JUNIOR FAIR DOG SHOW

Thursday Preceding the Fair, 6:00pm
Jackson County OSU Extension Office

Judging Requirements
Refer to the following website for Ohio 4-H Dog Program information: **www.go.osu.edu/dog**

4-H members must be enrolled in Jackson County's only "dog approved" 4-H club, the K-9 Clovers "Tails & Trails" 4-H Club. To prevent dog fights and injury to pets and others, it is important that all dog exhibitors regularly attend K-9 Clovers "Tails & Trails" 4-H Club practice meetings and socialized their dogs with others.

ALL youth enrolled in 4-H dog projects are required to sign the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document, as well as a parent or guardian is required to sign this document, before youth are allowed to participate in any 4-H dog activities with their dogs. This document must be signed each year as a youth enrolls in a 4-H dog project and is to be kept on file at the county Extension office. It is also recommended that the 4-H club advisor keep a signed copy.

1. Each exhibitor will keep his/her dog on a leash except when participating in the ring and judging. 4-H members must provide their own collar, leash, and show equipment.
2. Females in season will not be exhibited.
3. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
4. All dogs exhibited must be six months of age by the date of the show. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older on or before the date of show. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.
5. Score sheets used in judging are in the *Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book*. Counties are required to use the Ohio 4-H Dog Show score sheets for 4-H fun matches and dog shows. Exercises listed on the score sheets reflect the changes in rules, making it **very important to use the current versions**. These score sheets have the date at the bottom.
6. Counties are required to use the questions posted at www.go.osu.edu/dog and www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs for county 4-H Showmanship and You and Your Dog interviews Exhibitors **should review these questions prior to the show.**
7. Each 4-H member may enter one (1) dog per class. Any individual dog may be shown in one obedience class only. Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the fair as follows:
   - *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D – to show in You and Your Dog classes.
   - *Obedience, Project No. 201O – to show in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally classes*
   - *Showmanship*, Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes.
   - *Performance Dog*, Project No. 201P – to show in Agility, Drill Team, or Freestyle.
   - *Working Dog*, Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog
   - 4-H PetPALS classes, Project No. 230P – Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H PetPALS Project #230 to be eligible to show in 4-H PetPALS; Youth no longer need to also be enrolled in the Working Dog project.
   - 4-H members can be enrolled in any 4-H Dog Project to participate in the Poster Contest

   * FFA members are eligible to show provided they meet school FFA dog project requirements.
8. Dogs must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Ownership of Assistance Dogs is reflective of each applicable organization. Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project. *The date of ownership must be no later than April 1*. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and exhibitor's family. Hardship cases will not be considered for state fair participation. Dogs cannot be shared in Obedience, Showmanship, Performance or Working events, however, dogs can be shared between siblings for You and Your Dog classes.
9. Leasing a dog is not permitted for State Fair dog show participation. Sharing a dog at the county level is not permitted for State Fair dog show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including Agility competition.

10. 4-H members must progress to a higher-level yearly with the same dog project. Dogs shown at the Ohio State Fair must be the same dogs enrolled at the county level.
11. Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person. Only the exhibitor can train the dog at any type of training class on or after April 1 of the current year.
12. No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog(s) at any type of dog show, including agility, field trials, rally trials, etc., as well as fun matches, on or after April 1 of the current year.

STATE FAIR COMPETITION: Any youth enrolled in a 4-H or FFA dog project may enter the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. All entries must be approved by the youth's 4-H advisor/FFA instructor and Extension professional. To be eligible for State Fair Competition, no one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to take the project dog(s) on animal-assisted activities (pet therapy) visits, on or after April 1. No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog(s) at any type of dog show, including agility, field trials, rally trials, etc., as well as fun matches, on or after April 1. Ohio State Fair Dog Show information can be found at http://go.osu.edu/osfdogs. Late entries are not accepted.

License Requirements:

1. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dogs' license tag numbers on the County Dog Project ID Form and Vaccination Certificate for County Judging and on the Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate to be compete for state judging.

Health Requirements:

1. The County Dog Project ID Form and Vaccination Certificate must be completed for County Fair Participation and the Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate for State Fair Participation. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure all health requirements are met.
2. Dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, administered by licensed, accredited veterinarians. Veterinarians must document on the Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.
3. ALL dogs must be vaccinated for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus by licensed, accredited veterinarians. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. For the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, all vaccinations must be current through August 1st of the current year. Dogs CANNOT be shown at the Ohio State Fair if vaccinations are given by anyone other than a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
4. Bordetella vaccination is recommended but not required. Consult with your veterinarian.
5. The County and Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Forms and Vaccination Certificates are available from the county Extension office. It can also be downloaded at **www.go.osu.edu/dog**
6. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the health check officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the grounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from their veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decisions of the fair veterinarian are final.
7. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show. Determination of the show committee and/or judge will be final.
8. A dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite while in the ring must be immediately excused from the ring and then removed from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Dog Show.

