. The members must provide the majority of the care of the dog during the complete duration of the project. Dog need not be pedigreed.
3. Exhibitor may enter one or two dogs. Exhibitor may enter one dog in showmanship and another in obedience or show both dogs in both showmanship and obedience. If two dogs are used for showmanship and obedience they must be competing in different classes. Exhibitor must complete one record book for each dog entered to complete project.
4. Competition in Sub-Novice - A will be limited to members and dogs in their first year of dog project work.
5. First year members may NOT enter Sub-Novice B. They must enter Sub-Novice A. This class is for 4-H members with inexperienced dogs. These are dogs that are not ready for the Novice division as determined by their project leader.
6. Competition in Sub-Novice - C will be limited to members with one year or greater experience and a first year dog.
7. If an exhibitor of a dog finds it necessary to compete in a class lower than a class in which he is eligible, he must be approved by the Dog Superintendent and his leader, and he may show for award group ribbon only not for placements or prizes.
8. Show rules and guidelines are modeled after AKC Rules.
9. A minimum of 10 classes and a demonstration are required to qualify to show at the Mesa County Fair Dog Show

DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. A dog with an AKC degree is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if the degree was won less than four months before the fair, and then the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. Please make a note on entry form if this applies to you.
2. Dog must be 6 months by Fair to show
3. The progress the dog has made determines the class in which it should be entered. Once the dog has received a blue ribbon award group in an obedience class, he must move on to the next higher class. The member's years in 4-H has no bearing on which class to enter his/her dog except Sub-Novice.
4. A bitch in heat will be permitted to show in a separate class with other animals of the same sex. After the competition of obedience show, the bitch in heat will be crated off the show grounds until classes are ready upon the approval of the superintendent. After the classes the bitch will be removed immediately. This will be the last class of the day.
5. Proof of approved effective vaccination of the dog for rabies and written proof of Mesa County license must be shown in the project record book with veterinarian's signature along side or else shown on a current certificate from veterinarian. TAGS ARE NOT PROOF.
6. Any dog showing evidence of communicable disease will be isolated until inspected by a veterinarian to determine it may show.

7. No dog to be professionally groomed within two (2) weeks prior to showing.
8. The dog will be trained only by a 4-H member during the project.
9. Dress Code
Ladies: No thick soled shoes, see through blouses, short skirts, flip flops, dangling jewelry, earrings or bracelets. Wear something you can bend over in and run in, but still be dressed as if you were attending church. Wear nylons with comfortable closed toed shoes. Gentlemen: Wear nice slacks, dress shirt, tie, and jacket if you have one. No jeans, t-shirts, nothing with holes or tears. Tennis shoes are preferred.

AWARDS

1. Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor in obedience class on the following basis.
 - a) BLUE - 170 or more points earned provided each class exercise received 50% or more of the possible points.
 - b) RED - 140 through 169 and all scored of 170 or more not qualifying for blue
 - c) WHITE - 139 or fewer points earned.
2. Showmanship
 - a) Junior Exhibitor - anyone 8 to 10 years of age. (January 1 of Current year)
 - b) Intermediate Exhibitor - anyone 11 to 13 years of age (January 1 of current year)
 - c) Senior Exhibitor - anyone 14 and over. (January 1 of current year)
3. Awards will be presented to the top six places in obedience classes and Junior and Intermediate and Senior Showmanship classes.

EXHIBITOR RULE FOR STATE FAIR

Each county may enter exhibitors in obedience classes (by selection procedure most appropriate to its own county program) according to the following quota:

- a) Sub-Novice, three exhibitors. This class is open to members in their first year of dog projects work.
- b) Novice, Grad-Novice, Open, Sub-utility, Utility, Unlimited number of exhibitors per class.
- c) Showmanship, 1 dog per exhibitor (may be different dog than obedience). County limited to 3 per class for a total of 12.
- d) NO BITCH IN HEAT WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN ANY DOG CLASS AT THE STATE FAIR.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

CLASS

10. Sub-Novice A
11. Sub-Novice B
12. Sub-Novice C
13. Novice A
14. Novice B
15. Grad-Novice A

CLASS

16. Grad-Novice B
17. Open A
18. Open B
19. Utility A
20. Utility B

SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS

16. Junior Novice Showmanship (8-10) (1st yr. members only)
17. Intermediate Novice Showmanship (11-13) (1st yr. members only)
18. Senior Novice Showmanship (14-19) (1st yr. members only)
19. Junior Open Showmanship (8-10)
20. Intermediate Open Showmanship (11-13)
21. Senior Open Showmanship (14-19)
22. Showmanship –B limited to members with one year or greater experience and a dog of their choice.

RECORDS

CLASS

23. Records - Junior (8-10)
24. Records-Intermediate (11-13)
25. Records-Senior (14-19)

Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Record book
Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Record book
Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showman
Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showman
High Point Obedience Dog (Junior Handler)
Reserve High Point Obedience Dog (Junior Handler)
High Point Obedience Dog (Intermediate Handler)
Reserve High Point Obedience Dog (Intermediate Handler)
High Point Obedience Dog (Senior Handler)
Reserve High Point Obedience Dog (Senior Handler)
Grand Champion Overall Dog*
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Dog*

- Determined by highest total score from obedience, showmanship, and record book.
- If more than one record book is entered the one with the highest score will use in scoring
- If more than one dog entered the dog with the highest score will be used.