

## DIVISION 9: DOG

Superintendent: Leah Burnham & Susan Adleman

### EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. The 4-H dog project is designed for members to spend time throughout the year working with and training their dogs. Dogs that show up to fair and are deemed to be out of control or are a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show grounds and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by a consensus of the Superintendents.
  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 more dogs. Exhibitor may enter one dog in showmanship and one or more dogs in obedience and rally.
  4. 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.
  5. A dog with an AKC title is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if the title was won less than four months before the fair, and then the dog is eligible for entry in the same class.
  6. Dog must be 6 months by Fair to show.
  7. No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in any classes at the County or State Fair.
  8. Proof of approved effective vaccination of the dog for rabies must be downloaded onto the online dog ID form by May 1st. This is a hard deadline. You will not be eligible to show if you don't have this done.
  9. No dog to be professionally groomed within two (2) weeks prior to showing.
  10. 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.
- Show rules and guidelines are modeled after AKC Rules.

### SHOWMANSHIP:

#### **Junior Novice Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 8 – 10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

#### **Junior Open Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

#### **Intermediate Novice Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

#### **Intermediate Open Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

#### **Intermediate Advanced Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> at a previous State Dog Trial Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship.

#### **Senior Novice Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

#### **Senior Open Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship

#### **Senior Advanced Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1st through 10th at a previous State Dog Trial in Senior Open Showmanship must enter Senior Advanced Showmanship

### OBEDIENCE

## **PUPPY CLASS**

Puppy classes will be for puppies, which are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy up for a lifetime of enjoyment in the show ring. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. The score sheet will consist of Excellent, Good or Needs Work. The exercises are:

1. Loose Lead Walking: Dog no more than two feet away from handler.
2. Sit for Exam
3. Recall: Handler six inches in front of dog. The dog is called while the handler walks backwards
4. Down Stay: Dog is placed in a stay while handler walks to end of lead and walks around dog back into heeling position.
5. Serpentine Walking: Loose lead walking between a straight line of three people.

## **BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION**

**Beginner Novice A:** This class is open only to handlers and their dogs in their first year of dog obedience training work.

**Beginner Novice B:** This class is open only to second- year dog obedience training members and must be the same youth and dog team that showed in Beginner Novice A.

**Beginner Novice C:** This class is open to handlers with previous obedience training who are working with a new dog **or** a dog with previous experience in an organized training class working with a new 4-H member.

All heeling in this class will be performed on leash. The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel on Leash
2. Figure Eight
3. Sit for Exam
4. Sit Stay
5. Recall

## **NOVICE DIVISION**

**Novice A:** This class is open to members with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.

**Novice B:** This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above who have never received a blue ribbon at a previous state fair in this class.

All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 80.

The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel on leash, then figure eight
2. Stand for exam (off leash)
3. Heel free
4. Recall
5. Sit and stay (1 Minute)
6. Down and stay (3 Minutes)

## **GRADUATE NOVICE DIVISION**

**Pre-Grad-Novice A:** This class is open to members with no prior experience in Pre-Grad Novice Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice".

**Pre-Grad-Novice B:** This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Pre-Grad Novice 4-H Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice".

All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel on leash
2. Moving stand for exam
3. Heel free and figure eight
4. Moving drop on recall
5. Recall over broad jump
6. Down and stay

**Grad Novice A:** This class was previously called "Pre-Open". This class is for members in their 1st year of Grad Novice training.

**Grad Novice B:** This class was previously called "Pre-Open". This class is for members in their 2nd or higher year of Grad Novice training.

All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 82. The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel off leash & Figure eight
2. Drop on Recall
3. Dumbbell Recall
4. Recall Over High Jump
5. Recall Over Board Jump
6. Long Down (Out of sight)

**ADVANCED DIVISION**

**Open: A & B**

All exercises in this class according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 86. The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel free and figure eight
2. Drop on recall
3. Retrieve on flat
4. Retrieve over high jump
5. Broad jump
6. Sit and stay
7. Long stay

**Graduate Open: A & B**

All exercises in this class according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 88. The exercises in this class will include:

1. Signal Exercises
2. Scent Discrimination
3. Directed Retrieve
4. Moving Stand and Exam
5. Go Out
6. Directed Jumping

**Utility: A & B**

All exercises in this class according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 92. The exercises in this class will include:

1. Signal exercise
2. Scent discrimination – leather
3. Scent discrimination – metal
4. Directed retrieve of glove
5. Moving stand and exam
6. Directed jumping

**VETERANS DIVISION:** This class is open for all dogs over 7 years of age. The dog can compete in any class from Novice through Utility.

