

July, 2009

Dear Dog Show Exhibitor:

Fair time is just around the corner. Here are some reminders as you prepare for the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

**BE SURE TO READ YOUR 2009 STATE FAIR 4-H PREMIUM BOOK ONLINE at:
<http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>
ESPECIALLY THE REQUIRED SECTIONS**

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Entering the Fairgrounds:

Enclosed you will find a pass that will allow your **dog** onto the grounds and to unload at the Livestock Pavilion's south entrance just north of the Cattle Barn. Dogs are not allowed on the grounds so you **MUST** present this pass at the gate. Enter the fairgrounds at Gate 8 on Dean Avenue. You will still need an admission ticket to get in the gate. Each 4-H exhibitor receives one free admission ticket. This is available and should be sent from your local County Extension Office.

Parking:

All vehicles need a parking pass to get onto the Fairgrounds. **Pre-ordered parking passes are due to the State Fair Office by July 20th**. Parking/ticket order forms are available from your local County Extension Office. On your order form, indicate "4-H Dog" and mark the 23rd; you will receive a Lot L parking pass (just east of the Cattle Barn). If you pay to park at the gate, the cost will be \$6.00 and will be for Lot T which is quite a distance from the pavilion.

PRE-ORDERING YOUR PARKING IS RECOMMENDED!!

REMINDERS FOR 2009:

- SHOW DATE: **Sunday, Aug. 23rd**
- SHOW LOCATION: **Livestock Pavilion**
- SHOW SCHEDULE:
 - ❖ 7:00 – 8:30 AM – Check In
 - ❖ 8:45 AM – Exhibitor Meeting
 - ❖ 9:15 AM – Show Starts
- Parking Location: Lot L (just east of the Cattle Barn)

The exhibitor meeting will be at 8:45 a.m. where any scheduling changes will be announced. The show itself begins at 9:15 a.m. Your class entries will be checked during check-in and you'll receive a show catalog, exhibitor number and exhibitor's T-shirt, provided you have not already received one this year.

Dog Classes

- Be sure to read the Premium Book carefully on rules for each dog class; there have been some minor wording changes
- A qualifying score is not required to move up to the next class, **BUT** you must move up to the next qualifying class **IF** a qualifying score is achieved

- Rally Class – What is it? The rally is a series of 12 to 16 signs that the handler follows like an obstacle course. All are based on simple obedience exercises. For example, right about turn, stand and walk around dog, heel forward, side steps, three steps to right, etc.

Rabies Certificates – Don't Forget!!

You must bring a current Rabies Certificate or an official certificate of veterinarian inspection with the rabies certificate number and date of vaccination listed. A veterinarian will be there to check this certificate and to examine your animal. If your female dog should come into season at the time of the show, you will need to leave her at home.

The 4-H and Open Dog Shows will be occurring around the same time. Three rings (4, 5, 6) will be used until Noon for the 4-H show. After that, all 6 rings will be utilized for the 4-H Show.

Other Reminders:

Exhibitors are encouraged to wear their State Fair t-shirt. Note that every 4-H exhibitor receives only **one** Exhibitor T-shirt and number. If you have previously exhibited at this year's State Fair in another specie and already received a shirt you will not receive another. White shirts or blouses are also acceptable. Girls may wear jeans, slacks or dress shorts. Boys may wear jeans, dress pants, or dress shorts. **No jean shorts, "short" shorts, caps or hats are permitted!**

Please plan for your dog's comfort during the day. Waits between classes can be long! Bring along your own water from home if possible – your dog will drink it better because it's familiar. Your dog must be tied, on leash, or crated anytime you are not showing. If you don't bring a crate, you may want to consider bringing along a rug for your dog to lie on. It will help your dog stay cleaner and more comfortable. Special training collars (i.e. pinch collars, fancy collars, etc.) are prohibited in the ring.

Any observed or reported abuse of dogs will be investigated and possibly penalized. AKC obedience regulations are used as general guidelines even though this is **not** an AKC sanctioned show.

Multiple show rings will be running at the same time during the day. That can be confusing! Read your catalog closely after check-in and take note of the times and locations of your classes. This year, scores from the 2007 show will be checked and used to place exhibitors in the correct classes, so check the show catalog for your classes.

You are responsible for being at the ring when your number is called! Your priorities on the day of the 4-H Dog Show are first you, second your dog, and third your show classes. There will be time later to enjoy the fair. Be aware that scratches or ring conflicts may affect the order of show that's printed in the catalog, so stay close to your ring so you are aware of what is happening. Be prepared for delays.

If you are to be exhibiting in a handling class and an obedience class at the same time the handling class takes precedence. Let the ring steward in your obedience ring know where you are. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with both ring stewards for show progress. Judges do not have to hold up classes for a single exhibitor. Judges will break for lunch at their discretion – please listen for announcements.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your dog on August 23rd. We hope it will be a fun and positive experience for you. Let's have a great 4-H Dog Show at this year's Iowa State Fair.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Map
Dog Credential

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