Terminology

- **Discipline** – refers to a show category. Each of the following is a Discipline: Showmanship, Obedience (including Team and Brace), Rally, Agility, You and Your Dog, Drill Team, Canine Freestyle, 4-H PetPALS, Assistance Dogs, Tricks, and Canine Good Citizen.

- **Level** – refers to sub-categories within certain disciplines. For example, Novice is a level in the Obedience discipline; Rally Excellent is a level in the Rally discipline.
- **Class** – refers to the two classes within certain disciplines and/or discipline levels. The letters "A" and "B" refer to the experience of the youth and dog.
    - "A" classes are for handlers or dogs with NO training or showing experience prior to the county's current project year. "A" classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. "A" classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what youth shows that dog. Refer to "A" class information in the rules for each show discipline.
    - "B" classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the youth and/or dog are not the class winners (exception: Showmanship and You & Your Dog). If/when a youth and/or dog wins first place in a "B" class, the youth and dog must move to the next level (exception: Showmanship, You & Your Dog, and specified advanced obedience classes). A dog must move to a higher level within a discipline, once that dog begins performing at that higher level. (Refer to each of the show discipline's rules for rules specific to that discipline.)

Classes (subject to change at the judge's discretion):
Eligibility for showing in an "A" class is defined as "no training or showing experience for the handler and/or dog prior to the county's current project year." Handlers and/or dogs not meeting this requirement MUST show in a "B" class. Refer to "A" class information in the rules for each show discipline.

Show Disciplines:
1. **4-H Agility –** Youth may enter any number of project dogs in 4-H Agility and are permitted to enter more than one dog per 4-H Agility class. Youth showing in 4-H Agility may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. On lead agility classes are not permitted.
2. **Obedience –**

    Beginner Novice A
    Beginner Novice A is for the first-year member and first-year dog with no prior show experience. Beginner Novice A youth are not permitted to show the same or different dog in any other obedience class. This is like any other "A" class and can never be repeated by youth or dog. Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice A.

    Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice
    Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year with the same or different dog. A dog cannot be shown in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

    Novice
    Youth may show one project dog at the Novice level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes (not including non-regular obedience classes) and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year. Advanced Obedience Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Utility provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Youth showing two dogs in "A" classes must meet the requirements of neither the youth and/or dogs having any previous experience at that respective obedience level. Youth and/or dogs cannot repeat the "A" class, and must move to the "B" class in that respective level at the very minimum. If a youth and/or dog wins the first place trophy, s/he must move to a higher level with the same dog; however, can continue to show at the same "B" level with the other dog, providing meeting eligibility requirements. Exception: Youth/dog team winning Open

B may repeat this class until ready to move to Graduate Open A. Youth winning Graduate Open B may repeat this class until ready to move to Utility A. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other non-obedience disciplines (not including non-regular obedience classes) and/or a different dog in other obedience levels provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

Advanced Obedience

Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Utility provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Level "A" and "B" in Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open and Utility will be combined into single classes, without designation of experience. Classes provided at these levels will be listed as Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open and Utility. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other nonobedience disciplines and/or a different dog in other obedience levels provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

3. **Brace –** Youth must show two project dogs that are capable of performing the Novice exercises. Youth may show the same dogs or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth showing in Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice classes cannot show in Brace.
4. **Teams –** Youth may show a Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice project dog in the Pre-Novice Team class and show a Novice level or above project dog in the Advanced Team class if having multiple dogs. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Team alternates should register for their respective Team class on the current Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form to be eligible to replace another team member.
5. **Rally –** Youth may show a maximum of two project dogs per Rally level. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
6. **Showmanship –** Showmanship classes are based on age of youth and show experience of the youth and dog. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in ONE Showmanship class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Use of bait is permitted in the Showmanship ring.
7. **You and Your Dog –** You and Your Dog classes are based on the age of youth. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in **ONE** You and Your Dog class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Refer to You and Your Dog rules for completion requirements of the Dog Project and Record Book for judging.
8. **4-H PetPALS –** Youth MUST be enrolled in BOTH the Working Dog, Project No. 201W AND the 4-H PetPALS Project No. 230 to be eligible to enter this class. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
9. **Assistance Dogs –**

   a. Assistance Dogs must be 6 months of age by show date. Youth taking Assistance Dog projects may show their Assistance Dogs in You and Your Dog classes. Youth must show in the appropriate age You and Your Dog level.

   b. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may show their Assistance Dogs in one Beginning Obedience level/class (Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) that meets the exhibitor's experience eligibility. Youth showing Assistance Dogs may show a different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may also participate in the Poster Contest and Skillathon.
10. **Scent Work** –

    Classes offered:
    Scent Work – Novice Container
    Scent Work – Novice Interior.
    Youth must be enrolled in 201P Performance Dog project to compete in Scent Work.
    Youth may only enter one dog per class.