

DOG AGILITY

Superintendent: Paula Rohr

2009 4-H Dog Agility Competition Rules

COMPLETED AGILITY RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY 5:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 1, 2009! STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE AND TURN IN THE RECORD BOOK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE DURING FAIR AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENROLL IN THE PROJECT NEXT YEAR OR COMPETE!

The Agility Demo at the fairgrounds will be held at Mesa County Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 6:00pm.

All participants are asked to arrive and help with set up by 5:00 pm.

General Rules

Each participant should bring a dog crate, or some other means to control their dog while they are walking the course. They should also bring a leash, water and a bowl for their dogs, poop bags, some form of shade for their dog's crate (a towel, sheet or some other cover, which allows for air to circulate), treats if desired, and a drink for themselves. It is also advised to bring chairs and shade if you have them.

This event will be run similarly to an AKC Dog Agility Competition. All 4-H Dog Agility Enrollees MUST participate because this demo is part of the required project.

Keep in mind that there are a lot of new scents and sights for your dog. Allow them to have some time to sniff and become acclimated to their surroundings. Keep a tight hold of your leash as there are many animals there and your normally docile controlled dog may become excited in this new environment.

Have fun. Eagerly show what you have learned, don't worry, people love what they see and they will cheer and clap whether you do it right or not. Love your dog no matter what he does. He has worked hard for you all year and you have both had a lot of fun!

You are responsible for you and your dog's behavior. Harsh treatment of your dog will not be tolerated. It will result in temporary or permanent removal or participation. Remember this needs to be fun for the dogs, too.

Entrants in the agility demo will have a chance to walk the course without their dogs before any participant runs with their dog.

Rules for the Competition Runs

4-H member's dogs must be at least one year old to run.

4-H members must run the dog they have trained in 4-H agility to be able to run in the 4-H demo. Participants must have attended. This will insure that you and your dog have received enough training to be prepared for the competition at $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lessons offered.

The agility course will roughly follow AKC rules and guidelines.

Each level, Novice, Open and Excellent will have a course appropriate to that level.

Dogs will run one at a time from small to tall.

Participants must be on the start line ready to go when it is their turn or they will be skipped from that round of competition.

Dogs must be on leash or confined at all times except when they are running their course. Also, participant must have their dog under control and back on leash at the conclusion of their course run.

As the sun sets, all students will help to break down the equipment and pack it into the trailer for transportation.

The leader may ask any participant or dog to leave the course if she feels that the handler, dog, or crowd is unsafe or unfamiliar with the equipment. This may be a temporary or permanent removal at the discretion of the leader. Aggressive dogs may be asked to leave by the leader.