



DIVISION IX: DOG

Superintendent: Kelly Davidson & Melissa Bibeau

Completed Record books SIGNED BY YOUR DOG LEADER NOT YOUR CLUB LEADER are to be turned in to the Extension Office by June 29, 2010.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Participants must be a 4-H member enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project on or before May 1, 2010.
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 an orientation meeting are required to qualify to show at the Mesa County Fair Dog Show. A class is defined as the participation of the participant and their animal at practice with the trainer for a minimum of 60 minutes. Extra credit toward future classes may be given if deemed appropriate by the superintendent and trainer(s).

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 A.
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. Obedience
 - 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 to 18. (January 1 of current year)
3. Rally
 - a) Excellent A & B
 - b) Advanced A & B
 - c) Novice A & B

EXHIBITOR RULES FOR STATE FAIR

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

- a) Obedience: Sub-Novice, Novice, Grad-Novice, four exhibitors/class. Open, Utility, unlimited number of exhibitors/class.
- b) Showmanship: 1 dog per exhibitor (may be different dog than obedience). four exhibitors/class.
- c) Rally: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, four exhibitors/class.
- d) **NO BITCH IN HEAT WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN ANY DOG CLASS AT THE STATE FAIR.**

OBEDIENCE

CLASS
Sub-Novice A
Sub-Novice B
Sub-Novice C
Novice A
Novice B
Grad-Novice A

CLASS
Grad-Novice B
Open A
Open B
Utility A
Utility B

SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS
Junior Novice Showmanship (8-10) (1st yr. members only)
Intermediate Novice Showmanship (11-13) (1st yr. members only)
Senior Novice Showmanship (14-18) (1st yr. members only)
Junior Open Showmanship (8-10)
Intermediate Open Showmanship (11-13)
Senior Open Showmanship (14-18)
Winners Circle

RALLY

CLASS

Rally Novice A
Rally Novice B
Rally Advanced A
Rally Advanced B
Rally Excellent A
Rally Excellent B

RECORD BOOKS

CLASS

Record Book-Junior (8-10)
Record Book-Intermediate (11-13)
Record Book-Senior (14-18)

RIBBONS

Grand Champion Record Book
Reserve Grand Champion Record Book
Grand Champion Showmanship
Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship
Grand Champion Obedience
Reserve Grand Champion Obedience
Overall Grand Champion
Overall Reserve Grand Champion

*Determined by highest combined total score in obedience, showmanship and record book.

*If more than one record book is entered by a single participant, the record book with the highest score will be used.

*If more than one dog is entered by a single participant, the dog with the highest score will be used.