**RALLY**

**Rally Novice A Class** – This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally training who have not received a blue ribbon at any State 4-H Dog Trial and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association A member may only compete in Rally A for one year.

**Rally Novice B Class** – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally training with the same dog used in the Rally Novice A Class or who is starting a dog that has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. Rally Novice is performed on leash.

**Rally Advanced A Class** – Rally Advanced A is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced Training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Advanced at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Advanced A class for one year.

**Rally Advanced B Class** – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Advanced Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. Rally Advanced is performed on leash.

**Rally Excellent A Class** – Rally Excellent A Class is for members who are in their first year of Rally Excellent training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title for any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for one year.

**Rally Excellent B Class** – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent training. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. Rally Excellent is performed off leash.

**Rally Advanced/Excellent A** – This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 1st year of Advanced/Excellent training.

**Rally Advanced/Excellent B** – This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 2nd year or above of Advanced/Excellent training. A member receiving the equivalent National title may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.

### AWARDS

#### 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.

#### 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)

#### Rally

- a) Excellent A & B
- b) Advanced A & B
- c) Novice A & B

### Section #1 OBEDIENCE

#### CLASS

- #1. Sub-Novice A
- #2. Sub-Novice B
- #3. Sub-Novice C
- #4. Novice A
- #5. Novice B
- #6. Grad-Novice A

#### CLASS

- #7. Grad-Novice B
- #8. Open A
- #9. Open B
- #10. Utility A
- #11. Utility B

### Section #2 SHOWMANSHIP

#### CLASS

- #1. Junior Novice Showmanship (8-10) (1st yr. members only)
- #2. Intermediate Novice Showmanship (11-13) (1st yr. members only)
- #3. Senior Novice Showmanship (14-18) (1st yr. members only)
- #4. Junior Open Showmanship (8-10)
- #5. Intermediate Open Showmanship (11-13)
- #6. Senior Open Showmanship (14-18)
- #7. Advanced Senior – Anyone that has previously been awarded Grand or Reserve Grand in the Senior division at the State Level
- #8. Winners Circle – Any Senior that has won Grand or Reserve Grand at the State Level may enter in this class. Once entered into this class you may not show in any other showmanship class, you must remain in this class for the remainder of your 4-H career.

### Section #3 RALLY

#### CLASS

- #1. Rally Novice A
- #2. Rally Novice B

- #3. Rally Advanced A
- #4. Rally Advanced B
- #5. Rally Excellent A
- #6. Rally Excellent B

**Section #4  
RECORD BOOKS**

CLASS

- #1. Record Book-Junior (8-10)
- #2. Record Book-Intermediate (11-13)
- #3. Record Book-Senior (14-18)

**RIBBONS**

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

\*Determined by highest combined total score in obedience, showmanship, rally 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 in obedience or rally classes.

**Versatility Award  
To be awarded at the Awards Banquet**

**Section #5  
DOG AGILITY**

2018 4-H Dog Agility Competition Rules

The Agility Demo at the fairgrounds will be held at Mesa County Fairgrounds on TBD.

All participants are asked to arrive and help with set up **2 hours before the scheduled time**.

**General Rules**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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!
5. 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.
6. 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**

1. 4-H member's dogs must be at least one year old to run.
2. 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 ¾ of the lessons offered.

- 3.The agility course will roughly follow AKC rules and guidelines.
- 4.Each level, Novice, Open and Excellent will have a course appropriate to that level.
- 5.Dogs will run one at a time from small to tall.
- 6.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.
- 7.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.
- 8.As the sun sets, all students will help to break down the equipment and pack it into the trailer for transportation.
- 9.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.